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**Perry County  
Health Department**

2020

**Perry County  
Health Department  
Annual Report**

# Greetings from your Perry County Health Commissioner!

Dear Perry County Residents:

Last year was a very busy year, as the Perry County Health Department staff (PCHD) devoted most of our time and resources towards the COVID-19 response. Even before Ohio and Perry County had the first case of COVID-19, PCHD staff were preparing to respond and keeping local partners and key stakeholders informed.



Perhaps one of the most challenging time periods in 2020 was from March to May. The pandemic was new and frightening. Residents were unsure of which information to believe, between media and health experts. During this time, the Ohio Department of Health issued 50% of their Public Health Orders and the health department staff focused their efforts on educating the public on these orders. People were scared, isolated, and lonely. The Perry County Health Department rose to the challenge of providing basic public health services, and educating the community on COVID-19 and necessary precautions. The uncertainty of the pandemic continued through the summer. Many beloved events and festivals were cancelled or seriously modified. Life was uncertain as we faced a fall of unknowns with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The health department remained committed to providing the public with credible COVID-19 information. In December of 2020, we received our first shipment of the COVID-19 vaccine and quickly got to work to vaccinate Perry County residents. Our efforts continue to be challenging, as we receive vaccine at a rate much lower than demand. We are committed to providing vaccine opportunities to every Perry County resident who wishes to receive it in 2021, as they become eligible.

I am pleased to share with you the 2020 Perry County Health Department Annual Report. The pages that follow will include highlights of our progress throughout the year, and the many facets of our COVID-19 response.

Although, this past year has been a trying and overwhelming year for public health, I am grateful for the support of our community and our partners. I am also honored to have a staff that has worked tirelessly over the past year to keep our community safe! I am hopeful that 2021 brings hope, health, and a sense of normalcy to you and your family.

Sincerely,  
Angela DeRolph, Health Commissioner

## The Road to Accreditation



*Advancing  
public health  
performance*

The aim of National Public Health Department accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is to improve the quality of practice and performance of public health departments. Accreditation is based on nationally recognized, practice-focused, and evidence based standards that health departments can implement to ensure continuous process and service improvement. The accreditation process helps lay the foundation for health department programs and interventions.



