

DATE: February 10, 2023
TO: Board of Health Members
FROM: Jacquelyn Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN - Secretary
SUBJECT: **Agenda for February 14, 2023**

City of Middletown Board of Health & Environment will meet in regular session **February 14, 2023** at 7:30AM in Conference Room 2C at the City Building with the following agenda. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please call 513-425-1818.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

ROLL CALL- Motion to excuse absent members

CITIZEN COMMENTS

APPROVAL OF MINUTES –January 2022

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT – January 2022

EDUCATION PRESENTATION

Harm Reduction-Caracole

OLD BUSINESS

PHAB

NEW BUSINESS

1. Travel Authorizations
2. Approval of CMHD Public Health Worker Agreement with Deanna Shores
3. 2022 Annual Report
4. Board of Health Member Topic-Open Discussion

REPORTS

Health Commissioner
Medical Director
Director of Nursing
Environmental Health Director

ADJOURNMENT

The Next Board of Health Meeting is scheduled for March 14, 2023 7:30am

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN
BOARD OF HEALTH
Minutes
January 10, 2023

The City of Middletown Board of Health met in regular session at 7:30 AM on January 10, 2023.

Members Present

Mayor Nicole Condrey, BS, President
Jeff Bonnell
Sally Kash, MS, RN
Ruth Lolli
Dr. Ken Patrick, DVM
Joseph Richmond
Amy Sibcy
Dr. Scott Zollett, MD

Health Department Staff Present

Jackie Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Carla Ealy, BS, REHS
Chandra Corbin, BSN, RN
Amanda McDonald, Vital Statistics Registrar

ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

Ms. Phillips Carter introduced three new members of the Board of Health: Joe Richmond, Amy Sibcy and Dr. Scott Zollett.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES- December 2022

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the December 2022 Board of Health meeting minutes.

Roll call vote: Yes-4 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick). No-0. Abstained-3 (Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). **Motion Passed.**

RECEIVE AND FILE FINANCIAL REPORT-December 2022

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Ms. Lolli to receive and file the December 2022 Financial Report.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Education Presentation- Public Health in Ohio

Ms. Corbin provided the board with an overview of public health in Ohio. The definition of public health is: "a coordinated effort at the local, state and federal levels whose mission is fulfilling a society's interest in assuring conditions in which people can be healthy." Public health formalized their approach in 1919, following the Smallpox and Influenza epidemics. Prior to 1920, there were 2,158 independent health units in Ohio, all providing differing services. In 2022, there were 113 local health departments within the 88 counties of Ohio. The City of Middletown Health Department is one of three health departments in Butler County. The City of Middletown Health Department works cooperatively within the Southwest Ohio Region which includes 13 health departments: Adams County, Brown County, Butler County, Clermont County, Clinton County, Hamilton County, Highland County, Warren County, City of Middletown, City of Hamilton, City of Cincinnati, City of Norwood and City of Springdale.

Local health departments are required by the Ohio Revised Code to establish a board of health, employ the leadership "Triad" (consisting of a Health Commissioner, Director of Environmental Health and Director of Nursing) and to employ a

Medical Director (if the Health Commissioner is not a doctor). Local health departments are governed by regulations in the Ohio Revised Code (ORC) and the Ohio Administrative Code.

Local health departments strive to protect and improve the health of their communities by preventing and controlling the spread of disease and injury, protecting against environmental hazards, promoting and supporting healthy behaviors, and preparing for and responding to emergencies.

Core services provided by the Environmental Division of the City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD) include: retail/food service inspections and licensing, regulation of septic systems and private wells, body art, campgrounds, swimming pools, schools, rabies investigations, emergency preparedness and smoking complaints. Core services provided by the Nursing Division of CMHD include: disease outbreak surveillance, tracking and reporting, immunizations and the Children with Medical Handicaps program. Core services of the Administrative Division of CMHD include: health promotion and education, vital statistics, Public Health Accreditation Board (Accredited November 4, 2022). Public health is funded by local government, federal and state funding as well as state subsidy-based upon meeting minimum standards provided by administrative code and based on population.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked how public health differs from other departments within the city.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that CMHD is governed by the Board of Health whereas the other departments fall directly under the City Manager. The City Mayor is always the President of the Board of Health (BOH) and the BOH is regulated by the board and commission official laws.

OLD BUSINESS

Septic Systems

Ms. Ealy informed the board that there is a total of 690 septic systems located in Middletown, with 424 of those being in the Amanda area.

Ms. Condrey added that there are several issues with the septic systems in that area such as: the location is in a flood plain, lot sizes are too small for new septic systems and it is cost prohibitive to connect to sanitary sewer.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that she has spoken with the City Manager and has requested a meeting to discuss possible solutions.

PHAB

Ms. Phillips Carter presented the official accreditation plaque to the board and informed the board that there was a letter from PHAB congratulating CMHD on accreditation included in the board of health packet.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the new Community Health Assessment (CHA) begins January 11, 2023. In the past, board of health members have been involved in the CHA, Ms. Phillips Carter has sent an invitation to all board members. The CHA will focus on mental health, chronic illness and infant mortality.

NEW BUSINESS

Travel Authorizations

There were no travel authorizations requested.

Approval of Facility Use Agreement-Middletown City Schools

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that this is a renewal of the agreement allowing CMHD to utilize Middletown City School buildings as needed for immunization clinics or in the event of an emergency.

Motion: Ms. Lolli moved, seconded by Ms. Kash to approve the Facility Use Agreement.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

Approval of Agreement between Butler County General Health District and City of Middletown Health Department-Community Health Assessment (CHA)

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that all three Butler County health departments (City of Middletown Health Department, Butler County General Health District and Hamilton City Health Department) will be working together to complete the CHA.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Dr. Patrick to approve the CHA Agreement.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

2023 Board of Health Roster

An updated Board of Health roster was provided to board members.

2023 Election of President Pro Tem

Dr. Patrick volunteered to be the President Pro Tem of the Board of Health.

Motion: Ms. Kash moved, seconded by Dr. Patrick to approve the Facility Use Agreement.

Roll call vote: Yes-7 (Bonnell, Kash, Lolli, Patrick, Richmond, Sibcy, Zollett). No-0. **Motion Passed.**

2023 Board of Health Committees

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the Board of Health is comprised of two committees, the finance committee and the personnel committee. Members will discuss and notify Ms. McDonald of which committee they wish to serve on at the next Board of Health meeting.

2022 4th Quarter Report

The 2022 4th Quarter Report was included in the board of health packet.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey requested that "Board of Health Member Topic-Open Discussion" be added under New Business on each BOH meeting agenda.

REPORTS

Health Commissioner

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that she will provide the board with OneOhio information regarding the money won in the opiate lawsuit. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that \$54 million was awarded to Ohio with the City of Middletown receiving \$50,000 annually for the next 18 years. The remaining money will be allotted by region. Butler County is trying to receive a larger allocation, arguing that Butler County was hit harder than many other regions by the opioid epidemic.

Mayor Condrey stated that it may be beneficial to send a copy of the letter that was signed by all mayors regarding the impact of opioids in their jurisdictions.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that the OHIZ Middletown Connect grant is partnering with Safety Council continuing to work on Social Vulnerability Index (SVI) activities.

Ms. Phillips Carter informed the board that SHALOM is back up and running to serve the unhoused population in Middletown.

Medical Director

In Dr. Jennewine's absence, Ms. Corbin reported the communicable diseases for December 2022.

Chlamydia infection	16
COVID-19	377
Gonococcal infection	4
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	1
Hepatitis B	1
Hepatitis C	5
Influenza-associated hospitalization	32
Meningitis-aseptic/viral	1
Streptococcal-Group A-invasive	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae-invasive	2
Varicella	1

Director of Nursing

Ms. Corbin informed the board that CMHD continues to hold COVID and flu vaccine clinics on the first and third Thursday of each month.

Discussions

Mayor Condrey asked Ms. Phillips Carter to touch on the Syringe Exchange Program (SEP).

Ms. Phillips Carter explained that SEP provides HIV and hepatitis testing in addition to exchanging used needles for new needles and paraphernalia and offering resources and education. SEP is held in the Access Counseling parking lot on Coles Road each Tuesday from 10am-1pm. SEP is currently considering relocating in response to Access Counseling's requests to do so. Ms. Phillips Carter explained that SEP is very controversial, but also very needed.

Mayor Condrey informed new board members that the needle exchange is not based on a one-to-one ratio.

Ms. Phillips Carter stated that SEP exchanges needles and paraphernalia based on need, since the program is only offered once a week.

Ms. Lolli stated that she is aware that many families/groups will send one person for the entire household.

Environmental Director

Ms. Ealy informed the board that CMHD has licensed a micro-market inside of Phoenix Metals, explaining that micro-markets are like self-service convenient stores.

CMHD has approved plans for an addition at Kroger and a culinary kitchen at Marshall High School.

Ms. Ealy stated that there are three properties on Lefferson that have not yet connected to sanitary sewer, those homeowners have been turned in to the Prosecutor's Office.

Ms. Phillips Carter explained to the board that homeowners are required by Sewage Rules to connect to sanitary sewer when it is available.

Ms. Ealy informed the board that the food licensing year ends in February, CMHD will be mailing out license renewals in the coming weeks.

Mayor Condrey stated that she was unable to locate Level One Food Safety Training online options on the CMHD website, and that CMHD may want to look into it to make it more user-friendly.

Ms. Ealy stated that a walk-thru of Primo has been completed and areas that need to be addressed were identified.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 AM. The next meeting will be held on February 14, 2023 at 7:30 AM.

Jacquelyn D. Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Secretary

Nicole Condrey, President
City of Middletown Board of Health

City of Middletown Health Department

January 2023 Financial Notes

Vital Statistics

- \$8,522 revenue earned
- 695 Certificates sold
- 84 Burial permits sold

Environmental

- \$4,348 revenue earned

Reimbursements

- Phep payment from Butler County General Health District \$2,639
- Safety council funds \$5,000

Current Grants

- Workforce Development (WF-22) 9/2021-6/2023
 - Total awarded \$180,000
 - Award left to bill \$39,310
- Covid Vaccination Grant (CN-22) 1/2022-6/2023
 - Total awarded \$80,698
 - Award left to bill \$0
- Enhanced Operations (EO-22) 8/22-7/23
 - Total awarded \$125,000
 - Award left to bill \$125,000

Indigent Services

- \$20,000 budgeted for the year
- 4 Contracts approved up 50% compared to 2022
 - 4 Applications Approved
 - \$17,090 Indigent Budget Remaining



City of Middletown Budgetary Control Report

Period Ending February 8, 2023

Health & Environmental Fund	Current Year Appropriation	Supplements & Transfers	Carryover & Encumbrance	Total Appropriated	Month-to-Date Expenses	Year-to-Date Expenses	Balance	Encumbrance	Combined Encumbrance	Remaining Budget Percent
Personnel Services										
228.450.51110 Salaries & Wages	\$565,079.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$565,079.00	\$42,808.93	\$42,808.93	\$522,270.07	\$0.00	\$522,270.07	92.4%
228.450.51211 Pers	\$79,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,111.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$79,111.00	\$0.00	\$79,111.00	100.0%
228.450.51220 Worker's Compensation	\$22,603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,603.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,603.00	\$0.00	\$22,603.00	100.0%
228.450.51230 Group Health Insurance	\$103,148.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,148.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$103,148.00	\$0.00	\$103,148.00	100.0%
228.450.51270 Medicare City Share	\$8,194.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,194.00	\$598.61	\$598.61	\$7,595.39	\$0.00	\$7,595.39	92.7%
228.450.51275 Life Insurance	\$1,899.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,899.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,899.00	\$0.00	\$1,899.00	100.0%
Personnel Services Totals	\$780,034.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$780,034.00	\$43,407.54	\$43,407.54	\$736,626.46	\$0.00	\$736,626.46	94.4%
Contractual Services										
228.450.52110 Travel & Training	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52120 Employee Mileage	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$119.24	\$119.24	\$2,880.76	\$0.00	\$2,880.76	96.0%
228.450.52222 Telephone Line Charges	\$5,640.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,640.00	\$170.84	\$170.84	\$5,469.16	\$0.00	\$5,469.16	97.0%
228.450.52310 Municipal Garage Charges	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	100.0%
228.450.52480 Other Professional Services	\$1,085.00	\$0.00	\$4,877.99	\$45,962.99	\$545.22	\$545.22	\$45,417.77	\$4,877.99	\$40,539.78	88.2%
228.450.52481 Workforce Development Grant	\$33,398.00	\$0.00	\$37,651.23	\$71,049.23	\$1,184.77	\$1,184.77	\$69,864.46	\$48,961.23	\$20,903.23	29.4%
228.450.52488 Health Department COVID	\$121,000.00	\$0.00	\$14,625.00	\$135,625.00	\$212.50	\$212.50	\$135,412.50	\$14,412.50	\$121,000.00	89.2%
228.450.52490 Outside Printing	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52510 Maintenance of Equipment	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52820 Licenses & Permits	\$11,340.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$11,340.00	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	\$10,080.00	\$0.00	\$10,080.00	88.9%
228.450.52920 Memberships, Books & Periodicals	\$1,587.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,587.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,587.00	\$0.00	\$1,587.00	100.0%
Contractual Services Total	\$234,550.00	\$0.00	\$57,154.22	\$291,704.22	\$3,492.57	\$3,492.57	288,211.65	\$68,251.72	\$219,959.93	75.4%
Commodities										
228.450.53100 Office Supplies	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$71.89	\$71.89	\$2,428.11	\$0.00	\$2,428.11	97.1%
228.450.53210 Food	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$14.20	\$14.20	\$185.80	\$0.00	\$185.80	92.9%
228.450.53610 Small Tools & Equipment	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	100.0%
228.450.53710 Chemicals & Labs	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	100.0%
Commodities Total	\$3,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00	\$86.09	\$86.09	\$3,313.91	\$0.00	\$3,313.91	97.5%
Capital Expenses										
228.450.54310 Auto Depreciation	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	100.0%
Capital Expenses Total	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$4,800.00	0.0%
Health Fund Year-to-Date Totals	\$1,022,784.00	\$0.00	\$57,154.22	\$1,079,938.22	\$46,986.20	\$46,986.20	\$1,032,952.02	\$68,251.72	\$964,700.30	89.3%

CITY OF MIDDLETOWN BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT
HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 08, 2023

	CURRENT YEAR APPROP'S	SUPP. APP'S & TRANSFERS	CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL APPROPRIATED	MTD-EXPENSE	YTD-EXPENSE	UNEXP-BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCE	Combined Uncumbered Amount	REM- %
228.450.51110 SALARIES & WAGES	\$ 565,079.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 565,079.00	\$ 42,808.93	\$ 42,808.93	\$ 522,270.07	\$ 0.00	\$ 522,270.07	92.4%
228.450.51120 OVERTIME WAGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.51211 PERS	79,111.00	0.00	0.00	79,111.00	0.00	0.00	79,111.00	0.00	79,111.00	100.0%
228.450.51220 WORKERS COMPENSATION	22,603.00	0.00	0.00	22,603.00	0.00	0.00	22,603.00	0.00	22,603.00	100.0%
228.450.51230 GROUP HEALTH INSURANCE	103,148.00	0.00	0.00	103,148.00	0.00	0.00	103,148.00	0.00	103,148.00	100.0%
228.450.51240 UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.51270 MEDICARE-CITY SHARE	8,194.00	0.00	0.00	8,194.00	598.61	598.61	7,595.39	0.00	7,595.39	92.7%
228.450.51275 LIFE INSURANCE	1,899.00	0.00	0.00	1,899.00	0.00	0.00	1,899.00	0.00	1,899.00	100.0%
228.450.51290 EMPLOYEE AWARDS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
PERSONAL SERVICES	780,034.00	0.00	0.00	780,034.00	43,407.54	43,407.54	736,626.46	0.00	736,626.46	94.4%
228.450.52110 TRAVEL & TRAINING	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	0.00	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52111 MANDATORY TRAINING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52120 EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT	3,000.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00	119.24	119.24	2,880.76	0.00	2,880.76	96.0%
228.450.52222 TELEPHONE LINE CHARGES - HEALTH A	5,640.00	0.00	0.00	5,640.00	170.84	170.84	5,469.16	0.00	5,469.16	97.0%
228.450.52230 POSTAGE AND POSTAL CHARGES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52310 MUNICIPAL GARAGE CHARGES	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	0.00	3,500.00	0.00	3,500.00	100.0%
228.450.52340 EQUIPMENT/VEHICLE RENTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52410 LEGAL SERVICES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52420 MEDICAL SERVICE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52480 OTHER PROFESSIONAL SERVICE	41,085.00	0.00	4,877.99	45,962.99	545.22	545.22	45,417.77	4,877.99	40,539.78	88.2%
228.450.52481 WORKFORCE GRANT CONTRACTUAL SERVI	33,398.00	0.00	37,651.23	71,049.23	1,184.77	1,184.77	69,864.46	48,961.23	20,903.23	29.4%
228.450.52482 SYRINGE EXCHANGE PROGRAM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52488 HEALTH DEFT COVID-19 EXPENSES	121,000.00	0.00	14,625.00	135,625.00	212.50	212.50	135,412.50	14,412.50	121,000.00	89.2%
228.450.52490 OUTSIDE PRINTING	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52510 MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	0.00	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00	100.0%
228.450.52680 MEDICAL LIABILITY INSURANCE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52820 LICENSES AND PERMITS	11,340.00	0.00	0.00	11,340.00	1,260.00	1,260.00	10,080.00	0.00	10,080.00	88.9%
228.450.52920 MEMBERSHIPS, BOOKS, PERIODICAL	1,587.00	0.00	0.00	1,587.00	0.00	0.00	1,587.00	0.00	1,587.00	100.0%
228.450.52930 PHOTO SUPPLIES & PROCESSING	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.52940 INDIGENT BURIALS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
CONTRACTUAL SERVICES	234,550.00	0.00	57,154.22	291,704.22	3,492.57	3,492.57	288,211.65	68,251.72	219,959.93	75.5%
228.450.53100 OFFICE SUPPLIES	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00	71.89	71.89	2,428.11	0.00	2,428.11	97.1%
228.450.53101 SUPPLIES FOR HIV GRANT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.53102 HARM REDUCTION SUPPLIES	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.53210 FOOD	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	14.20	14.20	185.80	0.00	185.80	92.9%

