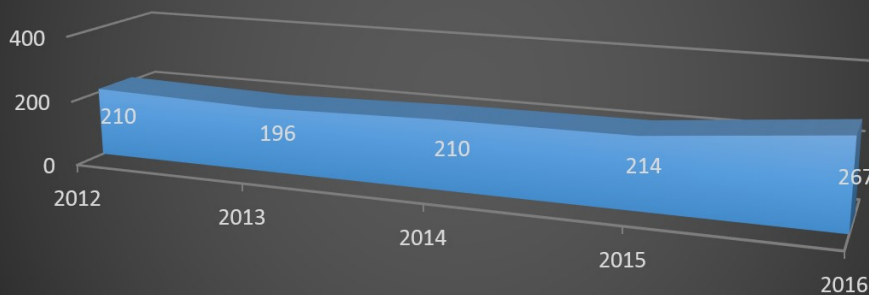


# COMMUNICABLE DISEASE CONTROL

One of the core functions of your Fulton County Health Department is to monitor disease activity in the community. By law, physicians, laboratories, and hospitals are required to report certain diseases to the local health department who then reports the information to the state health department. The selected diseases are ones that can have serious health consequences for the individual and the community. The health department's job is to determine where a person may have been exposed to the disease and then try to prevent it from being spread to others in the community. Your Health Department is particularly concerned with keeping vaccine-preventable diseases at bay. We also want to contain diseases that can be transmitted in the food supply.



**Number of Reportable Diseases Investigated**



Public health nurses conduct follow-up on reported diseases according to the protocols established by The Ohio Department of Health and The Centers for Disease Control. If several people become ill after eating at a social event or food establishment, health

department sanitarians facilitate testing and attempt to determine the organism and source of the illness. Nurses, health educators, and sanitarians work to educate our residents on ways they can prevent disease through frequent and thorough handwashing, proper food storage and preparation, and control of mosquitos to prevent mosquito-borne illnesses. These efforts help to keep our residents healthy.

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