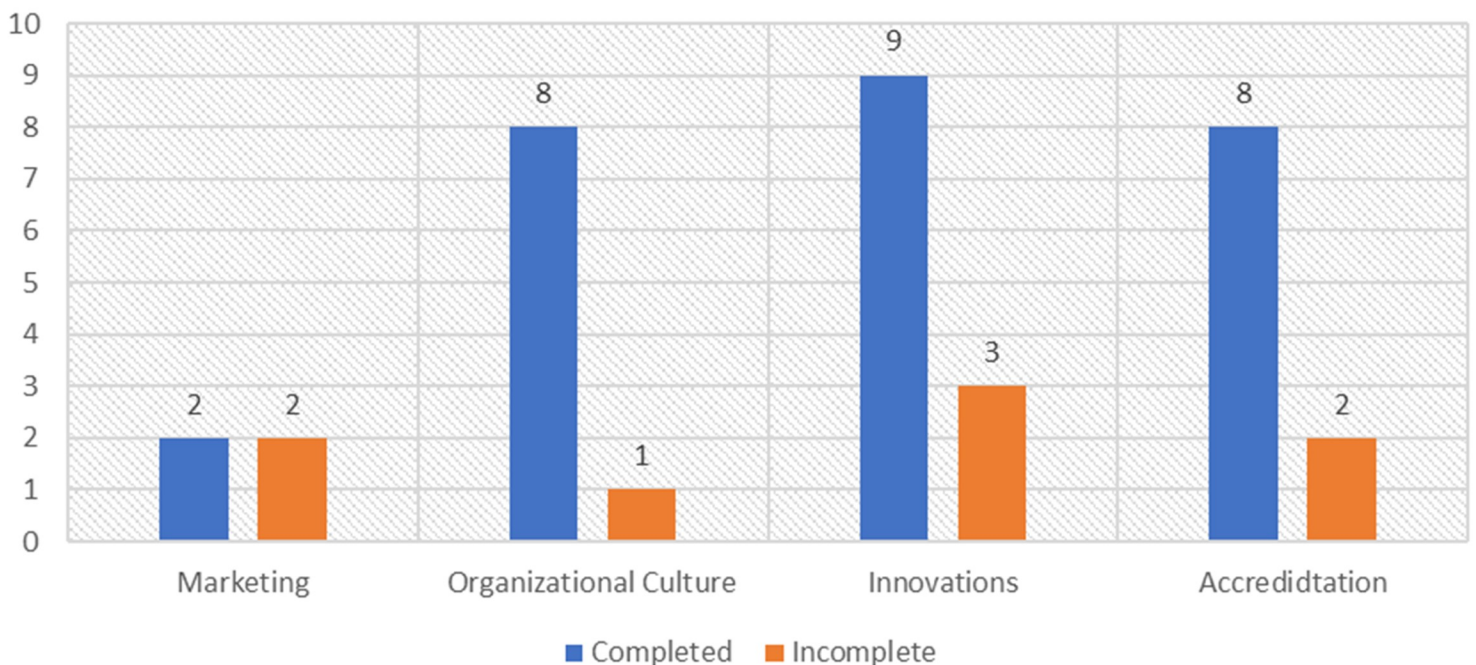


# KEEPING YOU INFORMED

## Strategic Plan Update

The 2017-2022 Perry County Health Department Strategic Plan is a 5-year plan that serves as a tool to help the department promote a healthier Perry County by setting the foundation to drive organizational improvement. The goals and objectives outlined in the strategic plan all focus around our four strategic priorities: Marketing, Organizational Culture, Innovations, and Accreditation. The table below shows the progress we have made with completing the objectives and the number we have left to complete for each priority area.

PCHD 2017-2022 Strategic Plan Priorities:  
Key Measure Data - 2/24/2021



# Community Health Assessment & Community Health Improvement Plan Updates

## 2020 Partners For Your Health Celebration

In March 2020, the Perry County Health Department hosted the 2020 Partners For Your Health Celebration. During this event, Health Commissioner, Angela DeRolph provided a brief overview of the Perry County Community Health Assessment and The Perry County Community Health Improvement Plan. This was followed by presentations from each of the four committees, celebrating all of the achievements made over the last year around the top four health priority areas as identified in the Community Health Improvement Plan. These priority issues include: increasing access to care, decreasing obesity, decreasing tobacco use, and substance abuse/mental health. The Perry County Community Health Improvement Plan Annual Progress Report was shared and approved by the Partners For Your Health and can be accessed along with Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan at <http://perrycountyhealth.info/community-health-assessment/>.



## Planning for the 2021 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

Last year, the Perry County Health Department began planning for the development of the 2021 Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan. As part of this planning effort, the Perry County Health Department helped form the Southeast Ohio Health Improvement Collaborative, where Health Commissioner Angela DeRolph serves as the Co-Chair of the Collaborative, along with Linda Supplee, Population Health Strategist for Genesis Healthcare System. The Collaborative partners include: Coshocton City Health Department, Coshocton County Health Department, Genesis Healthcare System, Morgan County Health Department, Noble County Health Department, Ohio Alliance for Innovation in Population Health, Ohio University, Perry County Health Department, and Zanesville/Muskingum County Health Department.

The Southeast Ohio Health Improvement Collaborative has been working closely with the Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio, Ohio University, and researchers at the University of Toledo to complete the Community Health Assessment. The final Community Health Assessment Report will be published in the summer of 2021 at which time the results will be used to prioritize needs and create a Community Health Improvement Plan. The Community Health Improvement plan will be published near the end of 2021. Throughout this process, the Perry County Health Department will engage the Partners For Your Health Committee, as needed and will plan to seek input from community stakeholders and partners when necessary.