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN BUDGETARY CONTROL REPORT
HEALTH/ENVIRONMENT ADMINISTRATION
FOR THE PERIOD ENDED FEBRUARY 08, 2023

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CURRENT YEAR APPROP'S	SUPP. APP'S & TRANSFERS	CARRY-OVER ENCUMBRANCES	TOTAL APPROPRIATED	MTD-EXPENSE	YTD-EXPENSE	UNEXP-BALANCE	ENCUMBRANCE	Combined Unencumbered Amount	REM-%
228.450.54310 AUTO & TRUCK DEPRECIATION	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	100.0%
228.450.54320 OFFICE MACHINERY & EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.54360 OTHER EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
228.450.54370 COMPUTER SOFTWARE	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.0%
CAPITAL	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	0.00	4,800.00	0.00	4,800.00	100.0%
TOTAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION	1,022,784.00	57,154.22	1,079,938.22	46,986.20	46,986.20	1,032,952.02	68,251.72	964,700.30	89.3%
GRAND TOTAL FUND 228	1,022,784.00	57,154.22	1,079,938.22	46,986.20	46,986.20	1,032,952.02	68,251.72	964,700.30	89.3%

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Monthly Receipt History for Account number

228.000.44210

Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
VITAL STATISTICS	2023	JANUARY	8235.06	8235.06
	2022	JANUARY	9943.78	9943.78
	2022	FEBRUARY	12804.90	22748.68
	2022	MARCH	9988.38	32737.06
	2022	APRIL	7246.66	39983.72
	2022	MAY	12784.71	52768.43
	2022	JUNE	8441.08	61209.51
	2022	JULY	7882.86	69092.37
	2022	AUGUST	11438.70	80531.07
	2022	SEPTEMBER	7582.86	88113.93
	2022	OCTOBER	9745.86	97859.79
	2022	NOVEMBER	7424.42	105284.21
	2022	DECEMBER	8203.78	113487.99
	2021	JANUARY	10859.20	10859.20
	2021	FEBRUARY	8137.22	18996.42
	2021	MARCH	11431.46	30427.88
	2021	APRIL	13803.40	44231.28
	2021	MAY	8012.54	52243.82
	2021	JUNE	10141.38	62385.20
	2021	JULY	9711.26	72096.46
	2021	AUGUST	10607.62	82704.08
	2021	SEPTEMBER	8905.68	91609.76
	2021	OCTOBER	9698.06	101307.82
	2021	NOVEMBER	8431.80	109739.62
	2021	DECEMBER	9935.12	119674.74
	2020	JANUARY	10015.20	10015.20
	2020	FEBRUARY	9483.04	19498.24
	2020	MARCH	12877.27	32375.51
	2020	APRIL	4432.06	36807.57
	2020	MAY	5381.40	42188.97
	2020	JUNE	9390.42	51579.39
	2020	JULY	6208.34	57787.73
	2020	AUGUST	10881.84	68669.57
	2020	SEPTEMBER	9347.00	78016.57
	2020	OCTOBER	9432.98	87449.55
	2020	NOVEMBER	9382.42	96831.97
	2020	DECEMBER	9515.10	106347.07
	2019	JANUARY	8291.04	8291.04
	2019	FEBRUARY	8104.16	16395.20
	2019	MARCH	10480.58	26875.78
	2019	APRIL	8680.02	35555.80
	2019	MAY	8659.81	44215.61
	2019	JUNE	11201.45	55417.06
	2019	JULY	9050.64	64467.70
	2019	AUGUST	10175.44	74643.14
	2019	SEPTEMBER	8312.18	82955.32
	2019	OCTOBER	8820.70	91776.02
	2019	NOVEMBER	7834.30	99610.32
	2019	DECEMBER	7539.30	107149.62

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
VITAL STATISTICS SHIPPING CHAR	2023	JANUARY	144.25	144.25
	2022	JANUARY	53.60	53.60
	2022	FEBRUARY	138.15	191.75
	2022	MARCH	-27.05	164.70
	2022	APRIL	89.50	254.20
	2022	MAY	-134.45	119.75
	2022	JUNE	223.70	343.45
	2022	JULY	-184.21	159.24
	2022	AUGUST	-62.85	96.39
	2022	SEPTEMBER	45.05	141.44
	2022	OCTOBER	391.55	532.99
	2022	NOVEMBER	-316.50	216.49
	2022	DECEMBER	93.60	310.09
	2021	JANUARY	-3.10	-3.10
	2021	FEBRUARY	-49.80	-52.90
	2021	MARCH	43.60	-9.30
	2021	APRIL	107.90	98.60
	2021	MAY	-123.80	-25.20
	2021	JUNE	126.75	101.55
	2021	JULY	0.45	102.00
	2021	AUGUST	-103.75	-1.75
	2021	SEPTEMBER	58.15	56.40
	2021	OCTOBER	-90.20	-33.80
	2021	NOVEMBER	98.45	64.65
	2021	DECEMBER	6.70	71.35
	2020	JANUARY	80.10	80.10
	2020	FEBRUARY	43.55	123.65
	2020	MARCH	-3.10	120.55
	2020	APRIL	204.60	325.15
	2020	MAY	-260.40	64.75
	2020	JUNE	-131.75	-67.00
	2020	JULY	86.80	19.80
	2020	AUGUST	-68.20	-48.40
	2020	SEPTEMBER	15.50	-32.90
	2020	OCTOBER	35.85	2.95
	2020	NOVEMBER	-18.60	-15.65
	2020	DECEMBER	-94.55	-110.20
	2019	JANUARY	41.40	41.40
	2019	FEBRUARY	51.75	93.15
	2019	MARCH	-43.65	49.50
	2019	APRIL	25.50	75.00
	2019	MAY	-12.94	62.06
	2019	JUNE	116.25	178.31
	2019	JULY	44.10	222.41
	2019	AUGUST	-7.80	214.61
	2019	SEPTEMBER	-141.75	72.86
	2019	OCTOBER	-40.20	32.66
	2019	NOVEMBER	76.05	108.71
	2019	DECEMBER	-171.15	-62.44

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
PATERNITY AFFIDAVITS	2022	MARCH	80.00	80.00
	2022	JUNE	60.00	140.00
	2022	AUGUST	160.00	300.00
	2022	NOVEMBER	120.00	420.00
	2022	DECEMBER	20.00	440.00
	2021	FEBRUARY	160.00	160.00
	2021	MAY	40.00	200.00
	2021	DECEMBER	20.00	220.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	80.00	80.00
	2019	MAY	80.00	160.00
Total			820.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Date 08 Feb 2023	
			Total Month	Total YTD
IMMUNIZATION CLINICS	2022	MARCH	1200.00	1200.00
	2022	DECEMBER	3000.00	4200.00
	2021	DECEMBER	3000.00	3000.00
	2020	DECEMBER	3000.00	3000.00
	2019	JANUARY	40.00	40.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	150.00	190.00
	2019	MARCH	300.00	490.00
	2019	APRIL	20.00	510.00
	2019	JULY	40.00	550.00
	2019	OCTOBER	3000.00	3550.00
Total			13750.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
FSO RESTAURANT LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	848.00	848.00
	2022	JANUARY	323.00	323.00
	2022	FEBRUARY	20502.50	20825.50
	2022	MARCH	15041.50	35867.00
	2022	APRIL	1560.25	37427.25
	2022	MAY	70.50	37497.75
	2022	JUNE	1211.50	38709.25
	2022	JULY	1972.50	40681.75
	2022	AUGUST	639.00	41320.75
	2022	SEPTEMBER	643.50	41964.25
	2022	OCTOBER	842.00	42806.25
	2022	NOVEMBER	405.00	43211.25
	2022	DECEMBER	900.00	44111.25
	2021	JANUARY	199.36	199.36
	2021	FEBRUARY	28067.00	28266.36
	2021	MARCH	23096.00	51362.36
	2021	APRIL	3939.50	55301.86
	2021	MAY	1834.50	57136.36
	2021	JUNE	1677.00	58813.36
	2021	JULY	3537.50	62350.86
	2021	AUGUST	1640.00	63990.86
	2021	SEPTEMBER	946.00	64936.86
	2021	OCTOBER	545.00	65481.86
	2021	NOVEMBER	674.00	66155.86
	2021	DECEMBER	567.00	66722.86
	2020	JANUARY	795.00	795.00
	2020	FEBRUARY	40896.32	41691.32
	2020	MARCH	17632.75	59324.07
	2020	APRIL	983.50	60307.57
	2020	MAY	542.50	60850.07
	2020	JUNE	507.00	61357.07
	2020	JULY	1367.00	62724.07
	2020	AUGUST	1470.00	64194.07
	2020	SEPTEMBER	806.00	65000.07
	2020	OCTOBER	-570.00	64430.07
	2020	NOVEMBER	934.00	65364.07
	2020	DECEMBER	1249.64	66613.71
	2019	JANUARY	1179.00	1179.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	36346.50	37525.50
	2019	MARCH	23426.25	60951.75
	2019	APRIL	817.50	61769.25
	2019	MAY	1609.50	63378.75
	2019	JUNE	1004.00	64382.75
	2019	JULY	1029.50	65412.25
	2019	AUGUST	506.00	65918.25
	2019	SEPTEMBER	770.00	66688.25
	2019	OCTOBER	93.00	66781.25
	2019	NOVEMBER	393.50	67174.75
	2019	DECEMBER	17.32	67192.07

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Account	Year	Month	Date 08 Feb 2023	
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FOOD ESTABLISHMENT LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	300.00	300.00
	2022	FEBRUARY	12010.00	12010.00
	2022	MARCH	3381.00	15391.00
	2022	APRIL	166.00	15557.00
	2022	MAY	300.00	15857.00
	2022	SEPTEMBER	84.00	15941.00
	2022	NOVEMBER	300.00	16241.00
	2022	DECEMBER	471.00	16712.00
	2021	FEBRUARY	12292.00	12292.00
	2021	MARCH	11461.00	23753.00
	2021	APRIL	391.00	24144.00
	2021	JUNE	421.50	24565.50
	2021	JULY	531.25	25096.75
	2021	AUGUST	717.00	25813.75
	2021	SEPTEMBER	185.00	25998.75
	2021	OCTOBER	370.00	26368.75
	2021	DECEMBER	323.00	26691.75
	2020	JANUARY	234.00	234.00
	2020	FEBRUARY	16938.00	17172.00
	2020	MARCH	7535.00	24707.00
	2020	APRIL	991.00	25698.00
	2020	JUNE	95.00	25793.00
	2020	SEPTEMBER	767.00	26560.00
	2020	OCTOBER	673.00	27233.00
	2020	NOVEMBER	580.00	27813.00
	2020	DECEMBER	185.00	27998.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	17873.00	17873.00
	2019	MARCH	6261.75	24134.75
	2019	APRIL	300.00	24434.75
	2019	MAY	185.00	24619.75
	2019	JULY	150.00	24769.75
	2019	SEPTEMBER	452.00	25221.75
	2019	OCTOBER	374.00	25595.75
	2019	NOVEMBER	335.00	25930.75
Total			97632.50	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
VENDING LICENSE	2022	FEBRUARY	51.96	51.96
	2022	MARCH	571.56	623.52
	2021	JANUARY	34.64	34.64
	2021	FEBRUARY	17.32	51.96
	2021	MARCH	629.52	681.48
	2021	APRIL	-23.32	658.16
	2020	FEBRUARY	617.52	617.52
	2020	MARCH	17.32	634.84
	2019	FEBRUARY	629.00	629.00
	2019	MARCH	106.25	735.25
Total			2651.77	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
FOOD SAFETY CLASSES	2021	OCTOBER	60.00	60.00
	2020	MARCH	150.00	150.00
	2019	JANUARY	300.00	300.00
	2019	MARCH	120.00	420.00
	2019	MAY	90.00	510.00
	2019	JULY	30.00	540.00
	2019	AUGUST	30.00	570.00
Total			780.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Date 08 Feb 2023	
			Total Month	Total YTD
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE	2023	JANUARY	2337.50	2337.50
	2022	JANUARY	1361.25	1361.25
	2022	MARCH	802.98	2164.23
	2022	MAY	130.00	2294.23
	2022	JUNE	120.00	2414.23
	2022	SEPTEMBER	287.05	2701.28
	2022	OCTOBER	100.00	2801.28
	2022	DECEMBER	1940.00	4741.28
	2021	JANUARY	1730.00	1730.00
	2021	FEBRUARY	1180.00	2910.00
	2021	MARCH	295.00	3205.00
	2021	APRIL	2742.56	5947.56
	2021	MAY	15.00	5962.56
	2021	JULY	65.00	6027.56
	2021	AUGUST	180.00	6207.56
	2021	SEPTEMBER	3324.45	9532.01
	2021	OCTOBER	-74.00	9458.01
	2021	NOVEMBER	406.00	9864.01
	2021	DECEMBER	1750.00	11614.01
	2020	JANUARY	6583.25	6583.25
	2020	FEBRUARY	3840.00	10423.25
	2020	MARCH	3190.28	13613.53
	2020	APRIL	2075.00	15688.53
	2020	MAY	340.00	16028.53
	2020	JUNE	1315.00	17343.53
	2020	JULY	180.00	17523.53
	2020	AUGUST	140.00	17663.53
	2020	SEPTEMBER	156.62	17820.15
	2020	DECEMBER	1340.00	19160.15
	2019	JANUARY	2530.25	2530.25
	2019	FEBRUARY	476.25	3006.50
	2019	APRIL	188.75	3195.25
	2019	MAY	15.00	3210.25
	2019	JUNE	45.00	3255.25
	2019	AUGUST	240.00	3495.25
	2019	SEPTEMBER	208.25	3703.50
	2019	OCTOBER	2450.00	6153.50
	2019	NOVEMBER	4995.00	11148.50
	2019	DECEMBER	8935.00	20083.50

Total

57936.44

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
SWIMMING POOL/SPA	2022	APRIL	3920.00	3920.00
	2022	MAY	1829.00	5749.00
	2022	JUNE	275.00	6024.00
	2022	JULY	283.00	6307.00
	2021	APRIL	3700.00	3700.00
	2021	MAY	1945.00	5645.00
	2020	APRIL	2320.00	2320.00
	2020	MAY	660.00	2980.00
	2020	JUNE	1985.00	4965.00
	2020	JULY	440.00	5405.00
	2020	AUGUST	220.00	5625.00
	2019	APRIL	4440.00	4440.00
	2019	MAY	1545.00	5985.00
Total			23562.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
TATTOO LICENSE	2023	JANUARY	562.50	562.50
	2022	JANUARY	562.50	562.50
	2022	JUNE	250.00	812.50
	2022	DECEMBER	1500.00	2312.50
	2021	JANUARY	1000.00	1000.00
	2021	JULY	250.00	1250.00
	2021	NOVEMBER	500.00	1750.00
	2021	DECEMBER	750.00	2500.00
	2020	JANUARY	812.50	812.50
	2020	AUGUST	250.00	1062.50
	2020	DECEMBER	500.00	1562.50
	2019	JANUARY	1250.00	1250.00
	2019	DECEMBER	750.00	2000.00
Total			8937.50	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
PARK/CAMPS LICENSE FEES	2022	MARCH	100.00	100.00
	2022	APRIL	113.00	213.00
	2021	APRIL	213.00	213.00
	2020	APRIL	100.00	100.00
	2020	MAY	113.00	213.00
	2019	APRIL	100.00	100.00
Total			739.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Date 08 Feb 2023	
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REIMBURSEMENTS	2023	JANUARY	7756.78	7756.78
	2022	JANUARY	451.92	451.92
	2022	FEBRUARY	775.00	1226.92
	2022	MARCH	12263.09	13490.01
	2022	APRIL	56288.07	69778.08
	2022	MAY	4509.89	74287.97
	2022	JUNE	22525.43	96813.40
	2022	SEPTEMBER	20564.64	117378.04
	2022	OCTOBER	3964.75	121342.79
	2022	DECEMBER	15386.55	136729.34
	2021	JANUARY	250.00	250.00
	2021	FEBRUARY	1667.10	1917.10
	2021	MARCH	11270.58	13187.68
	2021	APRIL	134.34	13322.02
	2021	MAY	3685.00	17007.02
	2021	JUNE	46169.56	63176.58
	2021	JULY	2325.00	65501.58
	2021	AUGUST	8990.39	74491.97
	2021	SEPTEMBER	19569.42	94061.39
	2021	OCTOBER	1935.97	95997.36
	2021	NOVEMBER	1800.00	97797.36
	2021	DECEMBER	69141.70	166939.06
	2020	FEBRUARY	9708.10	9708.10
	2020	MARCH	33887.93	43596.03
	2020	MAY	8285.37	51881.40
	2020	JULY	10493.82	62375.22
	2020	AUGUST	6512.59	68887.81
	2020	SEPTEMBER	26994.04	95881.85
	2020	OCTOBER	3943.65	99825.50
	2020	NOVEMBER	8662.57	108488.07
	2020	DECEMBER	25465.01	133953.08
	2019	JANUARY	580.00	580.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	1515.48	2095.48
	2019	MAY	1578.76	3674.24
	2019	JULY	24524.57	28198.81
	2019	AUGUST	1336.04	29534.85
	2019	OCTOBER	43347.25	72882.10
	2019	NOVEMBER	348.39	73230.49
	2019	DECEMBER	3241.04	76471.53

Total

521849.79

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228.000.43370

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
PUBLIC HEALTH WORKFORCE DEV GR	2022	JUNE	47808.32	47808.32
	2022	SEPTEMBER	26792.77	74601.09
	2022	DECEMBER	30438.44	105039.53

