



FULTON COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2022 ANNUAL REPORT

This year we focused on sharing the stories of individuals and families, your neighbors and friends, who have used the health department services. In 2022, listening sessions were held as part of our Community Health Assessment (CHA). The CHA is a compilation of data that describes the health of our Fulton County Community. During the listening sessions, we heard from residents who shared their health priorities, challenges and ideas for improvement. One participant stated, "Unless you know the resources exist, they might as well not exist." We hope this report informs each of you about your Fulton County Health Department (FCHD) and the resources available.

In November, voters approved your FCHD public health levy. It is with sincere appreciation that we thank you for your continued support and recommit our efforts to use these funds to fulfill our mission for "Healthy residents, safe environment and better quality of life."

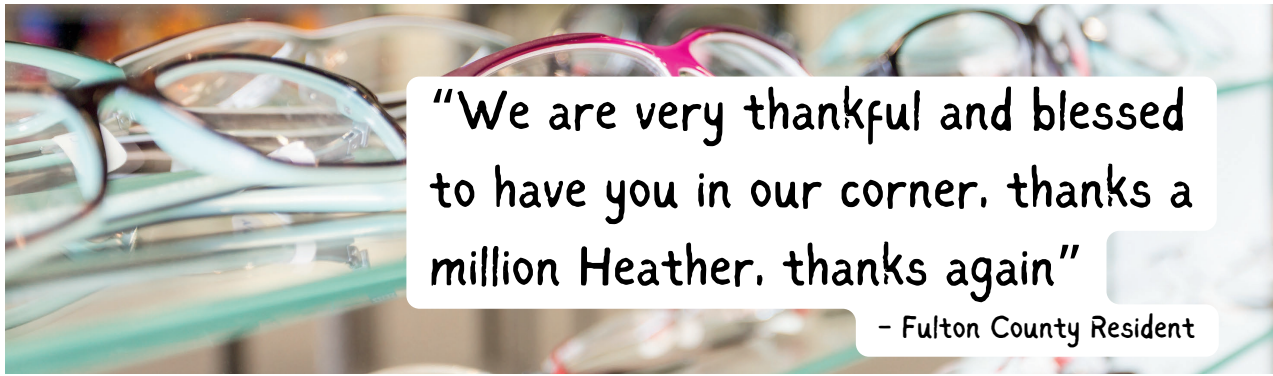
- Kim Cupp, Health Commissioner

**HEALTH NEED OR QUESTION?
CALL US, WE ARE HERE TO HELP!
419-337-0915**

The health department receives an estimated 205 phone calls per week. These calls are answered live, in person, by our clerical staff. Callers are connected to divisions within the health department or redirected to additional supporting resources as needed.



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COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES (CHS)

Connecting community members to services.

A woman and her husband came to the Health Department for their COVID-19 vaccination. During their appointment, Heather, the nurse, observed the client's glasses were broken and she had to use tape to hold them up. The woman told Heather that they did not have vision insurance and she could not afford an exam or new glasses. Heather took a minute to explain the Prevent Blindness Program and helped the couple submit the application. Within one week, they were both eligible to receive an eye exam and frames, as needed.

Clinic Related Contacts	7,189
Nursing Hour Coverage (individuals served)	509
Blood Pressure Clinics (individuals served)	256
Persons Immunized (Childhood and Adult Immunizations)	1,239
COVID Vaccines Given	2,781
Persons Immunized Against Influenza	1,469
Prenatal Clinic Visits (16 patients served)	82
Reproductive Health Clinic Visits (serving women and men of all ages)	802
Case Management Contacts & Services (Help Me Grow, BCMH, BCCP, Child & Family Health, Communicable Diseases, General Public Health, Lead Screening, COVID-19 Tracing)	12,605
Individuals Screened by School Nurses (Delta, Evergreen, Fayette, Holy Trinity & Pettisville Schools) 109 children referred for further evaluation; case management services provided to 1 child.	3,017
Additional School-Related Services (all schools in the county—including Baby Think It Over, tobacco education, BOSS, ROX)	7,823
Health Education and Outreach Contacts (27 sessions including: Early Childhood & Preschool Evaluations, HMG Community Screenings, car seat education & preschool nutrition programs)	306
Community Health Education Contacts (197 sessions/ events conducted)	4,452
WIC Clinic Visits (Total for Fulton and Henry County)	4,078

"I love coming to the health department for my Tuberculosis (TB) skin tests and other shots because everyone is always very friendly."

- Nursing Student



NURSING - CMH

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH/BCMH) is an Ohio Department of Health program to benefit Fulton County children with a qualifying chronic medical condition or a suspected chronic medical condition. When faced with these challenges, it can be overwhelming for families. FCHD nurses assist families with the application process, provide health education, case management and referrals to local resources.