# NURSING & IMMUNIZATIONS

## Infectious Disease Reporting

Infectious Disease	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Campylobacteriosis	8	6	12	6	6
CP-CRE	0	0	0	1	1
Chlamydia	129	121	103	134	89
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	0	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	5	4	2	2	5
E. coli	3	1	2	2	2
Giardiasis	6	6	7	3	0
Gonorrhea	25	30	22	40	20
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i>	0	1	2	1	0
Hepatitis A	3	5	8	31	0
Hepatitis B	23	21	15	20	6
Hepatitis C	88	86	53	51	31
Influenza-associated hospitalization	2	20	29	48	31
LaCrosse virus disease	0	0	1	0	2
Legionnaires' Disease	0	1	4	4	0
Listeriosis	0	0	1	0	0
Lyme disease	1	12	3	12	2
Meningitis, bacterial	0	0	2	0	0
Meningitis, viral	1	1	2	0	0
Pertussis	1	5	2	0	0
Salmonellosis	3	8	3	8	2
Shigellosis	0	0	0	2	0
Streptococcal disease, group A	0	1	1	3	3
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i>	1	8	6	8	6
Syphilis	2	0	1	3	3
Varicella	3	5	4	0	2
Vibriosis	0	1	0	0	0
West Nile virus	0	1	0	0	0



Nursing Staff (left to right):

Christy Wilson, Medical Office Assistant,  
Jenna Cannon, RN, Public Health Nurse,  
Cindy Dew, RN, Nursing Director



PCHD distributed 10 doses of naloxone in 2020 as part of Project Dawn, Ohio's network of opioid education and naloxone distribution programs.

# 149

Tuberculosis tests were administered for pre-employment or entry into a substance abuse facility



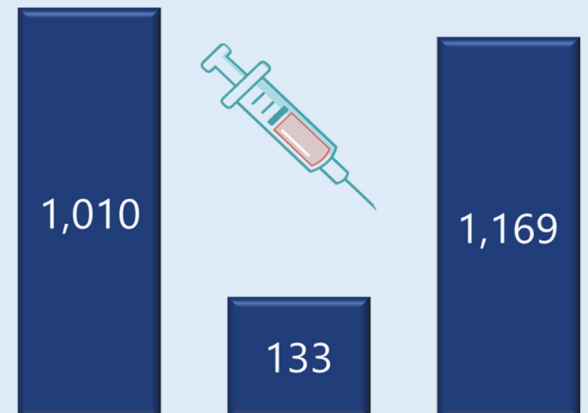
# 32

Blood Pressure Checks

# 5

offsite flu clinics provided wider community access to the flu vaccine.

## Immunizations Provided in 2020



Infant/Child

Adult

Flu Shots



# 75

women received mammograms through the James Cancer Center Digital Mammography Van during 5 visits to PCHD.



# COVID-19 Response

**First COVID-19 Case reported in Ohio:** March 8, 2020  
**Public Health Emergency declared in Perry County:** March 15, 2020  
**First COVID-19 Case reported in Perry County:** March 31, 2020

**Perry County Unified Command was formed, including a designated Public Information Officer:**

- The Perry County Health Department
- Perry County Emergency Management Agency
- The Perry County Commissioners
- The Perry County Sheriff's Office



# 14



contact tracers were hired to assist with the COVID-19 response.

# 40

facility site visits

# 70

plan reviews

to work with businesses and event coordinators to make their workplace safer for employees, customers, and guests.



# 2,765

phone calls to businesses regarding public health orders between March and May.

**Perry County Health Department received the first shipment of Moderna vaccine on December 22, 2020.**



# 40

videos were created by the Perry County Health Department and/or community partners for the YouTube Channel to help educate the community on the COVID-19 response.

# 80

Public Health Orders were issued, for which the Perry County Health Department was responsible for providing guidance on, answering questions, and working with the public and/or other entities to seek compliance.