Total

105039.53

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228.000.43368

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING GRANT	2022	JANUARY	98050.00	98050.00
	2022	MAY	52157.10	150207.10
	2021	OCTOBER	9282.75	9282.75
	2020	AUGUST	19071.07	19071.07
	2020	OCTOBER	66715.14	85786.21
	2020	NOVEMBER	49304.97	135091.18
	2020	DECEMBER	32856.00	167947.18
Total			327437.03	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
COVID-19 CRISIS RESPONSE GRANT	2022	MARCH	24022.00	24022.00
	2021	JANUARY	8990.39	8990.39
	2021	FEBRUARY	20000.00	28990.39
	2021	MARCH	5000.00	33990.39
	2021	AUGUST	18459.61	52450.00
	2021	SEPTEMBER	229857.75	282307.75
	2021	OCTOBER	-9282.75	273025.00
	2021	NOVEMBER	98382.00	371407.00
	2020	AUGUST	14903.27	14903.27
	2020	SEPTEMBER	10268.82	25172.09
	2020	OCTOBER	37951.91	63124.00
	2020	DECEMBER	235997.00	299121.00
Total			694550.00	

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Account	Year	Month	Total Month	Total YTD
BUREAU CHILDRENS MEDICAL HANDI	2022	NOVEMBER	700.00	700.00
	2019	JANUARY	430.00	430.00
	2019	FEBRUARY	1320.00	1750.00
	2019	MARCH	190.00	1940.00
	2019	APRIL	820.00	2760.00
	2019	MAY	930.00	3690.00
	2019	JUNE	510.00	4200.00
	2019	JULY	1740.00	5940.00
	2019	AUGUST	810.00	6750.00
	2019	SEPTEMBER	1090.00	7840.00
	2019	OCTOBER	1350.00	9190.00
	2019	NOVEMBER	10.00	9200.00
Total			9900.00	

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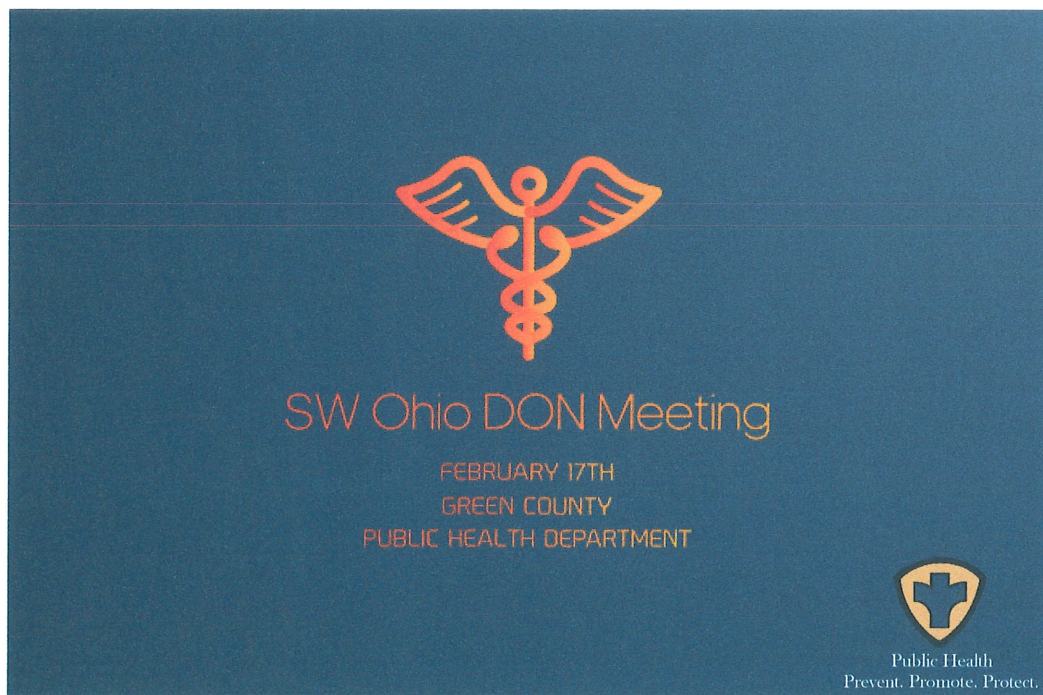
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			Total Month	Total YTD
STATE HEALTH SUBSIDY	2022	MAY	9333.70	9333.70
	2021	APRIL	9135.25	9135.25
	2020	MARCH	9135.25	9135.25
	2019	JULY	9135.25	9135.25
Total			36739.45	

City of Middletown Health Department Travel Request

2023 Director of Nursing Meeting

Chandra Corbin will be attending the Southwest Ohio Director of Nursing Meeting on February 17, 2023. This is a one day meeting located at the offices of Greene County Public Health, 360 Wilson Dr. Xenia, OH 45385. The only costs associated with this meeting are mileage.

Total Costs Associated: \$49.78



City of Middletown
Request for Business Related Travel

Request No.....: 16394
Date Submitted.....: 01-27-23
Official or Employee Name...: CHANDRA CORBIN
Title or Position.....: DIRECTOR OF NURSING
Department.....: HEALTH
Meeting Sponsored by.....: SW OHIO DIRECTORS OF NURSING
Purpose of Meeting or Trip...: TRAINING
(M)andatory/(D)iscretionary..: M
City Where Meeting Held.....: XENIA
State Where Meeting Held.....: OHIO
Dates of Meeting - From: 02-17-23 to 02-17-23
Dates Leave Requested - From: 02-17-23 to 02-17-23

VEHICLE INFORMATION (if City vehicle is to be used)

Number of Vehicle.....:
Vehicle to be Occupied by....:

ESTIMATED COSTS OF TRIP:

Registration...	0.00
Transportation:	49.78
Lodging.....:	0.00
Rental Car.....:	0.00
Meals.....:	0.00
Miscellaneous..:	0.00
Amount of Advance Requested:	0.00

===== ACCOUNTS TO BE CHARGED =====

Account Code	Description	Available	Amount
228.450.52120	EMPLOYEE MILEAGE REIMBURS	2880.76	49.78

APPROVAL:

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User	Title	Date Approved
Jackie Phillips	Health Commissioner	

COMMENTS:

City of Middletown Health Department

Travel Request

2023 Infectious Disease Training

Chandra Corbin will be attending an all-day infectious disease training sponsored by the Ohio Department of Health on March 14, 2023. The training will be held at Mercy Hospital, 4760 E. Galbraith Rd., Kenwood, Ohio 45236.



[2023 Per Diem Rates | GSA](#)

City of Middletown Health Department Public Health Worker Agreement

Name: DeAnna Shores Affiliation: SW Ohio Safety Council Date Completed: 1/20/2023

PUBLIC HEALTH WORKER AGREEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that I have accepted the Public Health Worker position in the City of Middletown Health Department. I further acknowledge I am a temporary worker and not a permanent employee (and, therefore, not subject to certain benefits conferred on permanent employees pursuant to applicable law, regulations and rules) of the City of Middletown or the City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD). I understand and agree that all work performed pursuant to this Agreement shall be for CMHD, and all materials produced during my time worked with and/or for the CMHD are the property of CMHD. I acknowledge that my time worked will be compensated in the amount of thirty (30) dollars/hour.

I agree and understand that I will follow the directions of CMHD while participating in this Agreement. In addition, as applicable, I agree to follow all pertinent federal, state and local laws, rules and regulations, including policies and standards related to and governing the access of CMHD data, databases, and data sets.

I irrevocably waive, release, and forever discharge, on behalf of myself and my successors and assigns, the City of Middletown, CMHD and their respective representatives, agents and employees from any and all claims, demands, damages, actions, causes of action, suits and liabilities of any kind or nature whatsoever which may arise now or in the future and are in any way related to this Agreement and/or CMHD's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to CMHD representatives, agents or employees assisting with any of my assigned activities pursuant to this Agreement. I acknowledge that this release and waiver includes, but is not limited to, any claims of bodily injury and property damage, whether sustained before, during or after my time working as a Public Health Worker for CMHD.

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I understand that my Confidential Information, as well as any additional information requested, may be shared with other federal and state agencies, including, but not limited to, law enforcement and security agencies. I understand that the CMHD will not make this information available for any purpose except as set out in this Agreement.

I understand I may have access to certain confidential or Protected Health Information, as that term is defined in 45 C.F.R. § 160.103, (collectively, "Confidential Information" and further defined in the CMHD HIPAA Agreement I am executing in conjunction with this Agreement, which is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference) in my capacity as a Public Health Worker. Accordingly, I understand and agree that:

1. Confidential Information is specifically protected under state and federal law. Unauthorized release of Confidential Information may make me subject to legal and/or disciplinary action.

2. It is my legal and ethical responsibility to protect the privacy, confidentiality and security of all Confidential Information, including business, employment and medical information relating to patients, members, volunteers and

- health care providers. I shall respect and maintain the confidentiality of all discussions, deliberations, patient care records and any other information.
3. I will only access the minimum necessary information to satisfy my duties and responsibilities. I shall only access or disseminate Confidential Information in the performance of my assigned duties and where required by or permitted by law, and in a manner which is consistent with CMHD’s officially adopted policies, or where no officially adopted policy exists, only with the express approval of my supervisor. I shall make no voluntary disclosure of any discussion, deliberations, or Confidential Information.
4. My obligation to safeguard Confidential Information continues after the termination of my Public Health Worker assignment(s) and/or this Agreement.
5. I may not assign this Agreement or any interest herein without prior written consent from CMHD.

I understand that CMHD reserves the right to terminate this Agreement at any time without prior notice to me. Termination is in the complete discretion of CMHD. The Parties intend that all items listed above shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

This Agreement shall be in effect from the date of my signature below until the earlier of: (i) termination of this Agreement by CMHD; or (ii) completion of my Public Health Worker assignment(s).

I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the foregoing information, and have had a reasonable opportunity to review this Agreement in consultation with independent legal counsel of my choosing, and that my signature below signifies my agreement to be bound by, and comply with, the above terms. In the event of a breach or threatened breach of the Confidentiality Agreement, I acknowledge that CMHD may, as applicable and as it deems appropriate, pursue any action to enforce this Agreement.**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have set their hands the day and year first above written.

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CITY OF MIDDLETOWN BOARD OF HEALTH

By: _____
President

Approved as to form:

Law Director

Attest: _____
Secretary

Public Health Worker

By: _____
Public Health Worker

ANNUAL REPORT 2022

City of Middletown Health Department
Middletown, Ohio

A Connected and Healthy Community
to Live, Work and Play

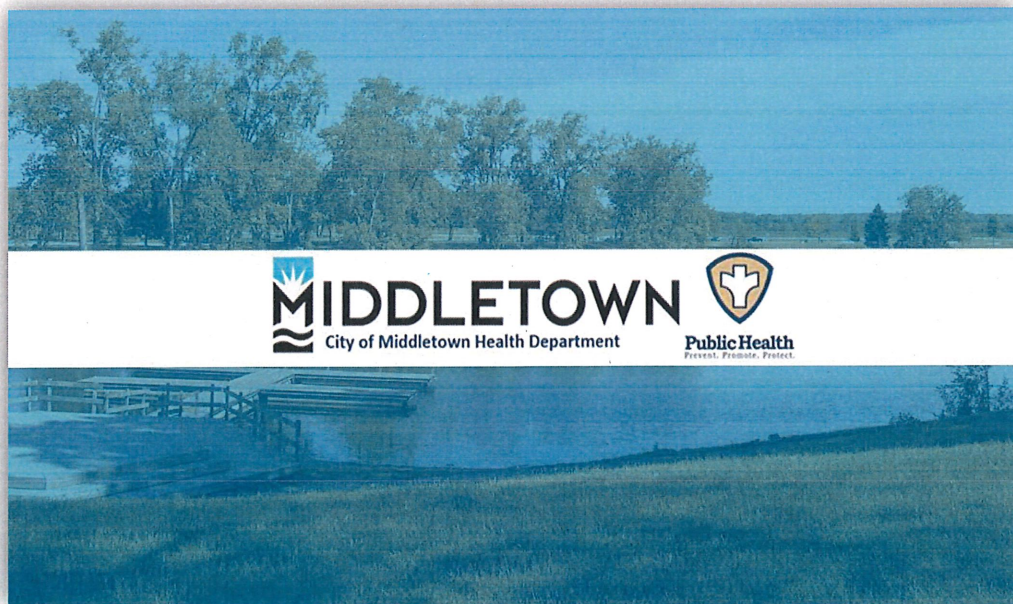


City of Middletown Health Department

2022 Annual Report

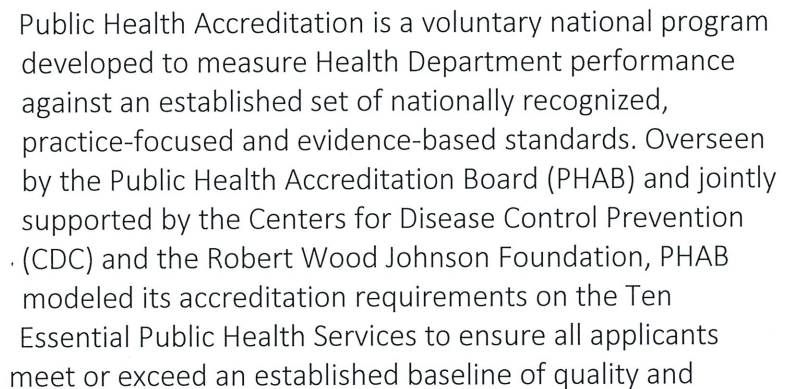
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The City of Middletown Health Department provides services to all residents of the City of Middletown and surrounding counties. All services are provided in accordance with State of Ohio statutes.

The City of Middletown Health Department provides information to the community regarding a wide variety of health issues, environmental food safety and health and wellness programs.



The City of Middletown Board of Health plays an important role in our public health system. They provide oversight and guidance for our health department. They approve public health priorities for our community. By operating at the local level, the board of health is closer to the community whose health they are charged with protecting. Their local nature makes boards of health an integral part of improving and promoting population health. The City of Middletown Board of Health directs our department in many areas such as: policy-making, rulemaking.

Mission, Vision & Value Statements

Mission

The City of Middletown Health Department's Mission is to Promote and Protect the health and wellbeing of all Middletown residents.

Vision

A connected and healthy community in which to live, work and play.

Values

Unity: A healthy community with a strong sense of unity among its members. A desire to belong and help one another is necessary for all to feel safe, connected and invested.

Respect: Respect for all people and property encourages community members to feel valued and welcomed. Differences should be expected and embraced.

Healthy Lifestyle: Adequate opportunities to live a healthy lifestyle include access to comprehensive wellness and preventative health care, substance abuse prevention and treatment, nutritious foods, safe clean neighborhoods, parks, trails and recreational activities for all ages and physical abilities.

Kindness: Regular kind and caring interactions among members are essential in order to foster compassion and empathy.

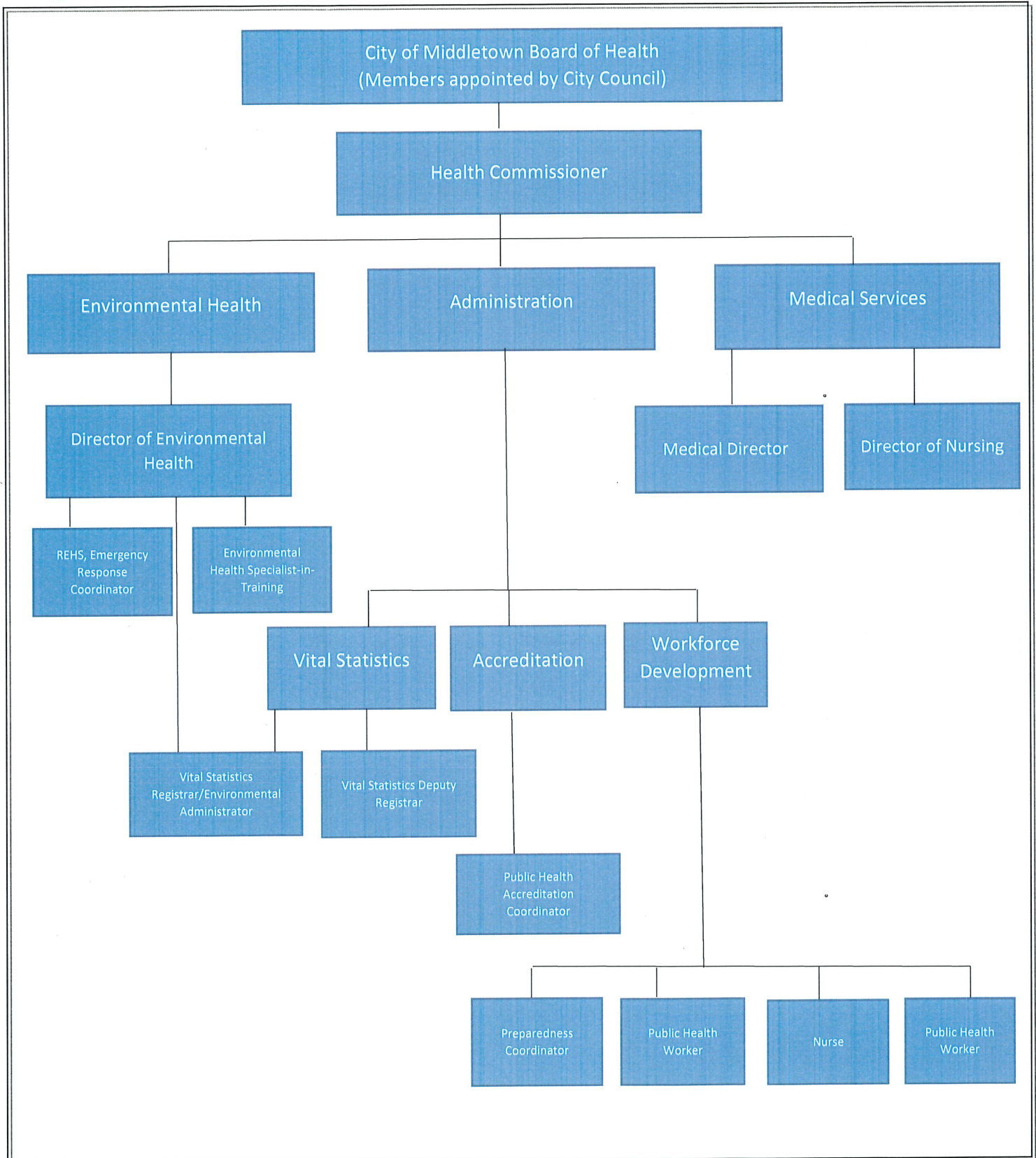
Education: Access to health information and opportunities for education improves awareness of healthy behaviors, health promotion and available resources.