"Our family has been blessed by the CMH program for eight years since our son was born. They have helped us navigate where and how to find the many different doctors and therapists our son sees during what was an overwhelming time since his birth and diagnosis of Tuberous Sclerosis Complex. They also have helped us, over the years, navigate many billing issues and denials we have received for services. I think that while the important financial assistance CMH provides for health related costs that is often not fully covered by insurance is a very impactful thing for families like ours that are a part of the program; it is also the support they have given us, in so many other ways outside of the assistance, that has been the most meaningful to our family."

- Parent of CMH Participant



"Staff is very helpful and kind"
- Immunization and WIC client

IMMUNIZATIONS

We continue to give immunizations at the Fulton County Health Department to anyone who wants to protect themselves and their children from vaccine-preventable diseases. We strive to be immunization champions and to help everyone in the community understand the importance. If you have any vaccine-related questions or just want to know where to go to find accurate and trustworthy information, call us and we would be happy to help.

VACCINES CAN BE SCHEDULED BY CALLING 419-337-0915

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER PROJECT (BCCP)

BCCP provides breast and cervical cancer screening at no cost to those who meet income guidelines. Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, and almost all Cervical Cancers are caused by human papillomavirus (HPV).



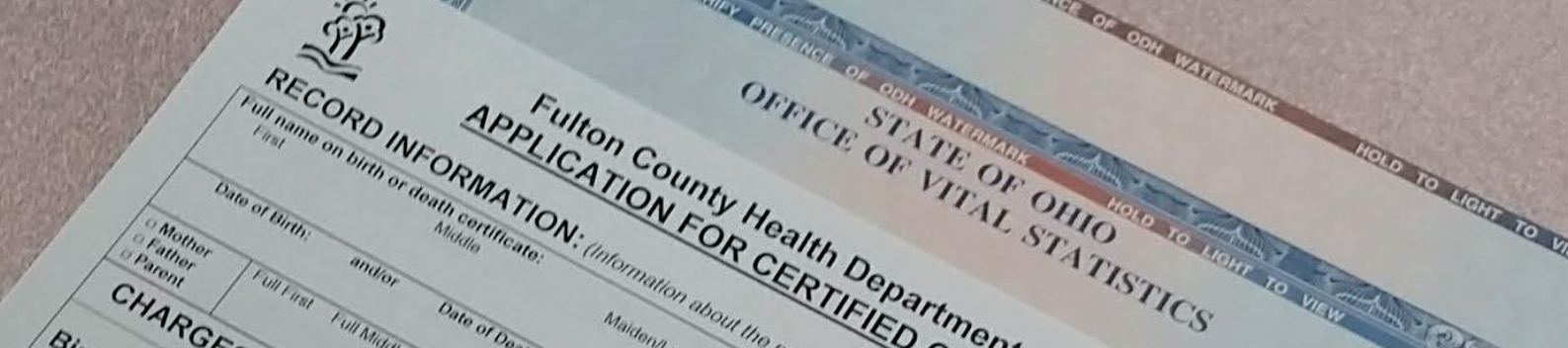
The HPV vaccine is recommended for both boys and girls at age 11 or 12.



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Northern Region Breast and Cervical Cancer Project



VITAL STATISTICS

2022 Birth and Death Statistics

Certified copies of death certificates are only issued in the county in which the person died not necessarily in the county where they lived.			
In County Births**	200 Total	100 Males	100 Females
In County Deaths**	335 Total	157 Males	178 Females
These numbers do not reflect the number of births or deaths of Fulton County residents occurring in neighboring counties. Actual number for Fulton County residents: Births 437 and Deaths 509.			

Causes of Death*	
Heart/CVA	119
Cancer	48
Other Natural	45
Alzheimer's / Dementia	38
Pulmonary / Pneumonia	38
Accident	18
COVID-19	15
Suicide	6
*Count only reflects deaths that occurred in Fulton County. These numbers do not reflect the number of deaths of Fulton County residents occurring in neighboring counties.	

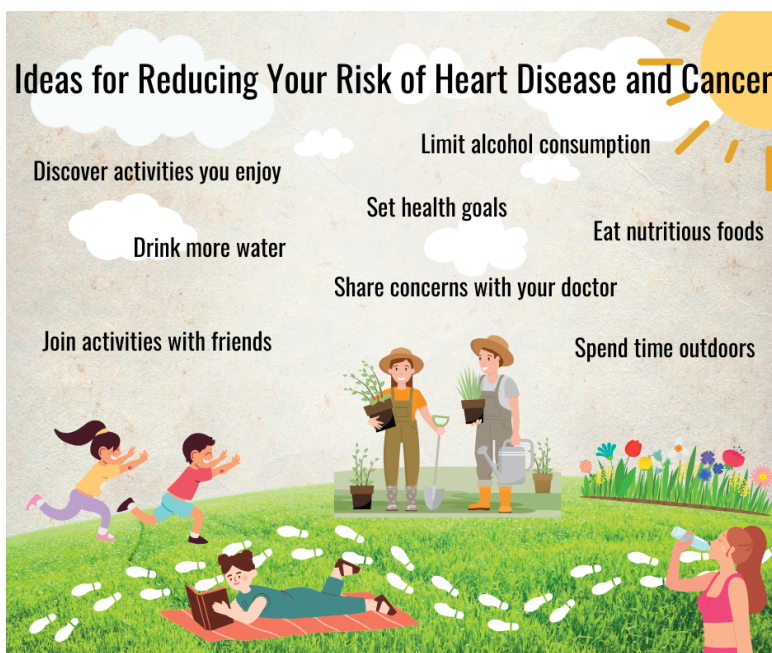
The Health Department is the local source to purchase certified birth certificates. Fulton County Health Department can provide a birth certificate for anyone born in the State of Ohio.