## 2020 COVID-19 Case Data

	Perry County	Ohio
# of COVID-19 Cases with the Onset Date of Illness of 12/31/2020 and Prior	1,935	735,202
# of Hospitalizations from 12/31/2020 and Prior	128	36,446
# of COVID-19 deaths from 12/31/2020 and Prior	32	14,429
# of Presumed Recoveries from 12/31/2020 and Prior	1,874	710,432

\*Presumed recoveries are defined as cases with symptom onset date >21 days prior who are not deceased

# 120+

COVID-19 briefings were held with key partners such as: County Commissioners, Mayors, Township Trustees, agency heads, first responders (fire, law, and EMS), long-term care facilities, Chamber of Commerce, and the schools.

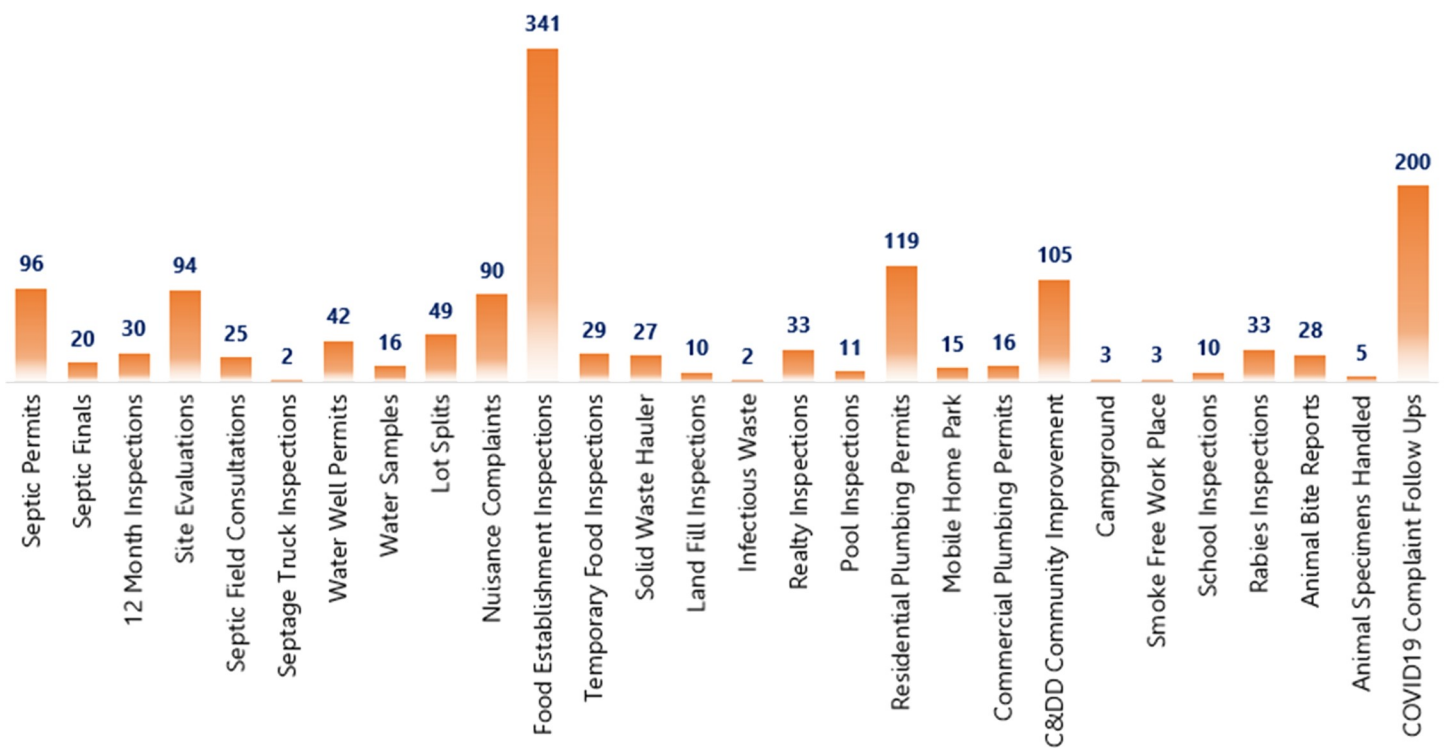


# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

## The Environmental Health Division oversees:

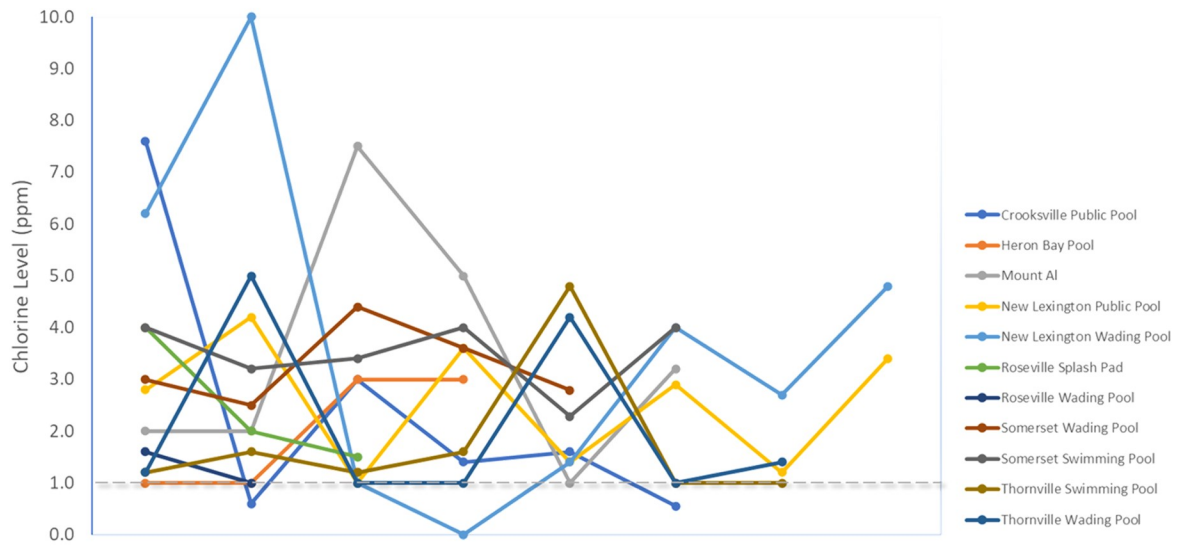
- home sewage treatment systems
- private water systems
- plumbing installations and alterations
- solid waste licensing and inspections
- food service licensing and inspections
- campground licensing
- swimming pool licensing
- mosquito surveillance and control
- animal bites/rabies concerns
- public health nuisances

## 2020 Environmental Services and Inspections



## 2017 to 2020 Public Pool Inspections in Perry County

Public Health Sanitarians inspect the chlorine level, alkalinity, pH, and functioning mechanisms of each public pool to ensure the safety of the public. The graph above depicts the inspections of Perry County pools from 2017 to 2020. The most common violation found is the chlorine level being below the minimum acceptable amount (greater than or equal to 1.0 ppm). The graph above demonstrates the patterns of chlorine levels, specifically those that are in violation regarding the chlorine level. Follow-up inspections are completed when a violation is found, and as evidenced by the chart, countermeasures are recommended and put in place to remedy the situation.



# EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

The Emergency Preparedness program is funded through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Public Health Emergency Preparedness (CDC PHEP) grant. This program is responsible for ensuring that the Perry County Health Department is prepared to respond to various emergency events, when needed. The purpose of emergency preparedness is to build and strengthen the ability to effectively respond to a range of public health threats, including:

Infectious diseases

Natural Disasters

Biological, chemical, nuclear, and radiological events



Perry County Health Department Staff and Volunteers joined forces with the Ohio National Guard for COVID19 testing events held for individuals to check their current status. These events were held in New Lexington, Somerset, and Crooksville in the Fall of 2020, and involved a multitude of local, county, and state resources.



