

Highland County General Health District

2021 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 2021 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: 2021 was the second full year that the county responded to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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 2022. As of March 3, 2022, COVID-19 has hospitalized 462 people in Highland County, and 173 people have died. Over 10,000 people have been sick, which is likely to be a significant undercounting of the true disease impact on the community.

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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, 2026
2020	Tim Parry	March 31, 2024
2016	Dr. Julie Karnes	March 31, 2023
2016	Craig Edgington	March 31, 2025

Health Department Staff as of 2/28/2021

Name	Title
Jared Warner, MEM, REHS	Health Commissioner
Richard Mizer, MD	Medical Director
Anna McCoppin, REHS	Director of Environmental Health
Bonnie Rusch, BS, RN	Director of Nursing
Chasidy Davis, RN	Public Health Nurse
Shala Schutte, RN	Public Health Nurse
Kristen Quenneville	Public Health Nursing Admin
Shirley Cox	Registrar / Receptionist
Chris Shope, REHS	Environmental Health Specialist
Philip Webb, REHS	Environmental Health Specialist
Cassandra Hudnell, REHSIT	Environmental Health Specialist – In Training
Courtney Hall, REHSIT	Environmental Health Specialist – In Training
Hannah Guilkey	Special Projects Coordinator
Connie Page	Fiscal Officer
Brittane Dance, MBA	Emergency Response Coordinator

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2021 Fiscal Report

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, have provided 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, 2021 Beginning Balance:	\$618,241
Revenue Sources	
Levy and Inside Millage:	\$874,947
Operating Revenue:	\$236,396
Grant Funds:	\$588,827
Total Revenue:	\$1,700,169
Total Expenditures:	\$1,349,384
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2021:	\$969,026

Health Department Special Funds

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

January 1, 2021 Beginning Balance:	\$163,429
Total Revenue:	\$63,403
Total Expenditures:	\$67,641
Ending Balance Dec. 31, 2021:	\$159,191

Starting Balance January 1, 2021, All Funds:	\$781,670
Ending Balance December 31, 2021, All Funds:	\$1,128,216
Net Profit/Loss 2021, All Funds:	\$346,546

All health department financial activity is reviewed and accounted for monthly at the Board of Health meeting. This information, as well as the Auditor of State Financial Report, is available upon request.

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2021 Environmental Health Division Report

Anna McCoppin, REHS Director of Environmental Health

The Environmental Health (EH) Division works to improve and protect the environment that people live in. The EH Division inspects food operations, household sewage, nuisance complaints, private water systems, and many other areas that directly impact community health.

Private Water Systems	2021
Inspections	16
Consultations	46
Completed	12
Sealed	2

Water Samples	2021
Total Samples	72

Animal Bites	2021
Number Reported - Dogs	55
Number Reported - Other	14
Investigations	64
Consultations	124
Heads to Lab	3
Positive for Rabies	0

Food Service	2021
Inspections	604
Consultations	1090

Nuisances	2021
Reported	113
Inspections	298
Consultations	279
Abated	64

Sewage Systems	2021
Inspected	118
Consultations	1,467
Completed	49
Site Evaluations	102
Minor and Large Lot Subdivisions Approved	51
Operation and Maintenance Permits	120

Schools	2021
Inspections	30
Consultations	75

Resident Camps	2021
Inspections	5
Consultations	25

Body Art	2021
Inspections	15
Consultations	55

RV Parks and Camps	2021
Inspections	22
Consultations	69

Swimming Pools	2021
Inspections	21
Consultations	46

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Permits and Licenses Issued	2021
Food Service Total	240
Private Water Systems	12
Private Water Alteration	1
Private Water System Sealing	2
Sewage Treatment System	46
Sewage System Alteration	2
Sewage System Installer	31
Sewage System Service Provider	15
Septage Hauler	14
RV Parks and Camps	9
Resident Camp	5
Swimming Pool	9
Body Art	8

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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.

2021 Public Health Nursing Activity Report

Report Item	2021
Office Visits	11,871
Phone Calls	5,947
Pregnancy Tests	3
Children Services Exam	1
Newborn Screening	1

Total Visits	114
Children Immunizations	37
Adult Immunizations	76

Immunizations Given (Totals)	13,038
Children Immunizations	2,135
Adult Immunizations	10,379
Adult Influenza	522
Adult Pneumonia	2

Care-A-Van (Totals)	2021

Bureau of Children with Medical Handicaps

BCMh Program	2021
Home Visits	2
Office Visits	2
Active Cases	134

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2021 Disease Reporting

Disease	Total Cases
COVID-19	5,266
Campylobacteriosis	14
Chlamydia	84
Cryptosporidiosis	2
E. Coli	2
CP CRE	5
Gonococcal	13
Hepatitis A	4
Hepatitis B	25
Hepatitis C	81
Lyme Disease	5
Meningitis - Aseptic/Viral	1
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis, Including Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (RMSF)	1
Salmonella	6
Syphilis	3
Varicella	3
Other	11
Total	5,526

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Vital Statistics Division Report

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

Highland County Births	2021
Total Births	217

Highland County Deaths	2021
Total Deaths	433
Suicides	7
Accidents	25
Homicides	2

Leading Causes of Death in Highland County	2021
Cardiac Related	126
Cancer	89
Respiratory	109
Alzheimer's / Dementia	37

Certified Copy Type	2021
Births Certified from HCHD	2,010
Deaths Certified from HCHD	1,313
Total	3,323