Health Commissioner



Mrs. Jackie Phillips Carter is the Health Commissioner for the City of Middletown. She has worked in the healthcare field for over 30 years, joining the Health Department in 1997 in Middletown. She is a current member of the Ohio Public Health Association, the Southwest Ohio Health Commissioners Association, as well as many other boards within the community. Jackie received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Miami University and her Masters in Public Health from Boonshoft School of Medicine at Wright State University.

Organizational Chart 2022



Board of Health Roster 2022

President (Ex-Officio)

Nicole Condrey, Mayor

President (Pro-Tem)

David Schul, Citizen

Members

Charlene Kurtz, RN., BSN
Infection Control Practitioner
Premier Health Partners

David Schul
Citizen

Ken Patrick, DVM
Veterinarian

Jeff Bonnell
Funeral Director

Margie M. Davis, RN
Community Nurse

Sally Kash, RN, MSN
Community Nurse

Ruth L. Lolli
Outreach Specialist
Sunrise Treatment Center

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Secretary

Jacquelyn Phillips Carter, MPH, BSN, RN
Commissioner of Health

Board of Health Meeting Dates 2022

January 11, 2022
 February 8, 2022
 March 8, 2022
 April 12, 2022
 May 10, 2022
 June 14, 2022
 July 12, 2022
 August 9, 2022
 September 13, 2022
 October 11, 2022
 November 8, 2022
 December 13, 2022

**Agendas are distributed the Friday before each meeting. For further information, call (513) 425-1818 or (513) 425-7854.*

Selected Causes of Death Report

Selected Causes of Death 2022 Middletown Residents			
		2021	2022
Category	Included Causes	Total	Total
Coronavirus 2019	COVID-19	72	36
Neoplasms	Cancers	81	85
Human Immunodeficiency Virus	N/A	0	0
Endocrine	Nutritional & Metabolic Deficiency	31	27
	Kidney disease/Failure	12	16
Aging	Dementia, Alzheimer's Disease	17	16
	Failure to Thrive	38	30
Nervous System	Meningitis, MS, Parkinson's Disease, Huntington's	2	2
Circulatory System	Hypertensive Heart Disease	5	8
	Ischemic Heart Disease	2	3
	Acute Myocardial Infarction	84	64
	Other Forms of Heart Disease	99	114
	CVA, Hemorrhage, Embolism	12	10
	Atherosclerosis	2	4
Pneumonia	N/A	17	17
Respiratory System	Respiratory Arrest, Lung DS, Bronchitis, COPD	49	52
Septicemia	N/A	12	9
Complications of Pregnancy	Childbirth, Puerperium	0	0
Stillbirth	N/A	3	6
Mortality in Infancy	Prematurity, SIDS, Co-Sleeping	5	1
Homicide	N/A	1	1
Suicide	N/A	8	5
Motor Vehicle Accidents	N/A	1	3
Accidents due to falls	N/A	12	4
Drug Overdoses	N/A	44	51
Fire	N/A	0	0

Maternal Child Health Services

Maternal Child Health Services
at
Atrium Medical Center



Atrium Medical Center	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Live Births	851	969	956	930	884	856	916
Stillbirths	8	6	6	4	9	3	6
Maternal Deaths	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Neonatal Deaths	2	5	7	6	2	5	1



Reportable Communicable Diseases 2022

City of Middletown Health Department Reportable Communicable Diseases 2022

Disease	1 st QTR	2 nd QTR	3 rd QTR	4 th QTR	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
COVID-19	3463	624	1660	892	6639	5340
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	0	0	0	1	1	1
Candida auris	0	0	0	2	2	0
Campylobacteriosis	4	1	1	0	6	2
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Haemophilus influenza (<i>Invasive Disease</i>)	0	1	0	2	3	2
Hepatitis A	0	1	0	0	1	5
Hepatitis B-Acute/Chronic	6	7	4	5	22	23
Hepatitis C-Acute/Chronic	33	28	30	16	107	92
Influenza-associated Hospitalization	4	6	0	49	59	0
Legionellosis-Legionnaires' Disease	0	1	0	0	1	1
Lyme Disease	0	0	0	0	0	1
Meningitis-bacterial (<i>Not N. Meningitidis</i>)	0	2	0	0	2	0
Salmonellosis	1	1	1	0	3	3
Streptococcal-Group A-Invasive	3	1	2	1	7	13
Streptococcus Pneumoniae-Invasive	3	3	1	4	11	9
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	0	0	3
Meningitis Aseptic/Viral	0	1	0	1	2	0
Pertussis	0	1	0	1	2	0
Varicella	1	1	0	1	3	2
CP Carbapenem-Resistant Enterobacteriaceae	0	1	1	0	2	1
E. Coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (<i>STEC</i>)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Giardiasis	1	1	0	0	2	3
Mumps	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shigellosis	0	1	0	0	1	0
Ehrlichiosis	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sexually Transmitted Infections	1st QTR	2nd QTR	3rd QTR	4th QTR	2022 YTD	2021 YTD
Chlamydia Infection	90	113	65	65	333	262
Gonococcal Infection	48	57	34	17	156	128
Syphilis	1	1	2	1	5	1

2022 Proforma Projections - Revenue

Health Fund								
December								
		2022			2021		2020	
		Budget	December YTD Actual	% of Actual Budget	December YTD Actual	% YTD of Actual	December YTD Actual	% YTD of Actual
228	Beginning Cash Balance Jan. 1st	853,206	853,206					
Revenues								
228.000.43330	State Health Subsidy	9,135	9,334	102%	9,135	100%	9,135	100%
228.000.43332	Bureau of Medical Handicap	0	700					
228.000.43367	Covid-19 Crisis Response Grant	0	24,022		371,407	100%	299,121	100%
228.000.43366	US HHS Stimulus						46,425	100%
228.000.43368	Covid-19 Contact Tracing Grant	0	150,207		9,283	100%	167,947	100%
228.000.43369	HARM Reduction Grant	50,000						
228.000.43370	Public Health Workforce Dev Grant	0	105,040					
228.000.44197	Administrative Fees	53,342	53,342	100%	51,788	100%	50,280	100%
228.000.44210	Vital Statistics	106,000	113,488	107%	119,675	100%	106,347	100%
228.000.44211	Vital Statistics Shipping Charges	0	310		71	100%	(110)	100%
228.000.44215	Paternity Affidavits	160	440	275%	220	100%	0	100%
228.000.44225	Immunization Clinics	0	4,200		3,000	100%	3,000	100%
228.000.44280	FSO/Vending License	634	624	98%	658	100%	635	100%
228.000.44281	FSO Restaurant License	66,613	44,111	66%	66,723	100%	66,614	100%
228.000.44282	Food Establishment License	27,998	16,712	60%	26,692	100%	27,998	100%
228.000.44283	Household Sewage	19,000	4,741	25%	11,614	100%	19,160	100%
228.000.44284	Food Safety Classes	150	0	0%	60	100%	150	100%
228.000.44285	Swimming Pool/Spa	5,625	6,307	112%	5,645	100%	5,625	100%
228.000.44286	Tattoo License	1,500	2,313	154%	2,500	100%	1,563	100%
228.000.44287	Park/Camps License Fees	0	213		213	100%	213	100%
228.000.44288	MAC Billing	10,000	0	0%				
228.000.44290	Mobile Home Parks	213	0	0%				
228.000.46780	Miscellaneous Income	15,000	0	0%			5	100%
228.000.49100	Reimbursements	133,953	136,729	102%	166,939	100%	133,953	100%
228.000.49330	Transfer from City Tax	103,500	103,500	100%	241,500	100%	395,000	100%
228.000.49385	From Coronavirus Relief Fund						46,918	100%
Total Revenues		602,823	776,332	129%	1,087,123	100%	1,379,978	100%
Expenditures								
228.51	Personal Services	711,534	694,474	98%	698,022	100%	632,544	100%
228.52	Contractual Services	188,025	180,429	96%	248,735	100%	93,050	100%
228.53	Commodities	53,400	10,398	19%	1,690	100%	5,063	100%
228.54	Capital Outlay	4,800	4,796	100%	4,796	100%	70,721	100%
Total Expenditures		957,759	890,096	93%	953,243	100%	801,377	100%
Revenues (over/under)								
Expenditures		(354,936)	(113,763)					
228	Less Previous Yr. Encumbrances	0	0					
Ending Cash Balance		498,270	739,442					

These financials were verified by the City of Middletown Budget Manager, Kevin Metz on 2/10/2023. Any questions or concerns can be directed to kevinm@cityofmiddletown.org

2022 Department Statistics

VITAL STATISTICS	2021 YTD	2022 YTD	ENVIRONMENTAL INSPECTIONS	2021 YTD	2022 YTD
Birth Certificates Filed	930	916	Food Service Operations (FSO)	365	452
Death Certificates Filed	1215	1187	Retail Food Establishments (RFE)	131	169
Birth Certificates Issued	4432	4594	Sewage	165	41
Death Certificates Issued	4324	4310	Schools	30	42
Indigent Cremations Services	15	33	Vending Locations	40	21
			Temporary FSO/RFE	32	40
DEATHS			Mobile FSO/RFE	16	17
Accident			Complaints	44	49
• Drug Overdose	43	51	Smoking	14	8
• Falls	12	4	Swimming Pools	100	104
• Motor Vehicle	1	3	Tattoo	7	7
Homicide	1	0	Temp Park/Camp	3	4
Suicide	8	5	Jail Inspection	1	1
Could Not Be Determined	1	0			
COVID 19 Related Deaths	70	36			
Pending Investigation	7	9	ANIMAL BITES		
			Dog	73	92
FOOD SAFETY TRAINING			Cat	4	4
Number of Attendees	2	0	Raccoon/Groundhog/Bat	0	2



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

Butler County
General Health District

Butler County General Health District
Seasonal Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations Report
MMWR Week 4
01/22/2023 – 01/28/2023

Weekly Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations Activity Summary:
Butler County (MMWR Week 4, ending on 01/28/2023)

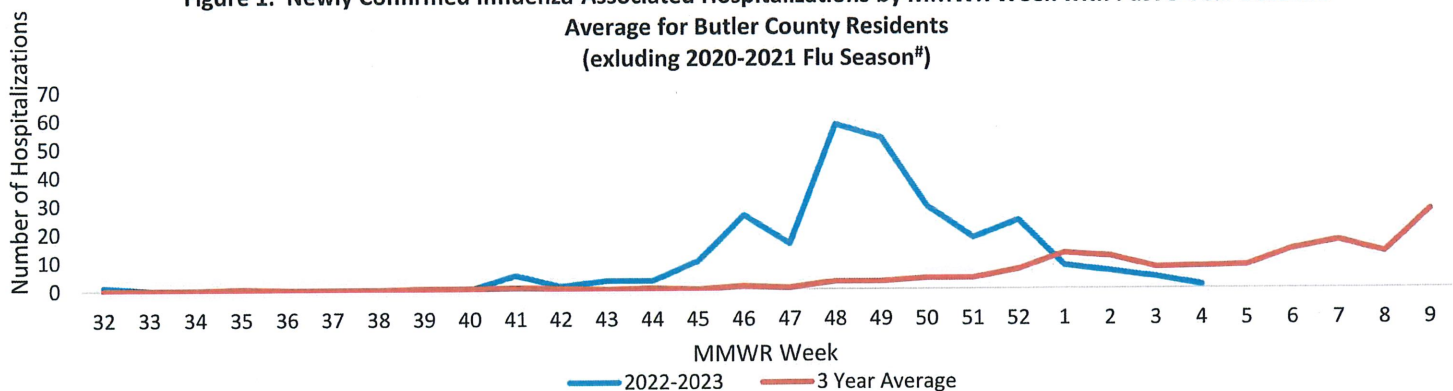
Butler County saw 1 confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations for the MMWR week ending 01/28/2023. The 3-year average for this time of year is 7.7 influenza-associated hospitalizations. Receiving the influenza vaccine is the best way to reduce the chance of illness and complications, including those resulting in hospitalization and death.

Table 1.* Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations
Butler County Residents, 2022-2023 Influenza Season

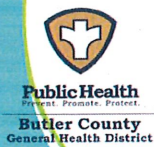
MMWR Week	Week Ending	Weekly Total
32	08/13/2022	1
33	08/20/2022	0
34	08/27/2022	0
35	09/03/2022	0
36	09/10/2022	0
37	09/17/2022	0
38	09/24/2022	1
39	10/01/2022	0
40	10/08/2022	0
41	10/15/2022	5
42	10/22/2022	1
43	10/29/2022	3
44	11/05/2022	3
45	11/12/2022	10
46	11/19/2022	26
47	11/26/2022	16
48	12/03/2022	58
49	12/10/2022	53
50	12/17/2022	29
51	12/24/2022	18
52	12/31/2022	24
1	01/07/2023	8
2	01/14/2023	6
3	01/21/2023	4
4	01/28/2023	1
Season Total (thus far):	As of 01/28/2023	268

Butler County Weekly Surveillance

Figure 1. Newly Confirmed Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations by MMWR Week with Past 3-Year Baseline
Average for Butler County Residents
(excluding 2020-2021 Flu Season#)



*Data is provisional and subject to change due to delays in reporting. Report reflects the period of 08/07/2022 – 01/28/2023/2022 (MMWR Week 32 to Week 4 of 2023). Data accessed from the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) on 02/02/2023. #3 year average does not include the 2020-2021 flu season. *Southwest Ohio includes hospitalizations from the following counties and their respective jurisdictions: Adams, Brown, Butler, Clermont, Clinton, Hamilton, Highland and Warren.



Butler County Monthly Communicable Disease Surveillance Report

January of 2023

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Notifiable Communicable Diseases

Summary:

- Number of Disease Cases Reported in Butler County: 1,597
- Most Frequently Reported: COVID-19, Chlamydia, Gonococcal infection, Hepatitis C, and Influenza-associated hospitalization.

Table 1. Comparison of Reported Cases of Confirmed or Probable Notifiable Communicable Diseases, January 2023 (excluding Chlamydia infection and gonorrhea)

	Reported Cases	Rate per 100,000	Rate Ratio	Confidence Interval
State of Ohio (excluding BC)	45,103	396.0		
Butler County	1,455	372.7	0.94	0.893-0.992

Interpretation: The residents of Butler County were 6% less likely to be the subject of a notifiable disease report when compared to the rest of Ohio as a whole. These results are statistically significant. (excluding Chlamydia infection and Gonorrhea)

Table 2.* Communicable Diseases by Jurisdiction (January 2023)

Jurisdiction	Count	Rate per 100,000	Change from Previous Month
Butler County General Health District	1,065	386.0	↓40.7% from December 2022 (n=1,797)
Middletown City Health Department	244	478.1	↓44.7% from December 2022 (n=441)
City of Hamilton Health Department	288	454.4	↓44.5% from December 2022 (n=519)
Butler County (all inclusive)	1,597	409.1	↓42.1% from December 2022 (n=2,757)

Table 3.* Butler County Reportable Diseases by Subgroups (January 2023)

Reportable Disease Subgroup	Count	Trend
Viral Hepatitis (B and C)	38	↓26.9% from December 2022 (n=52)
Sexually-Transmitted Infections (Chlamydia infection, Gonorrhea, Syphilis and HIV)	142	↑25.7% from December 2022 (n=113)
Enteric Diseases (Hepatitis A, Amebiasis, Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, Cyclosporiasis, STEC, Giardiasis, Salmonellosis, Shigellosis, Vibriosis and Yersiniosis)	15	↑87.5% from December 2022 (n=8)
Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (COVID-19, influenza-associated hospitalizations, Haemophilus influenzae, Bacterial meningitis, Mumps, Pertussis, invasive Streptococcus pneumoniae, Tetanus, and Varicella)	1,394	↓45.6% from December 2022 (n=2,563)

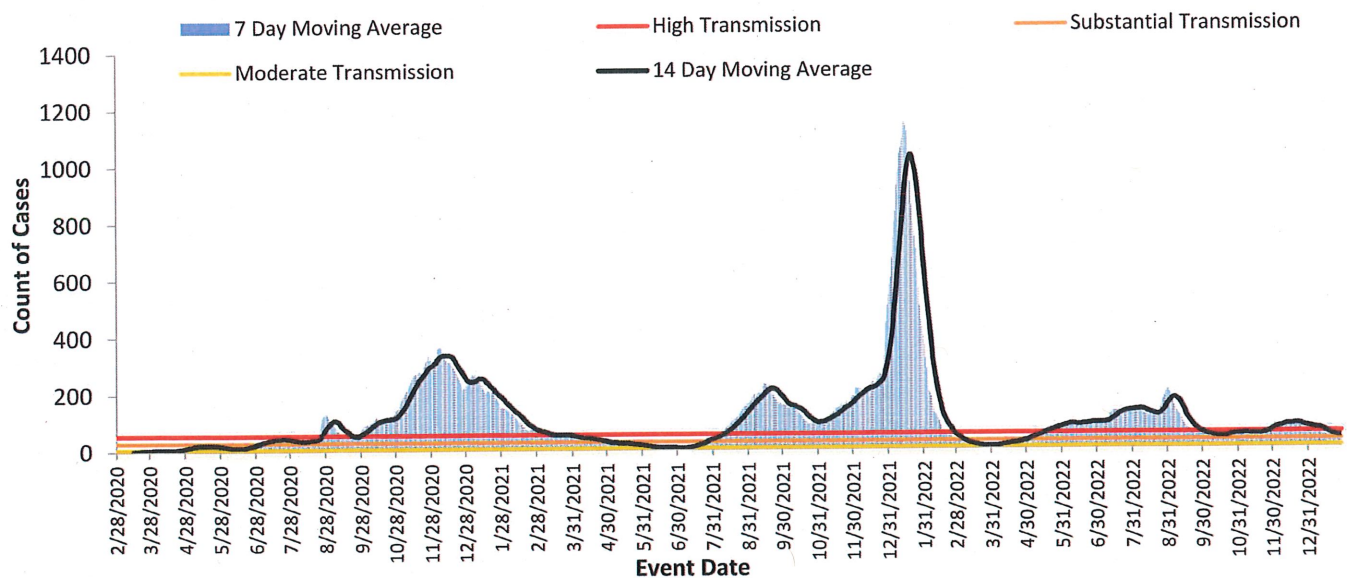
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*COVID-19 cases are sorted by Event Date (the earliest public health knows about the case). All other reportable diseases are sorted by Date Reported to ODH. This is due to the data entry delay that occurred during the fourth wave of COVID-19. Report reflects time period of January 1-31, 2023 unless otherwise noted. Table 6 includes only probable and confirmed cases. Data accessed from the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) on 2/9/2023.

