

### Grant Funded Programs

*Bringing state and federal dollars to Athens County to improve our community public health status.*

**Dental Sealant Grant** - COVID-19 IMPACTED

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP)** - \$75,964 from Ohio Department of Health & CDC. The PHEP program provides funding for advanced emergency and preparedness planning, training, equipment and regional coordination. Since 2002, PHEP grant funding enhances our capacity and accountability in emergency planning and response. We are better prepared to prevent disease and injury and maintain public health within the community.

**The Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Grant** - \$100,000 funded by the Preventive Health and Health Services Block Grant from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and administered by the Ohio Department of Health. The CHC grant works to improve access to and affordability of healthy food and increase opportunities for physical activity. Health Department staff work with many partners and community members through the Creating Healthy Communities Coalition to establish policies, systems and environment changes to make the healthy choice the easy choice in Athens County.

**Marshall University POWER Grant and OU HRSA Grant for CHWs** - \$35,000. Community Health Workers receive referrals from local health care providers for patients with high-risk diabetes. CHWs help patients with access to healthy food and finding enjoyable physical activity. CHWs also work with patients to access adequate health care through transportation help, affordable medication, lifestyle change classes and more.

**ODH Maternal and Child Health Grant (MCH)** - \$78,500 to assist worksites in implementing health screenings, passing worksite wellness policies, providing health resources and information, and supporting preconception health. This funding also provides training for childcare providers to encourage healthy eating and physical activity. Athens County is one of 22 funded counties in Ohio selected to address Preconception and Inter-conception Care for women and Adolescent Health respectively. Preconception and Inter-conception Care for women refers to the time before pregnancy and in between pregnancies. Adolescent Health, or youth health, is the range of approaches to improving young people's health and wellbeing. The MP grant supports the identification and implementation of evidence-based projects related to healthy eating, physical activity, prevention activities, and capacity training for community organizations.

**Car Seat Program** – 2 car seats inspected

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# 2021 ANNUAL REPORT



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## **VITAL STATISTICS**

Births Registered .....	570
Deaths Registered .....	508
Fetal Deaths Registered .....	9
Certificates of Service .....	2
Certified Copies of Birth & Death Certificates Issued .....	3785
Burial Permits Issued .....	413
Burial Permits Issued- O.U. Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine .....	68

### **Causes of Death**

Accidental .....	10
Advanced Age .....	31
Alcoholism .....	1
ALS .....	2
Cancer .....	60
COPD .....	8
Cerebrovascular Incident .....	8
COVID-19 Only .....	6
Dementia .....	30
Dysphagia .....	1
Fall .....	1
Failure to Thrive .....	1
Heart/Vascular .....	177
Homicide .....	5
Huntington's .....	1
Hydrocephalus/Encephalopathy .....	4
Ketoacidosis .....	1
Cirrhosis/Liver Failure .....	3
Osteomyelitis .....	3
Overdose .....	25
Parkinson's Disease .....	4
Pending .....	5
Pneumonia .....	4
Renal Failure .....	14
Respiratory Incident .....	52
Sepsis .....	12
Suicide .....	7
Thoracic Aneurysm/Gastrointestinal Bleed .....	4
Unknown/Unspecified Cause .....	19

## **ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH**

### **Sewage & Water**

Sewage Disposal Field Inspections .....	312
Sewage Inspection (Refinancing/Selling) .....	124
Sewage Installations Completed .....	77

Operational Sewage Inspections .....	103
Water Samples Collected .....	18

### **Food Protection**

Temporary Food Service Inspections .....	19
Food Service Inspections .....	527
Vending Machine Inspections .....	16
Mobile Food Service Inspections .....	55
Plan Reviews .....	8

### **Rabies Control Program/Animal Bite Investigations**

Dogs .....	67
Cats .....	12
Bats .....	6
Other – Cow, Coyote .....	2
Specimens Submitted to State Lab .....	12

### **Solid Waste Program**

Amnesty Scrap Tires Removed .....	0
Orphan Scrap Tires Removed .....	1611
Roadside Litter Removed (Coalition) .....	0
Open Dumping Investigations .....	12
Landfill/Compost Inspections .....	8

### **License & Permits Issued**

Septage Haulers/Trucks .....	12/26
Sewage System Installer Registrations .....	18
Sewage Services Provided .....	8
Sewage Disposal Installation Permits .....	94
Water Well Permits .....	8
Food Service Licenses .....	408
Camp Licenses .....	12
Public Swimming Pool Licenses .....	21
Landfill License/CDD Licenses .....	2

### **Miscellaneous Inspections**

School Inspections .....	0
Manufactured Home Park Inspections .....	22
Camp Inspections .....	16
Swimming Pool Inspections .....	84
Housing Inspections .....	8
Nuisance Inspections .....	46
Lot Split/Subdivision Reviews .....	17
Body Art Establishments .....	7
Mosquitos/Bugs Submitted .....	4115
Mosquito Species Identified .....	3

## **PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

Project DAWN Trainings .....	991
Harm Reduction Clinic Visits .....	3366
Cribs for Kids .....	15

## **Nationwide Children's Specialty Clinics**

Genetics .....	7 Families Served
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### **Immunization Program**

*\*Hep A, Hep B, MMR, Men B, Meningococcal, Pneumovax, Prevnar13, Td & Tdap, Varicella, DTap, Hib, HPV, Polio, Rotavirus*

### **Adult**

Influenza .....	1166
Immunizations .....	390
COVID-19.....	24607

### **Childhood**

Influenza .....	280
Immunizations .....	809
COVID-19.....	3528

### **TB Program**

TB Skin Tests Performed .....	473
T-Spots .....	23

### **Communicable Diseases Report**

Anaplasmosis .....	2
Botulism – wound .....	1
Campylobacteriosis .....	18
Chlamydia Infection .....	261
Coccidioidomycosis .....	2
COVID-19.....	587
CP-CRE.....	1
Cryptosporidiosis .....	4
Cyclosporiasis.....	1
E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing .....	1
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis .....	2
Giardiasis .....	6
Gonococcal Infection .....	53
Haemophilus Influenzae .....	2
Hepatitis A .....	4
Hepatitis B (including delta) Chronic .....	34
Hepatitis C – Chronic .....	95
Influenza – Associated Hospitalization .....	3
Legionellosis – Legionnaires' Disease .....	1
Lyme Disease .....	30
Meningitis – aseptic/viral.....	1
Meningitis – bacterial .....	2
Salmonellosis .....	6
Shigellosis .....	2
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis .....	13
Streptococcal – Group A – Invasive .....	7
Streptococcus pneumonia – Invasive .....	4
Varicella .....	1
Yersiniosis .....	2