The Emergency Preparedness program is responsible for ensuring that all PCHD employees have the recommended Incident Command System (ICS) training in order to streamline integration into larger emergency response operations with local, regional, and state response partners.



**In early July, volunteers provided blood draws and testing for COVID-19, as well as HIV and Hepatitis, for Perry County First Responders (Fire, EMS, Law Enforcement, 911 Dispatchers) to determine their current status. These events took place at various fire and EMS stations.**



# HEALTH EDUCATION

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Families received car seats through our partnership with Ohio Buckles Buckeyes and Job and Family Services.



Health Education provides health promotion and prevention services that aim at improving the health of Perry County residents. The majority of the programs are funded by grants and create opportunities that make Perry County a healthier place to live, work and play.

## Tobacco Cessation

In 2020, the Tobacco Use and Prevention and Cessation Program, worked on building partnerships with others in the community to promote the Ohio Tobacco Quitline. With the Covid-19 restrictions, face to face cessation services were suspended, with the alternative being for clients to call the Ohio Quitline and receive counseling and nicotine replacement therapy over the phone.

PCHD has 3 trained Tobacco Treatment Specialists!

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Perry County families participated in the Infant Safe Sleep program and received a pack n play for their baby. In 2020, The program developed a remote process to continue safe sleep education for families while implementing COVID-19 social distancing guidelines.



**Secondhand Smoke**  
 Could Impact Your Family While Spending More Time At Home

For Help Quitting Call:  
**1-800-QUIT-NOW**

**Nicotine Replacement Therapy Available**

## Creating Healthy Communities

The Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) grant objectives are designed to *Make the Healthy Choice, the Easy Choice*. The grant coordinator works with local communities to improve policy, system and environmental changes to increase mobility, active living and healthy food options in Perry County. In 2020, our grant objectives included passing a policy in New Lexington for Complete Streets. This policy will guide future road and sidewalk improvements in the village and insure ADA compliance for mobility of all citizens. Other projects included a new bicycle park for preschool and young riders, safer routes to healthy food in New Lexington, and a new refrigeration unit for easy access to healthy food at TC Market in Thornport. CHC coordinates the Perry Neighborhood Connection (PNC) Coalition and we meet every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday.



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## The Smiles for Life Program served 22 seniors in 2020.

This program provided dental services for seniors over the age of 60. Smiles for Life was funded through United Way of Muskingum, Morgan and Perry Counties.



# Construction and Demolition Debris Community Improvement Project

## History:

In November 2016, the Perry County Land Bank was awarded \$525,000 from the Ohio Housing Finance Agency's Neighborhood Improvement Program (NIP) to acquire and demolish abandoned, blighted properties and to return their parcels to productive, taxpaying use. Soon after, the Land Bank partnered with the Perry County Health Department to create the Construction and Demolition Debris (C&DD) Community Improvement Project. C&DD funding comes from the local landfills for collection of construction and demolition debris waste. In 2019 and 2020, Perry County Board of Health allocated \$402,200.74 of C&DD funding for demolitions throughout Perry County to remove blighted housing, making county neighborhoods healthier, safer, and stabilizing property values.

## Process:

Once a property is acquired by the Perry County Land Bank either from the county forfeiture list or by donation, and is identified for demolition, the Land Bank will order an asbestos survey from a qualified asbestos consultant. If the survey results indicate abatement is necessary, the Land Bank will contract with an asbestos contractor to comply with current EPA requirements. The Land Bank will prepare a detailed bid with specifications for demolition and solicit bids from qualified contractors. Properties are inspected to ensure that the contractor has fulfilled all contract requirements prior to release of the final payment.