Table 4.* Diseases Reported in Butler County (January 2023)

Jurisdictions	Butler County General Health District	Middletown City Health Department	City of Hamilton Health Department	Butler County (all inclusive)
Campylobacteriosis	3	0	0	3
Chlamydia infection	64	25	18	107
COVID-19	930	194	241	1365
CP-CRE	1	0	0	1
Cryptosporidiosis	1	0	0	1
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	2	0	0	2
Giardiasis	1	0	0	1
Gonococcal infection	15	6	6	27
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	1	0	0	1
Hepatitis A		1	0	1
Hepatitis B	7	1	3	11
Hepatitis C	11	11	5	27
HIV	2	1	1	4
Influenza-associated hospitalization	11	1	6	18
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	1	0	1	2
Mumps	1	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	3	1	1	5
Shigellosis	1	0		1
Streptococcal, Group A (invasive disease)	3	0	3	6
Streptococcus pneumoniae (invasive disease)	2	1	2	5
Syphilis	2	2	0	4
Varicella	1	0	1	2
Yersiniosis	2	0	0	2
Total	1,065	288	244	1597

Figure 1. Reported Cases of COVID-19 by Date of Event*



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Butler County Reportable Disease Surveillance

Table 6 outlines Butler County's select, reportable disease counts by year, that were classified as either "probable" or "confirmed" during the years of 2017 through 2022 and provides a 5-year average (2018-2022) column for comparison. Graph includes those diseases that represent a consistent threat to public health.

Table 6. * Reported Probable/Confirmed Cases in Butler County (2017-2023)

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	5 Year Avg.	1/31/2023
Amebiasis	2	1	0	1	1	1	0
Botulism- wound	0	0	0	0	1	<1	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	2	0	<1	0
Candida auris (not reportable prior to 2019)	-	0	0	1	13	-	0
Campylobacteriosis	33	45	30	35	48	38.2	3
Chlamydia infection	1,592	1,631	1,512	1,406	1359	1500	107
COVID-19 (not reportable prior to 2020)	-	-	26,420	39,521	49,323	38,421.33	1,358
CP- CRE (not reportable prior to 2019)	-	4	10	11	12	9.25	0
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	1	2	0	1	1	1	0
Cryptosporidiosis	6	4	6	5	7	5.6	1
Cyclosporiasis	4	2	0	0	1	1.4	0
Dengue	0	1	0	1	1	0.6	0
E. coli, Shiga-Toxin Producing	14	11	14	15	17	14.2	2
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis	0	0	1	1	1	<1	0
Giardiasis	12	12	4	14	7	9.8	1
Gonococcal Infection	668	732	651	480	473	600.8	27
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	17	10	7	6	11	10.2	1
Hemolytic uremic syndrome	0	0	0	1	0	<1	0
Hepatitis A	304	104	2	1	0	82.2	0
Hepatitis B - acute/chronic/perinatal	166	109	67	85	78	101	7
Hepatitis C - acute/chronic/perinatal	750	552	486	434	390	522.4	26
HIV	43	24	17	58	38	36	3
Influenza-associated Hospitalization	479	325	266	18	306	278.8	17
Legionellosis - Legionnaires' Disease	16	17	10	9	15	13.4	0
Hansen's disease	0	0	0	0	1	<1	0
Listeriosis	1	0	0	0	1	<1	0
Lyme Disease	4	3	2	0	2	2.2	0
Malaria	2	2	2	1	3	2	0
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	16	25	9	14	10	14.8	2
Meningitis - bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	3	4	3	3	11	4.8	0
Meningococcal dz. - Neisseria meningitidis	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	-	-	-	15	7	-	0
Monkeypox (not reportable prior to 2022)	-	-	-	-	4	-	0
Mumps	2	1	0	0	0	<1	0
Pertussis	16	38	13	3	3	14.6	0
Salmonellosis	32	32	20	26	34	28.8	5
Salmonella Typhi (Typhoid Fever)	0	0	0	2	0	<1	0
Shigellosis	45	7	8	3	6	13.8	1
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis (including RMSF)	0	0	2	0	1	<1	0
Streptococcal - Group A - invasive	23	24	27	24	34	26.4	3
Streptococcal - Group B - in newborn	3	0	1	0	1	1	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae - Invasive	54	59	31	33	40	43.4	5
Syphilis (all stages)	47	11	17	23	45	28.6	3
Tuberculosis (active)	2	8	6	7	8	6.2	0
Varicella	13	14	1	5	8	8.2	2
Vibriosis (not Cholera)	2	1	0	2	2	1.4	0
West Nile Virus Disease	0	0	0	0	0	<1	0
Yersiniosis	0	1	0	1	2	<1	2

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Butler County Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations Demographics

Figure 2. Percent of Hospitalizations by Age Group

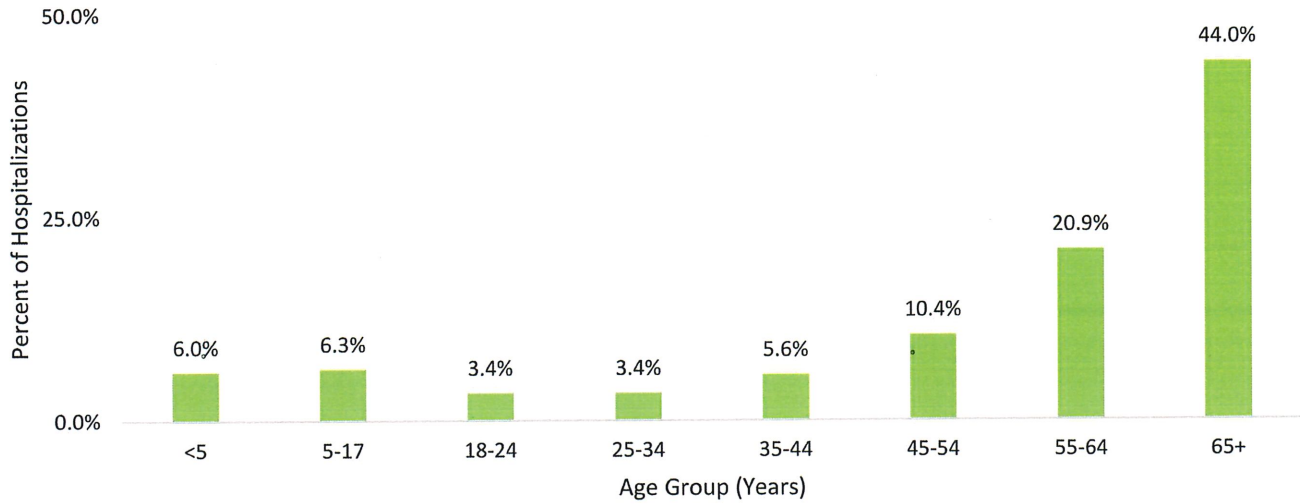


Figure 3. Percent of Hospitalizations by Sex

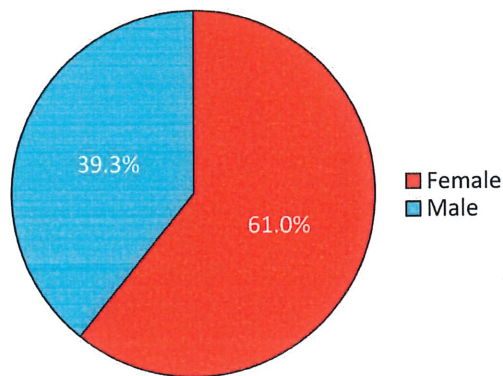
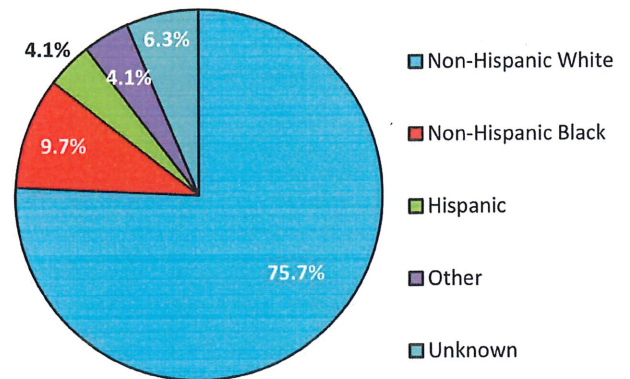
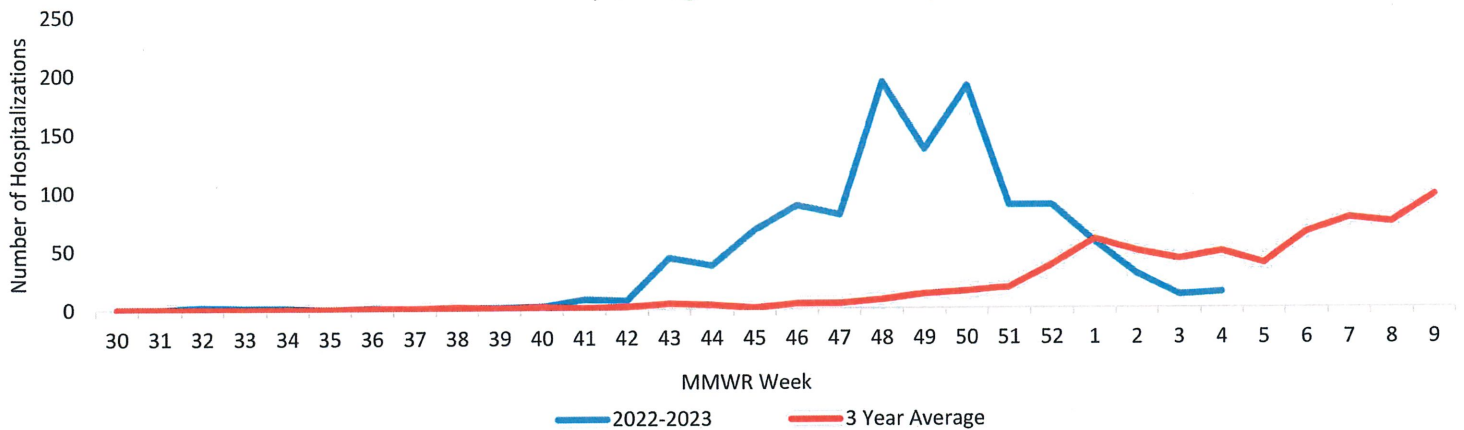


Figure 4. Percent of Hospitalizations by Race and Ethnicity



Southwest Ohio Weekly Surveillance

Figure 5. Newly Confirmed Influenza Associated Hospitalizations by MMWR Week with Past 3 Year Baseline Average for Southwest Ohio (excluding 2020-2021 Flu Season)



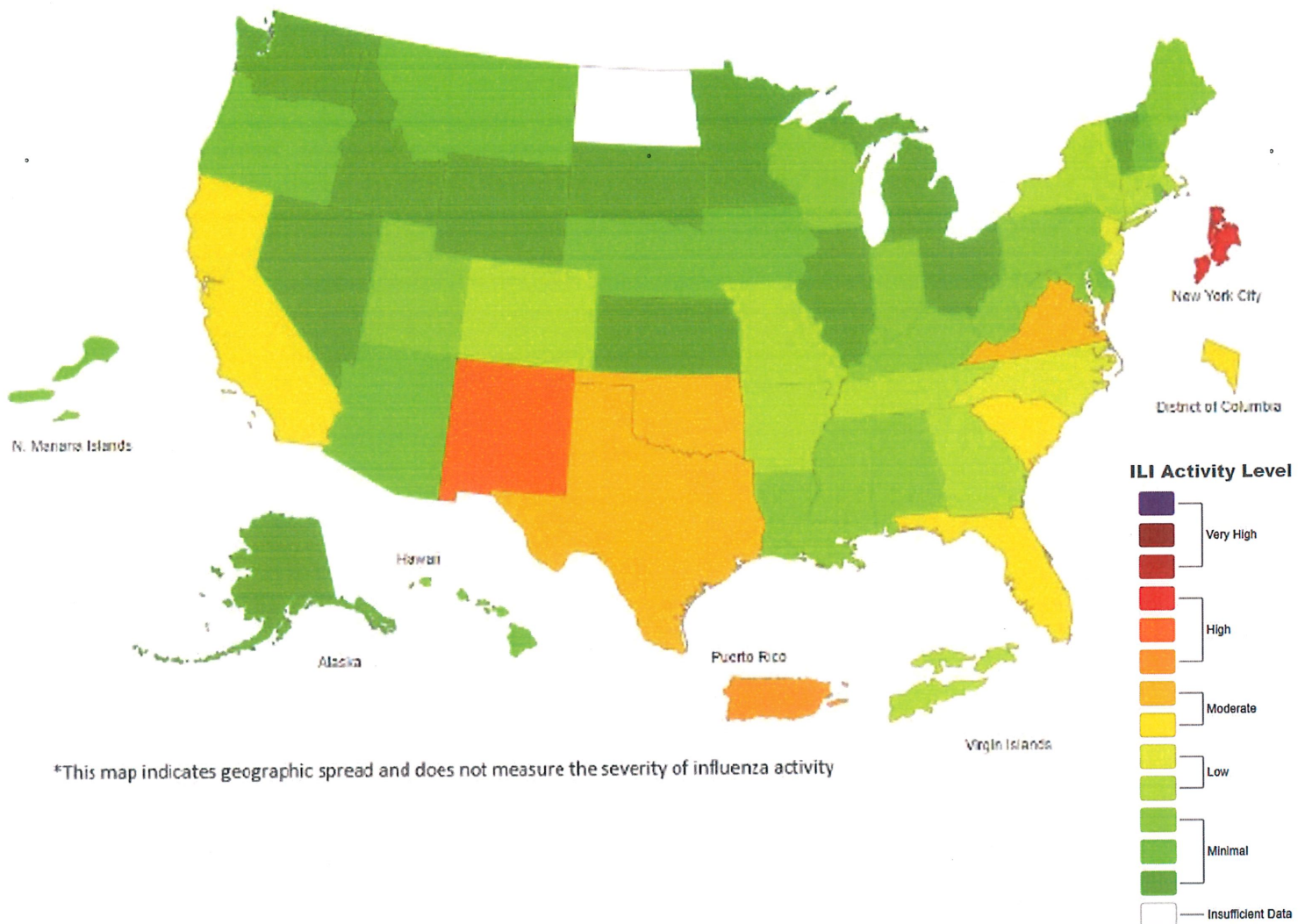
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FLUVIEW

A Weekly Influenza Surveillance Report Prepared by the Influenza Division



2022-23 Influenza Season Week 3 ending Jan 21, 2023



*This map indicates geographic spread and does not measure the severity of influenza activity

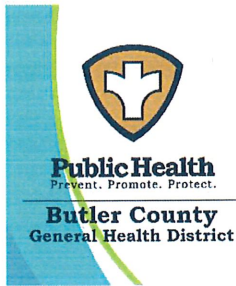
National Influenza Activity Summary <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/fluactivitysurv.htm>

Note: Flu View map updated 1 week late due to delays in data reporting to the CDC

Sources of Influenza Surveillance Data

Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (ODRS): Influenza-associated hospitalizations are reported to local health departments for entry into the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). Hospitalizations can be used as an indicator of the severity of illness during a particular influenza season. This condition became reportable in 2009.