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Many of the leading causes of death are preventable through individual residents' personal actions. Broader actions at the community level can help make the healthier choice the easier choice.



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ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH

Household Sewage Treatment System (HSTS)

The goal of the HSTS program is to prevent the spread of disease and contamination of groundwater through potential contact with untreated wastewater, and through this treatment, protect the public from health hazards.

"I never would have been able to afford a new sewage system without the help from the Fulton County Health Department."

-Resident, Swan Creek Township



The Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) is a grant used to assist income-qualified homeowners repair or replace failing HSTS or help them tap into a sanitary sewer system, if accessible.

In the last five years, the FCHD has helped to provide eligible homeowners with over \$470,000.00 in assistance through the WPCLF sewage grant*.

***Funds are still available, please call 419-337-0915 for more information.**



Animal Bites Reported	92
Specimens Sent to the Lab (Animal Bite)	12
Total Food Licenses Issued	407
Food Service Operations/Retail Food Establishments	243
Licensed Mobile Units	36
Temporary Licenses	112
Vending Licenses	16
Food Service Inspections/Consultations	1,186
Private Water Permits Issued	60
Total Water Samples Taken	246
Private Sewage Permits Issued	67
Home Sale Certifications	13
Campgrounds Licensed	5
Nuisance & Housing Complaints Investigated/Consultations	371
Swimming Pools Licensed	14
Subdivision/Lot Split Consultations	111
School Inspections	50
Solid, Infectious & Composting Waste Inspections/Consultations	57
Tattoo/Body Piercing Establishments Approved to Operate	5
Smoking Inspections/Consultations	8
Manufactured Home Park Inspections	32

MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS (MRC)

Rachel Garcia wears several hats at the Fulton County Health Department. Rachel serves as a member of the Fulton County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). The MRC is a group of more than 300,000 volunteers from all over the United States, organized in each county and state, to help improve the health and safety of their communities. MRC volunteers step up to keep their family, friends, and neighbors safe and healthy, and are called upon in the event of a disaster or pandemic. For more information on joining the MRC, please contact the Fulton County Health Department.



Spanish Interpreter

Rachel is also contracted as a Spanish interpreter for medical clinics and other health department programming.

We are thankful for Rachel's knowledge and expertise as she partners with us to serve the residents of Fulton County.

WOMEN, INFANTS, CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC improves the quality of participant's diets by providing healthy foods to help meet their needs during pregnancy, postpartum period, infancy, and childhood.



This program improves the growth of nutritionally at-risk infants and children, decreases the incidence of iron deficiency anemia in children, and significantly improves children's diets.

Pregnant women participating in WIC receive prenatal care earlier than their non-WIC peers.

"I love all the benefits WIC provides and the extra 'fruits & vegetables' were very helpful."

– WIC Participant



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Fulton/Henry County WIC Ohio

My son enjoyed getting a chance to pick out his own fruits and veggies. Oh what fun!

-Mother of Participant



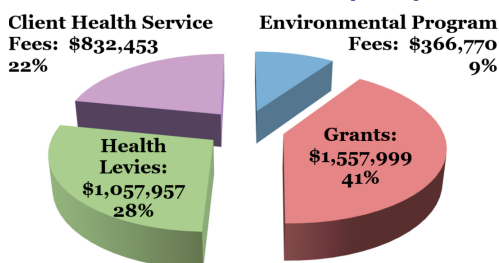
Community Education & Engagement

The Fulton County Health Department partnered with Fulton County United Way and the Four County ADAMhs Board to bring Serving Up MyPlate to all Fulton County 3rd graders. The program educates students on healthy eating habits, portion sizes, and the amount of sugar in beverages. Serving Up MyPlate also provides students the opportunity to learn the importance of eating from all five food groups using the MyPlate icon and a variety of activities.

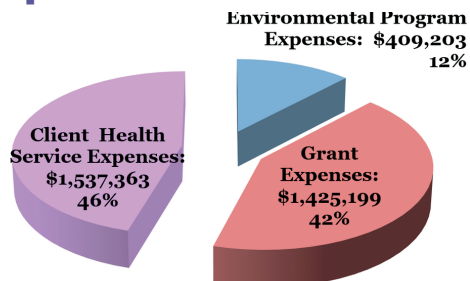


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Income 2022: \$3,815,179



Expenses 2022: \$3,371,765



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