Once a dwelling has been demolished and the lot reclaimed, the property is placed for sale. Adjacent neighbors are given first consideration, and then other neighbors in the area would be considered. The idea is that the properties will be remediated back to a state that can be used for residential, or even commercial use.



2019 and 2020 by Village	
Corning	\$60,981.75
Shawnee	\$78,678.00
New Straitsville	\$8,490.00
Crooksville	\$54,784.50
Moxahala	\$8,125.93
New Lexington	\$183,886.37
Junction City	\$10,525.92

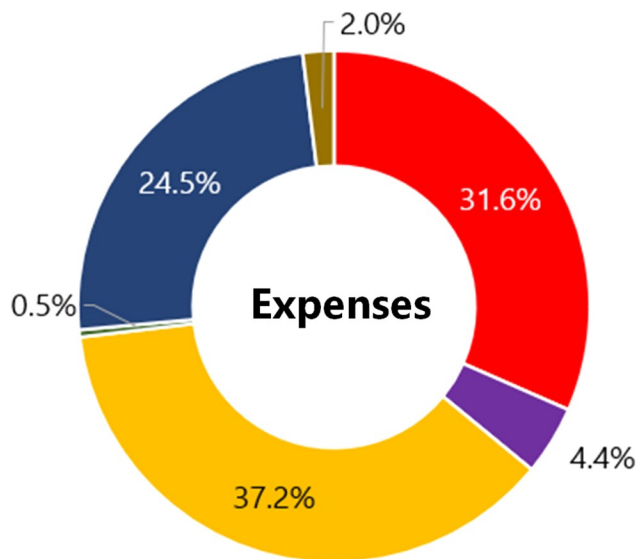
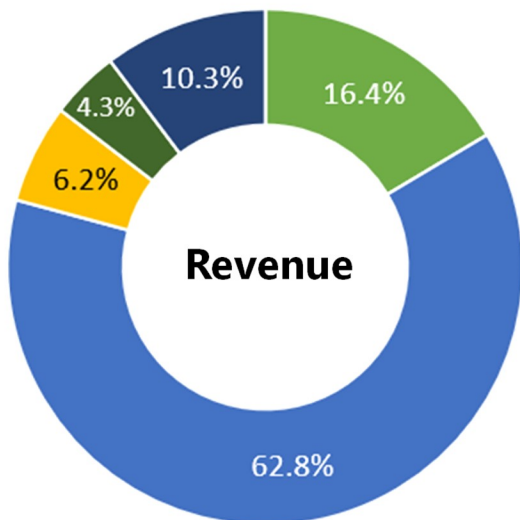
**2019 through 2020  
AVERAGE COST OF  
DEMOLITION:  
\$9,576.21**

**2019 through 2020  
TOTAL COST:  
\$402,200.74**



# Fiscal Reporting

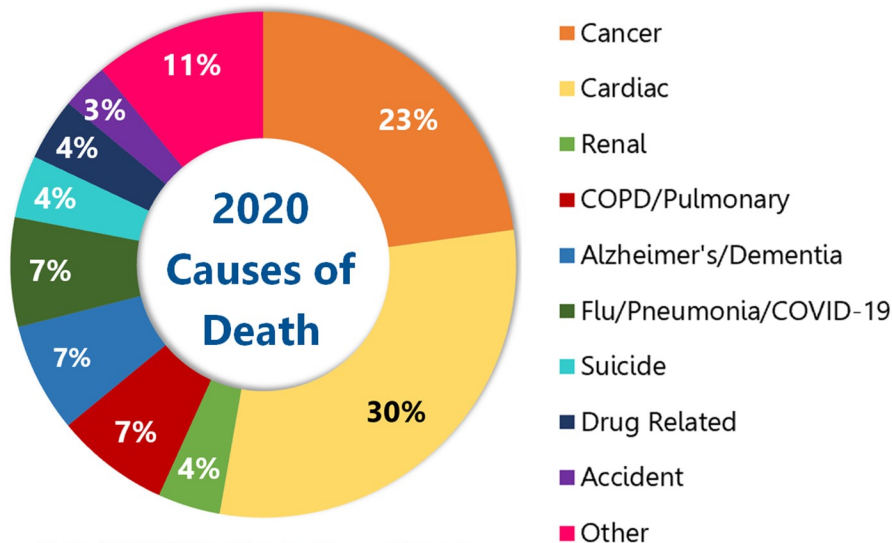
Local Funds:	\$775,623.85	<span style="color: green;">■</span>
Federal & State Funds:	\$2,960,652.05	<span style="color: blue;">■</span>
Licenses, Permits, & Fees:	\$293,164.15	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
Charges for Service:	\$203,992.15	<span style="color: darkgreen;">■</span>
Other:	\$484,163.20	<span style="color: darkblue;">■</span>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$4,717,595.40</b>	