For further information or questions, please contact:
Butler County General Health District, 513-863-1770



Butler County General Health District's 153rd COVID-19 Update (1/28/2023) Confirmed and Probable COVID-19 Cases Reported to Butler County* Butler County Residents, 2020-22

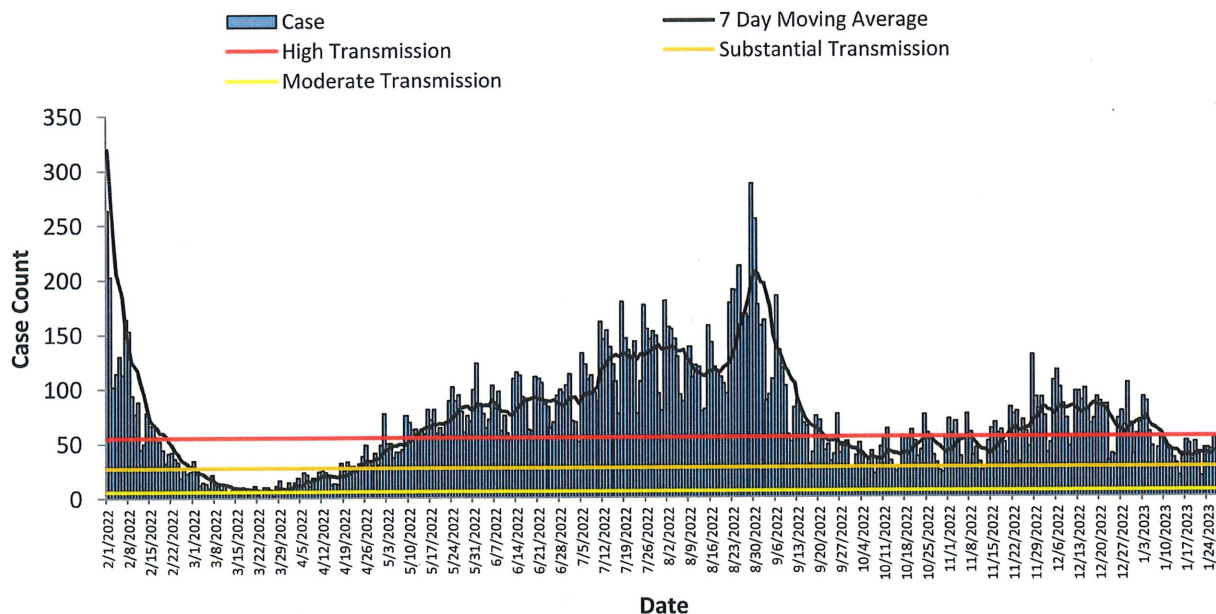
Total # of Cases (01/28):	116,519*
ODH verified Deaths (01/28):	1,233**
Hospitalizations (01/28):	3,892
First Case Reported:	3/11/2020
Last Case Reported (so far):	01/28/2023
Confirmed Cases:	83,134
Probable Cases:	33,355
Age Range:	<1-103
Median Age:	37
Mean Age:	38.9
Incidence (thru 01/28):	29,849.3 per 100,000
Prevalence (thru 01/28):	29.8% of BC population
7-Day Positivity Rate (02/02):	10.2% of tests performed in BC

Table 1: CDC Indicators		
Indicator	Butler County New Cases over 7 days	Status Level
Community Level	-	LOW
Positivity Rate	10.17% of tests performed in Butler County	HIGH Positivity (Over 9.99% of tests)
Incidence per 100,000 population	67.89 per 100,000	Substantial Spread (50.00-99.99 per 100,000)

The Butler County General Health District will continue to monitor transmission levels based on previous CDC indicators; however, generalized guidance will now be based on the CDC's Community Level indicators.

Based on the criteria for community levels and Butler County's figures, Butler County is at **LOW** community levels and **HIGH** transmission.

Figure 1. Cases by Date of Event Since February 1, 2022

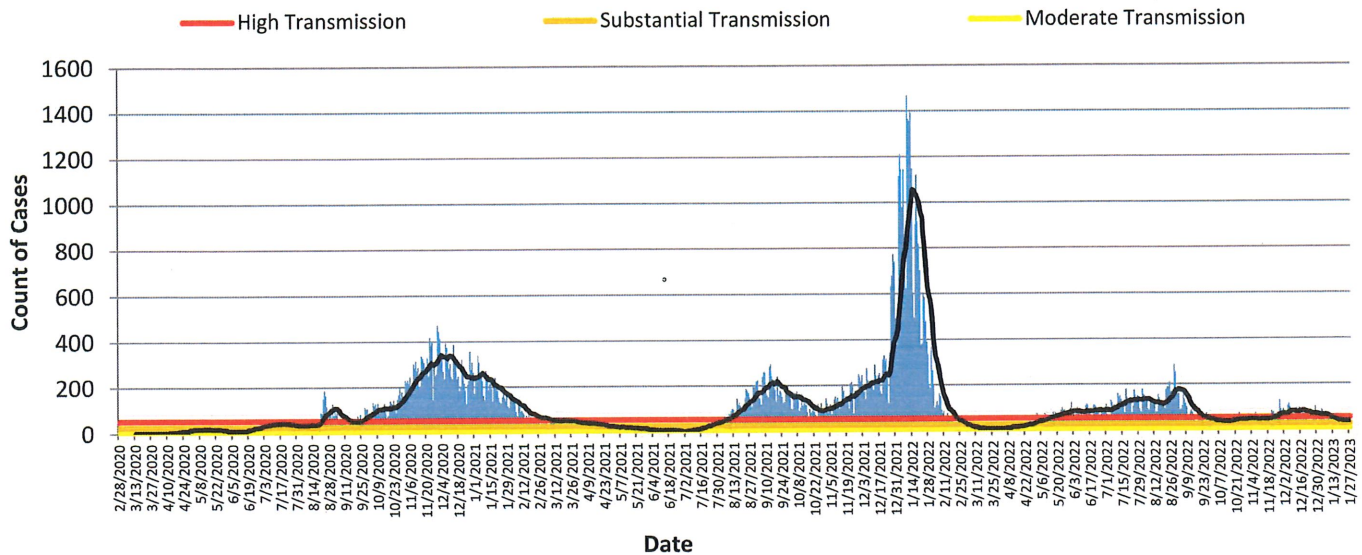


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Figure 2. Reported Cases of COVID-19 by Date of Event 2020-2023*



ZIP Code	Number of Cases	New Cases (01/22-01/28)	Change in cases from previous 7 days (01/15-01/21)	Transmission	% of Cases
45011	21325	65	1.6%	Substantial	18.3%
45044	16751	31	14.8%	Substantial	14.4%
45013	15616	32	-27.3%	Substantial	13.4%
45069	15751	35	-23.9%	Substantial	13.5%
45014	13724	39	11.4%	Substantial	11.8%
45056	7716	14	55.6%	Substantial	6.6%
45042	7780	15	-6.3%	Substantial	6.7%
45067	4677	11	83.3%	Substantial	4.0%
45050	3260	8	-27.3%	Substantial	2.8%
45015	3366	6	-25.0%	Moderate	2.9%
45241	1786	2	-50.0%		1.5%
45053	793	1	-50.0%	Moderate	0.7%
45005	761	3	200.0%		0.7%
45064	484	1	-50.0%		0.4%
45246	213	0	-		0.2%
45062	174	0	-		0.1%
Cases lacking zip code information or from zip codes with too few cases	2,342	2			2.0%
Butler County (inclusive)	116,519	265	-13 (-4.68%)	Substantial	100%

Zip-codes that have no transmissions rates have most of their populations outside of Butler County. Zip-codes with too few cases have been removed for privacy concerns.

New Cases are determined by "Date of Event" which is when the case was ill/test was collected. CDC determines new cases by "Date of Report".

Table 2 shows the zip-code level data that is new for this week.

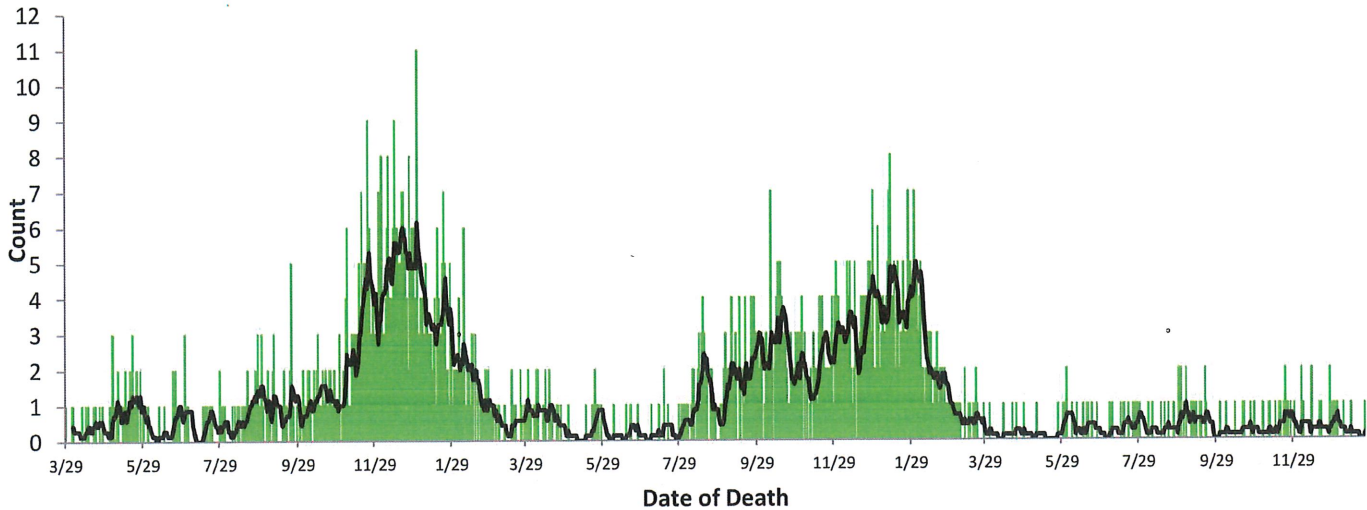
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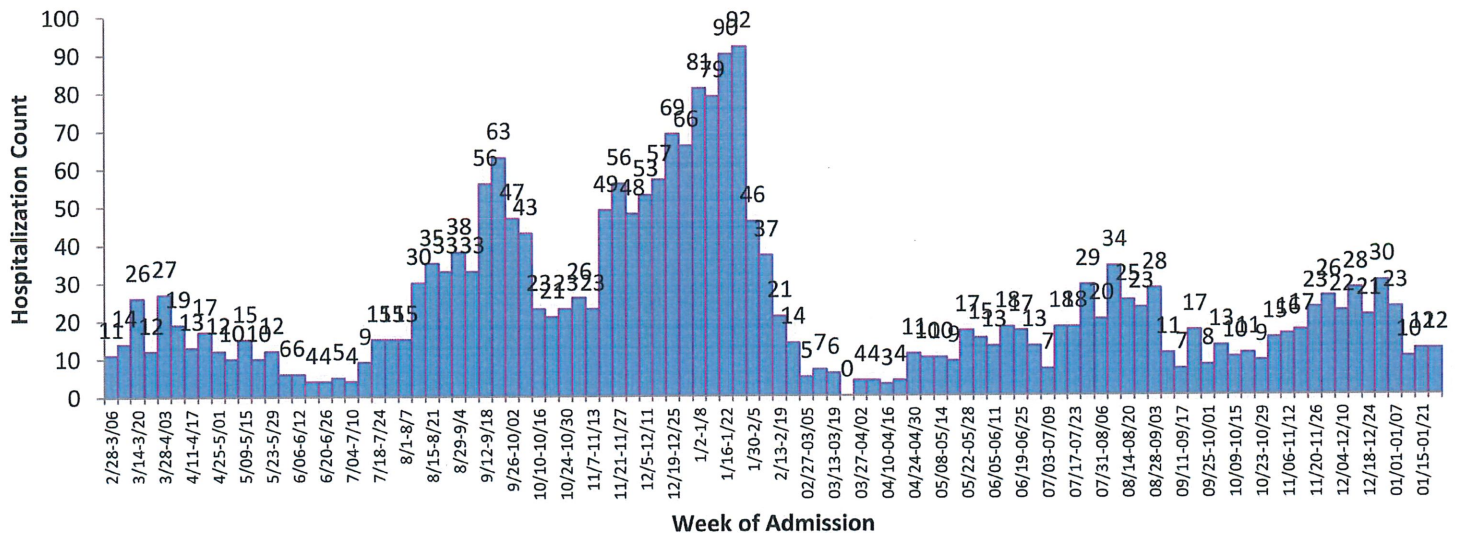
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Figure 3. Confirmed COVID-19 Deaths by date of death, 2020-23**



Figures 3 and 4 show severe case outcomes. These are both lagging indicators since it typically takes time for a case to succumb to COVID and well over a month for a COVID-19 death to be verified. Deaths will take about 4-6 weeks to begin to register for last week.

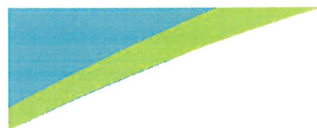
Figure 4. COVID-19 Hospitalizations of Butler County Residents by Week since the first week of March 2021



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Figure 1: Middletown SSP Site Visitors by Month for 2022 and 2023

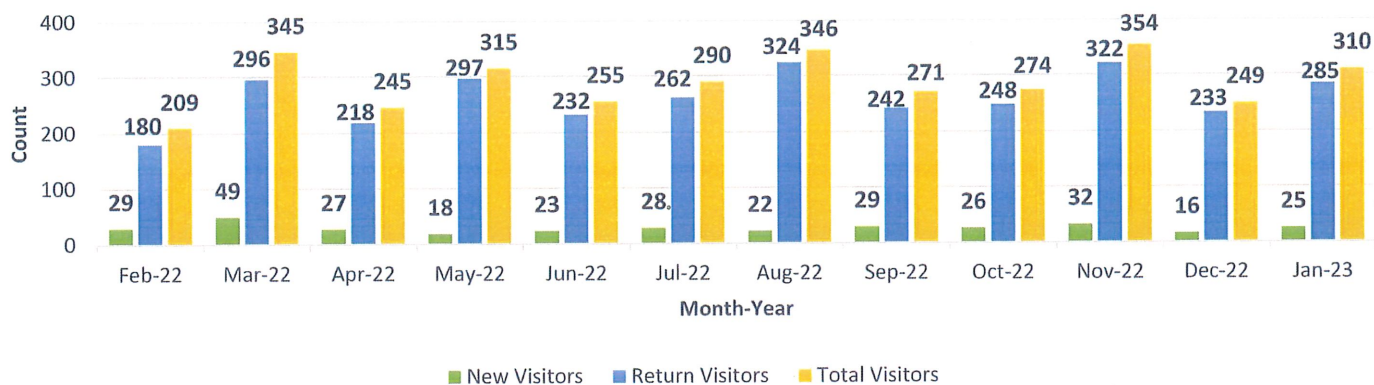


Figure 2: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Month for the Middletown SSP Site for 2022 and 2023

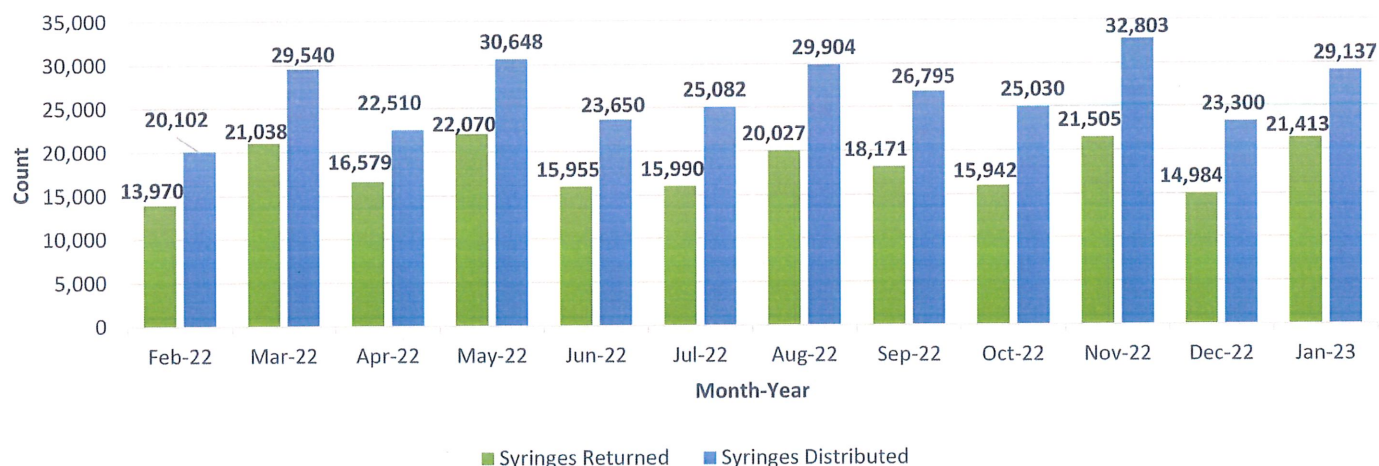
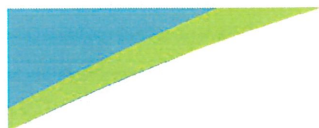


Table 1: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Visitors' Home County of Residence for the Middletown SSP Site for January 2023

County	Syringes Returned	Syringes Distributed	Percent Returned
Butler County, OH	20,243	27,762	72.92%
Hamilton County, OH	300	225	133.33%
Montgomery County, OH	50	170	29.41%
Preble County, OH	120	160	75.00%
Warren County, OH	700	820	85.37%
Total	21,413	29,137	73.49%

Source: Access Counseling Regional Harm Reduction Collaborative Middletown Syringe Service Program Site, Data is provisional and subject to change, Data obtained January 31, 2023



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Table 2: Syringes Returned and Distributed by Zip Code - City for the Middletown SSP Site by Butler County Visitors' Home Residence for January 2023

Zip Code - City	Syringes Returned	Syringes Distributed	Percent Returned
Middletown			
45042	5,943	7,992	74.36%
45044	8,722	12,410	70.28%
Middletown Total	14,665	20,402	71.88%
Hamilton			
45011	3,855	4,960	77.72%
45013	958	1,270	75.43%
45015	0	160	0.00%
Hamilton Total	4,813	6,390	75.32%
45014 - Fairfield	555	600	92.50%
45050 - Monroe	50	130	38.46%
45056 - Oxford	60	60	100.00%
45067 - Trenton	100	180	55.56%
Butler County Total	20,243	27,762	72.92%

Figure 3: Naloxone Kits and Fentanyl Test Strips Distributed by Month for Middletown SSP Site for 2022 and 2023



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Smoking Complaint Spreadsheet for January 2023

Business Name	Date	Notice of Report	Dismissed	Notice of Violation (30 Days)	Letter of Warning (15 Days)	Civil Fine Letter	Violation Contested	Notice of Hearing	Additional Comments
1									
2									
3									
4									
5									
Notes: No smoking cases received during the month of January									

