

Highland County General Health District

2020 Annual Report



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Highland County Health Department

Mission Statement:

The mission of the Highland County General Health District is to provide public health services that promote, protect, and improve community and environmental health.

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Introduction

This report contains an overview of the Highland County Health Department's 2020 public health program activity. The report is broken down by division and program, and contains general information and activity numbers for each area. Please contact the health department with any questions or for more information about any public health activities conducted by the health department.

Note: 2020 was the year that COVID-19 impacted the world. COVID-19 was a global pandemic of a scale not seen since the Spanish Influenza Pandemic roughly 100 years prior. The time and resources dedicated to this response impacted health department activities and finances in every way, and likely will have a similar impact on 2021. As of March 1, 2021, COVID-19 has hospitalized 172 people in Highland County, and 56 people have died. Over 3,200 people have been sick.

A detailed After Action Report is currently being drafted that will capture Highland County Health Department response efforts in much more detail.

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Board of Health Members

Original Appointment Date	Members	Current Term Expires
2014	John Holt (President)	March 31, 2022
2001	Robert McCray (Vice President)	March 31, 2021
2020	Tim Parry	March 31, 2024
2016	Dr. Julie Karnes	March 31, 2023
2016	Craig Edgington	March 31, 2020

Health Department Staff as of 2/28/2021

Name	Title
Jared Warner, MEM, RS	Health Commissioner
Richard Mizer, MD	Medical Director
Anna McCoppin, RS	Director of Environmental Health
Bonnie Rusch, BS, RN	Director of Nursing
Kate Lewis, RN	Public Health Nurse
Chasidy Davis, RN	Public Health Nurse
Shala Schutte, RN	Public Health Nurse
Ebbie Van Pelt	Public Health Aide
Caitlyn Fletcher	COVID-19 Clerk
Shirley Cox	Registrar / Receptionist
Chris Shope, RS	Sanitarian
Philip Webb, RS	Sanitarian
Cassandra Hudnell, RS	Sanitarian
Connie Page	Fiscal Officer
Brittane Dance, MBA	Emergency Response Coordinator

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2020 Fiscal Report

The Health Department was able to operate at a profit in 2020 for the third time in 8 years. Traditional revenue generating activities were greatly reduced this year due to COVID-19, but the health department was able to successfully apply for and receive large amounts of COVID-19 funding from the Ohio Department of Health. COVID-19 funding was used to replace salary costs to cover COVID-19 response efforts, which allowed the health department to offset already budgeted expenses to a large degree.

The influx of COVID-19 response funding, combined with a replacement levy passed in the spring of 2020, and a renewal of an existing levy in late 2020, place the health department in the best financial shape it has seen in years.

Moving forward, the health department must continue this positive momentum by being fiscally conservative, continuing to actively pursue grant funding, and continuing to look for community partnerships to support public health efforts.

Health Department General Fund

January 1, 2019 Beginning Balance:	\$374,997
Revenue Sources	
Levy and Inside Millage:	\$451,511
Operating Revenue:	\$413,927
Grant Funds:	\$621,263
Total Revenue:	\$1,486,701
Total Expenditures:	\$1,244,586
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2020:	\$617,112

Health Department Special Funds

(Food, RV/Parks, Swimming Pools, Private Water, Capital Improvement Funds)

January 1, 2019 Beginning Balance:	\$68,189
Total Revenue:	\$79,578
Total Expenditures:	\$42,546
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2020:	\$101,809

Capital Improvements Fund: **\$61,620**

Starting Balance January 1, 2020, All Funds:	\$504,806
Ending Balance December 31, 2020, All Funds:	\$780,541
Net Profit/Loss 2020, All Funds:	\$275,735

Every dollar spent at the health department is accounted for monthly at the Board of Health meeting and listed in detail for each board meeting packet. This information, as well as the Auditor of State Financial Report, is available upon request.

Environmental Health Division Report

Household Sewage Treatment

Forty household septic system installations were completed in 2020, a reduction from the number of systems completed in 2019. One hundred and thirty-one site evaluations were conducted at properties across the county in 2020, which is a significant increase from the 76 evaluations conducted in 2019.