Salary & Benefits:	\$1,045,395.30	<span style="color: red;">■</span>
Supplies, Equipment, & Advertising:	\$144,894.39	<span style="color: purple;">■</span>
Remittances to State:	\$1,230,001.97	<span style="color: yellow;">■</span>
Utilities & Vehicles:	\$15,015.56	<span style="color: darkgreen;">■</span>
Contracts for Services:	\$810,388.42	<span style="color: darkblue;">■</span>
Other expenses:	\$64,715.46	<span style="color: lightgreen;">■</span>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$3,310,411.10</b>	

## Vital Statistics

The Perry County Health Department provides birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio and Death Certificates for deaths that occurred in Perry County.



Total 2020 Deaths in Perry County:  
**285**



\*Although more deaths may have occurred in Perry County, many individuals are transported to out-of-county hospitals before being pronounced dead.

## OUR MISSION

To improve Public Health in Perry County by preventing disease, promoting health and safety, and protecting our environment.

## OUR VISION

A motivated community uniting for health and prosperity where we live, work, and play.

## Our Core Values

### WE CARE

#### Willingness:

We are ready to respond and eager to promote and protect the health of Perry county residents where they live, work and play.

#### Excellence:

We promote quality outcomes through learning and continuous quality improvement. We use scientific data and evidence-based strategies to build a strong foundation to address health needs and promote healthy living in Perry County.

#### Collaboration:

We value the diversity and unique contributions of our employees and partners. We develop positive relationships, foster innovative solutions, and use teamwork to solve problems and achieve common goals.

#### Accountability:

We operate with open communication, transparency, timeliness, and continuous quality improvement. We strive to do the right thing to achieve the best public health outcomes.

#### Respect:

We uphold a standard of conduct that recognizes and values the contributions of all. We value our employees and treat our clients, partners, and those we serve with respect by listening, understanding, and responding to their needs.

#### Education:

We are committed to empowering and enriching employees through workforce development in order to advance the practice of public health. We also strive to offer and promote quality programs for our community in an attempt to improve health outcomes.





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# Health Department Staff

## Administration

- Angela DeRolph, Health Commissioner
- Mindi Wycinski, Accreditation Coordinator
- Carrie Williams, Fiscal Officer
- Tina Watkins, Vital Statistics Registrar
- Leann Hinkle, Temporary Administrative Assistant

## Environmental Health

- Paul Montgomery, Director
- Susan Kinney, Secretary
- Cary Bowers, Sanitarian
- Chad Cook, Sanitarian

## Health Education

- Debbie Raney, Director
- Lesa Garey, Health Educator
- Jenny LaRue, Health Educator
- Chad Seurkamp, Health Educator, Asst. Fiscal Officer

## Public Health Nursing

- Cindy Dew, Director
- Christy Wilson, Nursing Secretary/Billing Clerk
- Jenna Cannon, Registered Nurse

## Emergency Preparedness

- Jim Mickey, Emergency Preparedness Coordinator

### The Board of Health:

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