City of Middletown Health Department

January 2023

Vital Statistics	MONTHLY	YTD	Environmental Inspections	MONTHLY	YTD
Birth Certificates Filed	63	63	Food Service Operations(FSO)	33	33
Death Certificates Filed	69	69	Retail Food Establishments(RFE)	8	8
Birth Certificates Issued	356	356	Prelicense/Consultations	9	9
Death Certificates Issued	339	339	Sewage Inspections	0	0
Indigent Cremation Services	4	4	School Inspections	0	0
			Vending Locations	0	0
			Temporary FSO/RFE	0	0
			Mobile FSO/RFE	0	0
			Complaints	3	3
			Smoking Complaint Inspections	0	0
			Swimming Pools	9	9
			Tattoo	0	0
			Temp Park/Park Camp	0	0
			Jail Inspection	0	0
			Site Visit (Septic)	0	0
			Well Inspection	0	0

Deaths Filed

Accidental		
Drug Overdose	0	0
Falls	1	1
Motor Vehicle	0	0
Drowning	0	0
Choking	0	0
Homicide	0	0
Suicide	1	1
COVID-19 Related Deaths	2	2
Could Not Be Determined	0	0
Pending Investigation	3	3

**Totals reflect City of Middletown residents that died inside of city limits only

Level 1 Certification Training

Number of Attendees	0	0
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Animal Bite Events

Dog	6	6
Cat	1	1
Bat	0	0

Information Provided by Southwest Ohio Air Quality -2022 Air Quality Complaints

1 Notice of Violation on 8/2/22- Quaker Houghton, 3421 Yankee Road, Middletown Ohio

Year	Date	locality	POLLUTANT	STREET	Facility Suspected
2022	12/14/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca	Cleveland Cliffs
2022	11/9/2022	Middletown	Odor		NA
2022	11/7/2022	Middletown	Odor	Ottawa	
2022	11/4/2022	Middletown	Odor	Cin-Day Road	NA
2022	10/28/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrews Street	NA
2022	10/24/2022	Middletown	Odor	Ottawa	NA
2022	10/11/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Ottawa	N/A
2022	10/5/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca Street	NA
2022	10/4/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	Stein
2022	9/30/2022	Middletown	Open Burning	Ohio SWDO E 5th ST	N/A
2022	9/29/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Ottawa Street	NA
2022	9/18/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew Street	NA
2022	9/13/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrews St.	NA
2022	9/13/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrews St.	NA
2022	9/9/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca St	NA
2022	8/30/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Dorothy	NA
2022	8/29/2022	Middletown	Open Burning		Land of Illusion
2022	8/24/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	NA
2022	8/18/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca St	NA
2022	8/17/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	Stein
2022	8/13/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca	Cleveland Cliffs

Year	Date	locality	POLLUTANT	STREET	Facility Suspected
2022	8/12/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Ottawa	NA
2022	7/15/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca	No
2022	7/14/2022	Middletown	Odor	Ottawa	NA
2022	7/13/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	Stein
2022	7/9/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca	NA
2022	6/29/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	Cleveland Cliffs and Stein
2022	6/29/2022	Middletown	Odor	Grand Ave	Barrett Middletown and Cohen
2022	6/28/2022	Middletown	Open Burning		
2022	6/25/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Seneca	Cleveland Cliffs Steel
2022	6/24/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Ottawa	Cleveland Cliffs Steel
2022	6/21/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State Road	NA
2022	6/12/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew	NA
2022	6/10/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew	NA
2022	6/8/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State Road	NA
2022	6/8/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Ottawa	NA
2022	6/6/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew	NA
2022	5/31/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Oxford State Rd	NA
2022	5/27/2022	Middletown	Odor	Oxford State Rd	NA
2022	5/23/2022	Middletown	Other		NA
2022	5/21/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew	Middletown Coke/SunCoke
2022	5/19/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrew	SunCoke/Middletown Coke
2022	4/25/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Oxford State	Stein
2022	4/22/2022	Middletown	Odor	Superior Ave	Cleveland Cliffs (AK Steel)

Year	Date	locality	POLLUTANT	STREET	Facility Suspected
2022	4/11/2022	Middletown	Odor	Ottawa St.	Cleveland Cliffs (AK) Steel
2002	3/21/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Oxford State	Stein
2022	3/4/2022	Middletown	Other	Waneta	NA
2022	3/1/2022	Middletown	Fugitive Dust	Oxford State	NA
2022	2/16/2022	Middletown	Odor	Andrews Street	NA
2022	1/26/2022	Middletown	Particulate	Oxford State	NA
2022	1/24/2022	Middletown	Odor		Valicor
2022	1/21/2022	Middletown	Asbestos	Superior Ave	NA



In 1964 President Lyndon B. Johnson declared February American Heart Health Month. Since his declaration, the month of February has been used to raise heart health awareness and educate ways to protect heart health.

Below are ways to participate in American Heart Month 2023 to be an example of heart health!

February: Week 1: Increase Physically Activity!!

Begin an exercise routine that fits your lifestyle. Encourage others to become more physically active. Organize neighborhood walks and encourage play dates for children.

February Week 2: Eat Healthier!!

Make heart healthy food choices. Invite friends and family over for balanced meals at home that support heart health. Try new foods and recipes that support good cholesterol levels.

February Week 3: Know your Heart Health Statistics!!

Know your numbers! Work with your physician and get to know your numbers for blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol levels, and weight/BMI. Talk with your relatives and gather a Family Health History and discuss with your physician to identify any predisposed risks for heart disease.

February Week 4: Protect your heart!! Manage stress, quit smoking, etc.!!

Quit smoking for a healthier heart. Plan a better sleep routine to assure getting the best rest for health. Manage stress in daily life by taking time for yourself and your mental wellbeing.

Stop by your City of Middletown Health Department Door for additional Heart health topics and checklists to help you and your loved ones become aware of ways to increase your heart health.

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Happy Wednesday, January 25, 2023

I want to say thank you to those who were able to come and assist in the PIT count last night!

Due to the weather we were asked to cut the PIT count short, which means we did not count all of Butler County BUT we have been told that we can complete our count in 7 days, which would be next Monday January 30, 2023. I am looking for volunteers to assist in this count which I plan to begin at 5:30 pm at TLC, 2052 Princeton Road. If you are able to assist in completing the count it would be greatly appreciated!

In Service,

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DeWine signs distracted driving law limiting use of devices

Other law changes include decriminalizing fentanyl test strips, making 'swatting' a felony.



A sign on I-75 warns drivers they are entering a distracted driving safety corridor.
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CLOSER LOOK

Gov. Mike DeWine signed a bill Tuesday morning limiting the use of electronic devices while driving that supporters hope will decrease distracted driving crashes and fatalities.

The new law makes most cases of holding a cellphone or similar device while driving a primary offense, meaning law enforcement officers can stop motorists for it without any other reason.

“Right now, too many people are willing to risk their lives while behind the wheel to get a look at their phones,” DeWine said. “My hope is that this legislation will prompt a cultural shift around distracted driving that normalizes the fact that distracted driving is dangerous, irresponsible, and just as deadly as driving drunk.”

Ohio State Highway Patrol Superintendent Col. Charles Jones said Tuesday the law will “undoubtedly change and enhance driving behaviors” and “save countless lives.”

Every time a driver takes their focus off the road, even for a few seconds, they put their life and others’ in danger, he added.

As of Dec. 26, there were 31 fatal distracted driving crashes in Ohio last year and 260 that involved serious injuries, according to the OSHP’s distracted driving dashboard. Interstate 75 had the most distracted driving-related crashes in Ohio last year, with 165. Interstate 71 was second, with 139.

A Journal-News investigation in December found 2022 was on track to become the deadliest in recent years for traffic fatalities and distracted driving in Ohio.

Montgomery and its seven surrounding counties had at least 32,752 traffic crashes resulting in 172 deaths, of which 1,541 were blamed on distracted driving — as were eight of the deaths, according to Ohio Department of Public Safety statistics.

“It is our hope through this legislation that we can stop (distracted drivers) before they crash and injure themselves and others,” Jones said.

Under the law, police must observe drivers using a handheld electronic device to pull them over. They cannot search devices for evidence of recent use without a warrant or if the driver allows them to.

The new law will go into effect in 90 days. For the first six months, offenders

will get off with warnings while the state conducts a massive public education campaign. After that, police will be able to issue citations.

A first offense will include penalties of up to \$150 and two points on the person's license unless they complete a distracted driving safety course. Repeat offenders can face more serious penalties.

Other law changes

The legislation DeWine signed Tuesday, which received bipartisan support in the House and Senate, makes a host of other changes to Ohio law.

It will let inmates earn more time off prison sentences and make it easier to keep some criminal records out of the public eye. It will also decriminalize fentanyl test strips, make strangulation a separate offense, outlaw fertility fraud by doctors, and mandate age-appropriate education about child sexual abuse prevention in schools, among other changes.

State lawmakers also included a provision to throw out the statute of limitations for attempted aggravated murder. The bill's sponsor has said that change is in response to a recent Ohio Supreme Court ruling that the timeline for charging defendants with this crime runs out six years after it was committed.

DeWine also has signed a separate bill that creates the felony offense of swatting – when someone knowingly reports a false emergency that prompts response by law enforcement, such as a kidnapping, school shooting or other violent crimes.

Staff writer Jim Gaines and the Associated Press contributed to this report.

NEW OHIO DISTRACTED DRIVING LAW

WHAT IS ALLOWED, BANNED AND EXEMPT?

- Holding a cellphone to your ear is allowed, but staring at a handheld phone is not.

- Drivers are allowed “one (finger) swipe” on a screen, such as answering a call.
- Using an online map or navigation device is fine so long as it’s mounted on the dash or on the console — not held in the hand.
- Police, other first responders and utility workers are exempt.
- Two-way radios used by the Amateur Radio Service, AKA “ham radio,” are exempt.

WHAT CAN AND CAN'T POLICE DO?

- Police can stop drivers just for using a handheld electronic device.
- They have to actually see the driver using it.
- Officers can't search an electronic device for evidence of recent use unless they have a warrant, or the driver allows them to do so.
- Police agencies will have to track and report racial data on everyone they stop for a distracted-driving violation.

HOW WILL PEOPLE KNOW?

- Drivers will have to sign a statement on the new law when they get or renew their licenses.
- Driver education classes and questions on license exams will cover the standards.
- Signs on some highways and at the state line will warn drivers of the new law.
- The state plans to conduct a public information campaign before the law goes into full force.
- For the law's first six months in effect, police can only give written

warnings to violators, allowing time for people to learn and adjust to the new rules.

Middletown restaurant is closing, as owner eyes a different setup

Aimee's Produce to open in former Peggy's Produce location, maybe as early as next month.



Nancy Griffith, who has operated Mockingbirds Cafe for nine years, including eight years on Central Avenue, is closing her restaurant and taking over former Peggy's Produce Market in Madison Twp., 380 Middletown-Eaton Road.

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One downtown Middletown restaurant is closing, and a popular Madison Twp. business is reopening.

Nancy Griffith, who has operated Mockingbirds Cafe for nine years, including eight years on Central Avenue, is closing her restaurant and taking over former Peggy's Produce Market in Madison Twp., 380 Middletown-Eaton Road.

Griffith said the "timing was right" to change careers. She said the Middletown restaurant business became stagnant during the COVID-19 pandemic and during the major renovations that closed Central Avenue to traffic for months.

She expects to close Mockingbirds before her lease expires in May and hopes to reopen Peggy's in late February or early March after passing all the health inspections.

The business will be owned by Griffith, her husband, Tim; and Michael Stafford.

The produce stand will be named Aimee's.

After opening the produce stand, she may add a delicatessen.

Griffith said several neighboring businesses in the township and teachers in the Madison district have encouraged her to offer lunch sandwiches.

Last year, Peggy and Larry Landers closed Peggy's, which operated for nearly 10 years.

They cited the difficulty hiring employees and increased prices as two reasons.

But more than those two economic indicators, Landers said, after battling

breast cancer, she had a deeper appreciation of family and friends.

Peggy was diagnosed with breast cancer in July and had surgery in August. She said it appears the cancer was detected early and she's hopeful for a full recovery.

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Hospitals in region face penalties for readmissions

Program tracks how often Medicare patients are readmitted, can cut up to 3% of hospitals' payments.



In an effort to improve quality care at hospitals and reduce costs, Medicare's Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program tracks how often Medicare patients are readmitted to a hospital within 30 days for an illness they were previously treated for. Medicare

can cut up to 3% of its payments to hospitals, though fines to Dayton-region facilities are all below 1%. Officials have cited the challenges local hospitals have faced since the pandemic as impacting readmission rates.

FILE

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CLOSER LOOK

Hospitals associated with Kettering Health, Premier Health, and Mercy Health in the region are facing fines from Medicare for excess patient readmissions.

To improve quality care at hospitals and reduce costs, Medicare's Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program created in 2012 tracks how often Medicare patients are readmitted to a hospital within 30 days for an illness they were previously treated for.

Medicare can cut up to 3% of its payments to hospitals through how it calculates readmission measures, though fines to Dayton-region facilities are all below 1%.

"What the government is essentially trying to do is measure the performance on readmissions, and then if readmissions are high, that there's some sort of penalty associated with it," said Loren Anthes, head of policy and programs at Yuvo Health, a health tech company working with federally qualified health centers.

Anthes said, over the life of this program, the number of preventable readmissions has gone down and the average penalties are under 1%.

Dayton-area hospitals are not alone. Approximately 75% of hospitals across the U.S. receive a penalty through the Medicare program, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS).

Officials with the Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association, which represents 29 hospitals and health systems in the Dayton region, cited the challenges local hospitals have faced since the COVID-19 pandemic as impacting readmission rates.

Under the program, hospitals are encouraged to improve communication and care coordination to better engage patients and caregivers in discharge plans and, in turn, reduce what CMS deems to be avoidable readmissions.

“Hospitals have been working in a determined fashion to identify ways of reducing the likelihood of their patients being readmitted to the hospital,” said Akin Demehin, senior director of policy of the American Hospital Association.

Local penalties

Kettering Health faces the majority of the penalties issued locally, according to data collected by the Kaiser Family Foundation.

For the fiscal year 2023, Kettering Health Dayton, formerly Grandview Medical Center, faces a penalty of 0.75%, up slightly from 0.73% in 2022. Soin Medical Center - Kettering Health faces a fine of 0.64% for 2023, which is down from 0.77% in 2022.

Kettering Health Medical Center faces a fine of 0.41%, which is up from 0.04% in 2022, and Kettering Health Greene Memorial is on the much lower end with a fine of 0.07%, the same as what it faced in 2022.

This newspaper reached out to both Kettering Health and Premier Health for comment, and those hospital systems deferred to GDAHA.

In a statement, GDAHA said its member hospitals faced extraordinary challenges with respiratory illnesses.

“Unfortunately, the healthcare community continues to see patients who are more severely impacted by respiratory viruses and patients who delayed

necessary medical screenings and procedures because of COVID-19,” said Sarah Hackenbracht, president and CEO of GDAHA.

Premier Health hospitals face penalties, including Miami Valley Hospital, which is facing a fine of 0.48%. This is up slightly from 0.46% in 2022. Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy faces a fine of 0.27% for 2023, which is down from 0.92% in 2022.

Mercy Health - Springfield Regional Medical Center faces a fine of 0.04%, down from 0.63%.

Area hospitals that are not facing fines from Medicare for readmissions include Kettering Medical Center in Troy, which includes its Piqua location, and Mercy Health - Urbana Hospitals.

What was tracked

The fiscal year 2023 performance period was July 1, 2018, to Dec. 1, 2019, and July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021. Hospital discharges that occurred during the performance period are eligible for these program calculations.

“There’s always a lag between payment, in this case federal fiscal year 2023, and the performance period,” Demehin said.

CMS took the COVID-19 public health emergency into account when determining the performance period for fiscal year 2023, by removing some of 2020 when calculating the performance for hospitals.

“That beginning part of the pandemic was just so unprecedented,” Demehin said. “It was placing such a strain on hospitals that trying to measure performance during a time frame that was so disruptive would be really problematic.”

CMS also stated that while it was reporting measure results of pneumonia readmissions, those calculations did not contribute to the fiscal year 2023 payment reduction calculations.

GDAHA noted other conditions could be impacted by respiratory illnesses. CMS tracks the admission and readmission rates for the following conditions and procedures when evaluating hospitals: acute myocardial infarction, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, heart failure, pneumonia, coronary artery bypass graft surgery, and elective primary total hip arthroplasty and/ or total knee arthroplasty.

Other risk factors

GDAHA and the American Hospital Association said hospital readmissions are also impacted by social risk factors not taken into account by CMS.

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"Factors such as unstable housing and food insecurity make recovery from an inpatient hospital stay much more challenging, but those factors are not included in the CMS assessment," Hackenbracht said. "Current partnerships that expand support and programs to address the social determinants of health and improve health equity in our region drive the importance of linking the SVI (social vulnerability index) data to readmission scores and penalties."

Demehin said factors like access to primary care for post-hospital visits, along with access to transportation, can impact individuals' recoveries.

"By implementing a program that ties payment penalties to hospitals to those measures, it's really important to try to account for those factors that may be beyond hospitals' control," Demehin said.

Other policy experts say programs like Medicare's readmission reduction program is about "value-based care," tying the outcomes of treatment to the cost.

"I think the positive progress that we have seen where nearly a quarter of all hospitals this past fiscal year did not have a penalty is a sign these sorts of

programs work and that we should encourage more policy environments where value-based care is part of our everyday," Anthes said.

Going forward

GDAHA said its member hospitals are continuing to look at ways to address readmissions. Those efforts include renewed focuses on cardiac rehabilitation, more in-depth care management for complex patients and those who frequent emergency departments, and improving partnerships and communication with other health agencies, like skilled nursing facilities for post-acute care, federally qualified health centers, and home health care pathways.

"Despite the impact of a more challenging series of respiratory viruses, member hospitals remain focused on reducing unnecessary readmissions via independent and collaborative efforts that improve the quality and safety of care for all patients," Hackenbracht said.