Completed Installations

TOWNSHIP	2019	2020
Brush Creek	4	2
Clay	3	1
Concord	0	2
Dodson	2	1
Fairfield	7	6
Hamer	1	2
Jackson	2	2
Liberty	15	2
Madison	8	3
Marshall	3	3
New Market	1	3
Paint	8	4
Penn	2	2
Salem	3	1
Union	4	3
Washington	3	2
White Oak	3	1
TOTALS	69	40

Site Evaluations

TOWNSHIP	2019	2020
Brush Creek	3	6
Clay	3	6
Concord	3	9
Dodson	5	8
Fairfield	6	14
Hamer	4	4
Jackson	6	6
Liberty	9	23
Madison	4	6
Marshall	3	9
New Market	2	11
Paint	8	8
Penn	3	7
Salem	4	2
Union	7	5
Washington	2	5
White Oak	4	2
TOTALS	76	131

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2020 Environmental Health Division Activity Report

Private Water Systems	2020
Inspections	37
Consultations	437
Completed	10
Sealed	1

Water Samples	2020
Total Samples	152

Water Hauler	2020
Inspections	2
Consultations	1

Animal Bites	2020
Number Reported - Dogs	85
Number Reported - Other	12
Investigations	59
Consultations	224
Heads to Lab	3
Positive for Rabies	0

Food Service	2020
Inspections	527
Consultations	1078

Nuisances	2020
Reported	29
Inspections	184
Consultations	237
Abated	59

Sewage Systems	2020
Inspected	238
Consultations	1,936
Completed	40
Site Evaluations	129
Minor and Large Lot Subdivisions Approved	43
Operation and Maintenance Permits	116

Schools	2020
Inspections	14
Consultations	39

Vending Food Service	2020
Inspections	0
Consultations	17

Septage Haulers	2020
Inspections	1

Resident Camps	2020
Inspections	4
Consultations	24

Body Art	2020
Inspections	8
Consultations	46

RV Parks and Camps	2020
Inspections	8
Consultations	67

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Swimming Pools	2020
Inspections	9
Consultations	41

COVID-19 Response	2020
Complaints and Consultations	1,545

Permits and Licenses Issued	2020
Food Service Total	211
Food Service - Vending	1
Private Water Systems	22
Private Water Alteration	4
Private Water System Sealing	1
Sewage Treatment System	36
Sewage System Alteration	7
Sewage System Installer	24
Sewage System Service Provider	12
Septage Hauler	10
RV Parks and Camps	8
Resident Camp	4
Swimming Pool	5
Body Art	5

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Public Health Nursing Division Report

Bonnie Rusch, BS, RN Director of Nursing

The Public Health Nursing Division works to improve and protect the health of Highland County residents through a variety of programs. The Nursing Division provides communicable disease tracking, epidemiology, health education, immunization clinics, health screening, and many other services to the community.

2020 Public Health Nursing Activity Report

Report Item	2020
Office Visits	1,456
Phone Calls	6,965
Pregnancy Tests	3
Children Services Exam	1
Newborn Screening	2

Immunizations Given (Totals)	2,195
Children Immunizations	1,407
Adult Immunizations	571
Adult Influenza	214
Adult Pneumonia	3

Care-A-Van (Totals)	2020
Total Visits	46
Children Immunizations	24
Adult Immunizations	5

Clinics	People Seen
Senior Citizens and Rainsboro BP	43
Immunization Clinics	89

Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps

BCMh Program	2020
Home Visits	0
Office Visits	4
PHN Referrals	8
Active Cases	156

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2020 Disease Reporting

Disease	Total Cases
COVID-19	1,482
Campylobacteriosis	10
Chlamydia	68
Cryptosporidiosis	2
Gonococcal	11
Hepatitis A	1
Hepatitis B	37
Hepatitis C - New	27
Hepatitis C - Recheck	137
Lyme Disease	4
Meningitis - Aseptic/Viral	1
Pertussis	2
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis, Including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)	1
Streptococcal Pneumoniae	2
Varicella	1
Influenza A	32
Influenza B	9
Total	1,835

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Vital Statistics Division Report

Highland County Health Department's Vital Statistics Division is responsible for maintaining and managing official records and documentation related to births and deaths in Highland County.

Highland County Births	2020
Total Births	223
Homebirths	13

Highland County Deaths	2020
Total Deaths	429
Suicides	7
Accidents	15
Homicides	1

Leading Causes of Death in Highland County	2020
COVID-19	43
Cardiac Related	54
Cancer	94
Respiratory	37
Alzheimer's / Dementia	37

Certified Copy Type	2020
Births Certified from HCHD	1,754
Deaths Certified from HCHD	1,310
Total	3,064