Doctor: Youth obesity ‘disaster waiting to happen’

Diabetes in youth likely to surge in the future, research says.



A Dayton doctor said communities should promote more groceries like the Gem City Market, which is a full-service grocery store and deli located in the Salem Avenue corridor, to help bring groceries to food deserts. In this file photo, Gem City Market Deli Manager, Chris Bender, puts together lunch salad bar at the market. JIM NOELKER / STAFF

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CLOSER LOOK

Doctors are warning if more is not done to control childhood obesity there will be a surge in diabetes cases in coming years among young people.

As many as 220,000 young people under the age of 20 in the U.S. could have type 2 diabetes by 2060, an almost 700% increase from 2017 projections, and overall more than a half million could be diagnosed with diabetes, a recent study released by the American Diabetes Association shows.

"The long term implications for that are devastating," Dr. Mark Williams, a family physician at Premier Health Primary Care - Beavercreek, said about childhood obesity. "This is a disaster waiting to happen."

Williams said childhood obesity is a "terribly important concern" and the projected increases in diabetes for young individuals is a direct result of childhood obesity.

Study shows dramatic increase Even if the rate of new diabetes diagnoses among young people remains the same over the decades, type 2 diabetes diagnoses could increase nearly 70% and type 1 diabetes diagnoses could increase 3% by 2060, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Last year, the CDC stated an analysis of data from 2001 to 2017 showed the number of people under age 20 living with type 1 diabetes increased by 45%, and the number living with type 2 diabetes grew by 95%.

"This new research should serve as a wake-up call for all of us. It's vital that we focus our efforts to ensure all Americans, especially our young people, are the healthiest they can be," said CDC Acting Principal Deputy Director Dr. Debra Houry. "The COVID- 19 pandemic underscored how critically important it is to address chronic diseases, like diabetes."

In addition to the overall predictions, analyses of these data by race and ethnicity predicted a higher burden of type 2 diabetes for Black,

Hispanic/Latino, Asian, Pacific Islander, and American Indian/Alaska Native youth.

Childhood obesity in Ohio The increasing prevalence of childhood obesity is one of the explanations given for this projected increase in diabetes among youth, along with a predisposition to diabetes. Maternal diabetes increases the risk of diabetes in children, the CDC said.

The rate of childhood obesity in Ohio is between 16-18%, according to differing data sets from the 2019-2020 National Survey of Children's Health and 2019 data from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System.

"We definitely had an increase, especially during the 2020-2021 time frame of referrals," said Dr. Melissa King, a pediatrician and program director in the Healthy Me clinic at Dayton Children's Hospital. "It seems to have tampered back down."

King said getting kids back in school has helped with increasing physical activity among children and getting kids eating on a schedule.

Risk factors to kids

Doctors say there are a number of factors that contribute to childhood obesity.

Genetics and lifestyle factors are some of the first components that come to mind, but the social determinants of health like poverty, the way some cities are laid out, access to safe parks, and access to grocery stores are additional societal issues doctors say contribute to childhood obesity.

"Access to good healthy foods is a societal issue,"

Williams said. Those living in food deserts, which are typically defined as areas where access to fresh and affordable produce is difficult to find, may have to rely on fast food or convenience stores for food.

While it is still good that those areas have some source for food, Williams

said, the food available may be high in calories and low in nutrients.

King said approximately 30% of the patients they see in their Healthy Me clinic identify as food insecure.

"Sometimes (food insecurity) doesn't mean lack of food," King said.

"Sometimes it means lack of non-processed, non-shelfstable, calorically dense but nutrient poor food."

Williams said communities should promote more groceries like the Gem City Market, which is a full-service grocery store and deli located in the Salem Avenue corridor, to help bring groceries to food deserts.

Family predisposition and genetics play a big role, King said, in predisposing children to childhood obesity.

"Children who have a parent with obesity or children who have both parents with obesity have an increased risk by the time they reach their teenage years," King said.

Additionally, environment is a big factor, as King said access to safe neighborhoods, safe parks, and affordable sports is important for children to have for exercise. The way some cities are laid is a factor, as well, if individuals rely more on transportation than being able to walk in their cities.

"The issues we face here in Dayton are different than issues they face in California or Florida or even New York," King said.

"We're not a very walkable community, for the most part. There are segments of our community that are walkable, but for the most part, we rely on transportation outside of our own two feet, which decreases our overall physical activity."

Children may have other underlying health conditions or medications affect their appetite, making them unsure of when to trust hunger cues, King said.

Ways to promote a healthy lifestyle Families and loved ones can help promote healthy lifestyles for children through good role modeling, having family meals, and even taking small steps toward balanced meals and less sugary drinks.

Adults in the family can make physical activity and exercise a norm for the family, King said, even with something like five to 10 minute walks a few times a week, hiking, or participating in sports.

“Something to promote physical activity as a family,”

King said.

King said the research is mixed on the impact of family meal times, but the benefits they have seen include giving parents a time to connect with their children, to model behaviors and good eating habits, and to have non-distracted time to eat.

King also noted learning about recommended portion sizes. Doctors recommended children avoid soda pop and drinks with lots of sugar, as well.

King said reducing stigma or social judgment around weight can also be impactful, saying weight is complicated.

“Excess weight or obesity is really multi-factorial, and I feel like we do a lot of shaming or making it seem like it’s a moral failure,”

King said. “We do a lot of identifying of positive and negative behaviors.”

She used the example of how eating a pastry may be perceived as “bad,” but she said it is about having a balance.

“Am I doing some physical activity ... am I doing some fruits and vegetables in my diet?” King said, adding that taking small steps can help build habits like physical activity or eating vegetables. “It’s so complicated ... It doesn’t have to be an all or nothing.”

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Pandemic food stamp benefits expiring, but need still high

Supplemental SNAP benefit disappears after February.



The COVID-19 food stamp benefits are expiring. The Butler County Job and Family Services and Child Support Enforcement Agency had set up a makeshift office in a conference room on the ground floor of the Government

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After nearly three years, the extra food stamp stipend from the federal government to help people in need survive the COVID-19 pandemic will end in March, but Butler County officials say the need is still very evident.

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Director Matt Damschroder

announced Tuesday that due to changes in federal law, February will be the last month recipients of Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits— commonly referred to as food stamps — will get the supplemental COVID-19 benefit.

“Recently passed federal legislation is bringing the temporary SNAP allotment to an end after February,” Damschroder said.

“We will be communicating to recipients, county agencies and our partners, such as foodbanks, that normal SNAP payments will resume in March.”

Butler County JFS Executive Director Julie Gilbert said essentially that means people will receive at least \$95 less per month to buy food for their families.

The food stamp program is federally funded and meant to supplement the food budget of families in need so they may purchase healthy food and move toward self-sufficiency. Eligibility, as well as monthly allotments, vary based on factors such as income and household size.

The Families First Coronavirus Response Act allowed states to request emergency allotments for households participating in SNAP. As a result, OD JFS has been providing emergency allotments to SNAP households since March 2020. Congress recently passed the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2023, which ended the program.

The pandemic is essentially over, but the after-effects continue to linger, Gilbert said. “We just don’t know” how bad this will be for Butler County residents, she said.

“The emergency allotments were always going to be temporary, but we still know this is unsettling to recipients who’ve counted on this additional food assistance,”

Gilbert said. “Especially at a time when we’re looking at high inflation and costs.”

The supplements began in March 2020 and through December, Butler County residents were paid a total of \$309.7 million in food stamp benefits; \$121 million of that amount was from the COVID benefit. Overall, Butler County spending on food stamps in 2019 was \$49.8 million. It jumped to \$81.1 million in 2020 and \$113.1 million in 2021.

Terry Perdue, executive director of the Shared Harvest Foodbank, said the hardship the disappearing supplemental food stamps will cause is compounded by rising food costs. He said he just spent more than \$200,000 buying food “which is not something we typically do, in anticipation.”

“One thing we’ve been tracking over this past year is the increase in food costs.

What that means is less food that’s available for these families.

That compels them to come to our food pantry network,”

Perdue said.

“What that does for us here at Shared Harvest is we have to plan according to what we anticipate the need to be, which means we’re going to our funders and requesting more food to mitigate that increase. It’s a challenge.”

The relaxed Medicaid COVID-19 pandemic rules are also being erased. During the height of the pandemic, Gilbert’s office was not allowed to disqualify Medicaid recipients due to a change of circumstance, such as an income increase or other variables.

Gilbert said in April 2020 roughly 89,000 people utilizing the Medicaid pandemic benefit. The number was 106,000 last April.

“Medicaid is also going to be unwinding; however, we are still waiting on some guidance from the federal government on how that will be rolled out,” she said.

Gilbert said it will likely involve her staff having to “re-determine people’s eligibility” for Medicaid benefits.

She said the biggest impact will be on their food stamp clients, because the bigger benefits have become commonplace.

“I think that given that they have been receiving and counting on this additional food assistance. For the last three years they have incorporated it into their monthly budgets,” Gilbert said. “So I think every little bit does count nowadays.”

She said the county and state have no control over the rollback of these pandemic benefits, but she is urging people to take advantage of the services offered through her OhioMeansJobs division for training and job-seeking assistance. She also asked people to consider increasing donations to the various food pantries and other assistance agencies.

The backlog of applications for Emergency Rent Assistance is more evidence help for the needy still exists and it is an impact of the pandemic.

The county was awarded \$20.4 million in emergency rent and utility assistance to hand out from the federal government. The Butler County commissioners partnered with Supports to Encourage Low-income Families to manage the program.

Before the holidays, SELF executive director Jeffrey Diver told the Journal-News it had awarded \$15.3 million to 2,472 needy households with the commissioners’ federal funds and \$7.8 million to 2,346 families with other grant money.

Because they have been inundated with new applications — the backlog stood at around 450 in December — they have again had to pause accepting new applications while they help people who are facing possible eviction.

Diver said the food stamp issue is also obviously difficult.

"It's concerning, anytime there's a support for low-income individuals and families that is taken away. The question is how will that additional support be made up?" Diver said. "For many hard-working families there aren't options beyond multiple jobs, or jobs working long hours in order to feed their families."

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Premier unveils mobile clinic for underserved areas

Handicap-accessible vehicle to offer health screenings, programs in areas with limited access.



Premier Community Health unveiled a mobile clinic Friday in Dayton. The mobile clinic was funded by CareSource through the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation.



Dee Yocum, vice president of market operations for CareSource Ohio (from left), Jenny Lewis, system vice president of philanthropy at Premier Health, and Paula Thompson, president and CEO of Fidelity Health Care, unveil Premier Community Health mobile clinic in downtown Dayton on Friday. Premier Community Health is a subsidiary of Fidelity Health Care, and the new mobile clinic was funded by CareSource through the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation.

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Employees with Fidelity, Premier and CareSource tour the new mobile clinic, which is American Disabilities Act accessible and has two private exam rooms.

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GREATER DAYTON

Premier Community Health unveiled its new mobile clinic Friday, essentially a high-tech RV with two private exam rooms that will travel the Dayton region, reaching areas with limited access to health-care facilities to treat patients at no cost.

“The new mobile clinic will enhance our current program by providing private exam rooms, fully functioning testing equipment, and handicap accessibility,” said Paula Thompson, president and CEO of Fidelity Health Care. “This new coach allows us to expand the number of events, provide additional screenings, and offer more resources to people in our underserved communities with compassionate and respectful care.”

Premier Community Health is a subsidiary of Fidelity Health Care. The mobile clinic will continue Premier Community Health’s program of offering health screenings, such as blood pressure, cholesterol, and glucose checks. The clinic also can be utilized for health and lifestyle education, as well as for flu and COVID- 19 vaccinations.

Patients who are 18 years old and older who utilize the mobile clinic will receive free care through funding from the Premier Health Community Benefits Program and the health system’s four hospital foundations.

“Miami Valley Hospital Foundation is proud to partner with CareSource in bringing a new mobile clinic to our community,” said Jenny Lewis, system vice president of philanthropy at Premier Health. “This new clinic will give our health system the ability to deliver even more services and programs in our mission of battling social determinants of health.”

The new clinic was funded by CareSource through the Miami Valley Hospital Foundation.

The new mobile clinic, built on a 2022 Ford E450 truck platform, will be replacing the current coach, a 2004 Airstream Bus, which was funded by the Maxon Foundation, U.S. Bank, N.A., Trustee and Atrium Medical Center

Foundation.

“CareSource is proud to support Premier Community Health’s new, state-of-the-art mobile clinic,” said Dee Yocum, vice president of market operations for Care-Source Ohio. “Mobile clinics benefit communities by making health care more affordable and accessible, which improves patient outcomes, while providing high-quality care at a lower cost than traditional health care delivery models.”

The mobile clinic has been a part of the health system’s Barbershop Health initiative, has provided COVID-19 testing and vaccination clinics, served patients during the 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes, and participated in community events, such as drive-thru food distributions at the Foodbank. Additionally, the mobile clinic partners with CareSource to provide patients and community members with education on free or low-cost health insurance services.

“We think this is an excellent opportunity to further our relationship and collaboration with Premier,”

Yocum said. “The opportunity to go to where people were versus them coming to Premier, for example, it’s really breaking down the access barrier that is present in our communities.”

The mobile clinic program, which launched in 2019, has served thousands of patients who are uninsured or underinsured.

In 2022, the mobile clinic provided nearly 1,000 screenings at community events and weekly screening stops. The mobile clinic primarily serves nine counties in the Dayton region, but it can reach up to 13 counties.

The clinic was previously used between two and three days a week with the COVID-19 pandemic limiting some additional events.

“We have new goals for 2023 that we’re planning at least a minimum of six events a week, so we have a very aggressive target,”

Thompson said.

The new mobile clinic will begin its service to the community today at Wright State University's men's basketball game at the Nutter Center, where it will begin accepting patients at 5 p.m.

To request the Premier Community Health Mobile Clinic at local events, businesses, religious organizations, or other public gatherings, call 877-274-4543.

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New Alzheimer's drug gives patients hope

Cost would be a barrier for most people who need drug.



Scott Griswold and his wife, Karen, talk about Scott's Alzheimer's disease diagnosis Thursday and the possibility he could get help from a new drug. BILL LACKEY / STAFF

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CLOSER LOOK

The Food and Drug Administration recently approved an Alzheimer's drug

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that shows a reduction in cognitive decline for those in the early stages of dementia.

The approval gives people like Scott Griswold of Urbana who was diagnosed with Alzheimer's hope, but the cost of the drug could cause a major barrier for people to use it.

The annual cost of Leqembi, also called lecanemab, is right now \$26,500 and that's why the Alzheimer's Association is advocating for Medicare coverage.

"While this news is exciting, without insurance and Medicare coverage of this class of treatments, access will be limited to only those who can afford to pay out-of-pocket," said Dr. Joanne Pike, Alzheimer's Association president and CEO.

The results of the latest clinical trial of lecanemab, which is made by Eisai and Biogen, were published in the New England Journal of Medicine in December and showed a 27% reduction in cognitive decline for those in the early stages of dementia.

Local advocates

Scott Griswold, a community educator with the Alzheimer's Association Miami Valley Chapter and an Urbana resident who has been diagnosed with early Alzheimer's, said lecanemab can help individuals continue living independently and reduce burdens on caregivers.

Griswold received his diagnosis in the fall of 2018, and his wife, Karen Griswold, described first noticing changes in his behavior that left him overwhelmed and even agitated at times.

"I noticed a little bit of change in Scott's behavior and his frustration level with normal things he was doing in his daily activities that they were becoming a little overwhelming for him," Karen Griswold said. "There were about three specific times in about an 18-month period that Scott really felt at a low point."

They consulted with his regular doctor, and then he was evaluated by a neurologist before he received his Alzheimer's diagnosis.

The Griswolds went through an adjustment period after his diagnosis, which was early enough to allow him to make lifestyle changes to help him extend his independent living.

The diagnosis impacted their careers as ordained ministers, both serving at the United Church of South Vienna. While Griswold is still a minister at the church, his wife has taken over more aspects that would be more difficult for him.

Scott then became connected with the Miami Valley Alzheimer's Association and attending the workshops they offer to understanding aging and Alzheimer's, effective communication, and more.

Through those workshops, Scott later became a community educator for the Alzheimer's Association. He holds discussions on the importance of early diagnosis, not to deny warning signs, and also how to incorporate healthy, holistic living.

"I feel it's an opportunity for new ministry for me as Karen picks up more responsibilities at the church," Scott said.

Scott also became educated on the new therapy drug for Alzheimer's through the Alzheimer's Impact Movement, which is a separately incorporated advocacy affiliate of the Alzheimer's Association.

The impact movement seeks to engage with lawmakers on public policy priorities of the Alzheimer's and dementia community.

"This drug is to really build on independent living and active living, and that's really what we're striving for because we all know how expensive it is for caregivers," Scott said.

There are over 16 million unpaid caregivers in the U.S., he said, who are caring for individuals with Alzheimer's.

Reducing cognitive decline for individuals with Alzheimer's can mean helping their family members and caregivers maintain their lives, as well as reduce financial burdens to family and caregivers.

"I know of individuals I've gone out and talked to where they had to uproot their jobs and move from one city to another to take care of aging parents. It's difficult," Scott said.

Scott said the organization is looking for support from lawmakers in terms of bring more access to this drug.

"The big push now with ... the federal government is to get congressional support to move it into Medicare approval," Scott said.

High price tag

Those who hope to take advantage of this infusion-based treatment may be coming up against a yearly price tag of over \$26,000 if they are not able to find coverage through a clinical trial.

The company distributing the drug, Eisai, said it estimated the per-patient, per-year value to be \$37,600, but the company decided to price the drug below that and launch the U.S. pricing at \$26,500 annually.

A 200 mg vial would cost \$254.81, and a 500 mg vial would cost \$637.02.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services made a decision earlier in the year to cover the type of drug classification lecanemab falls under when the drug is being used in CMS-approved clinical trials.

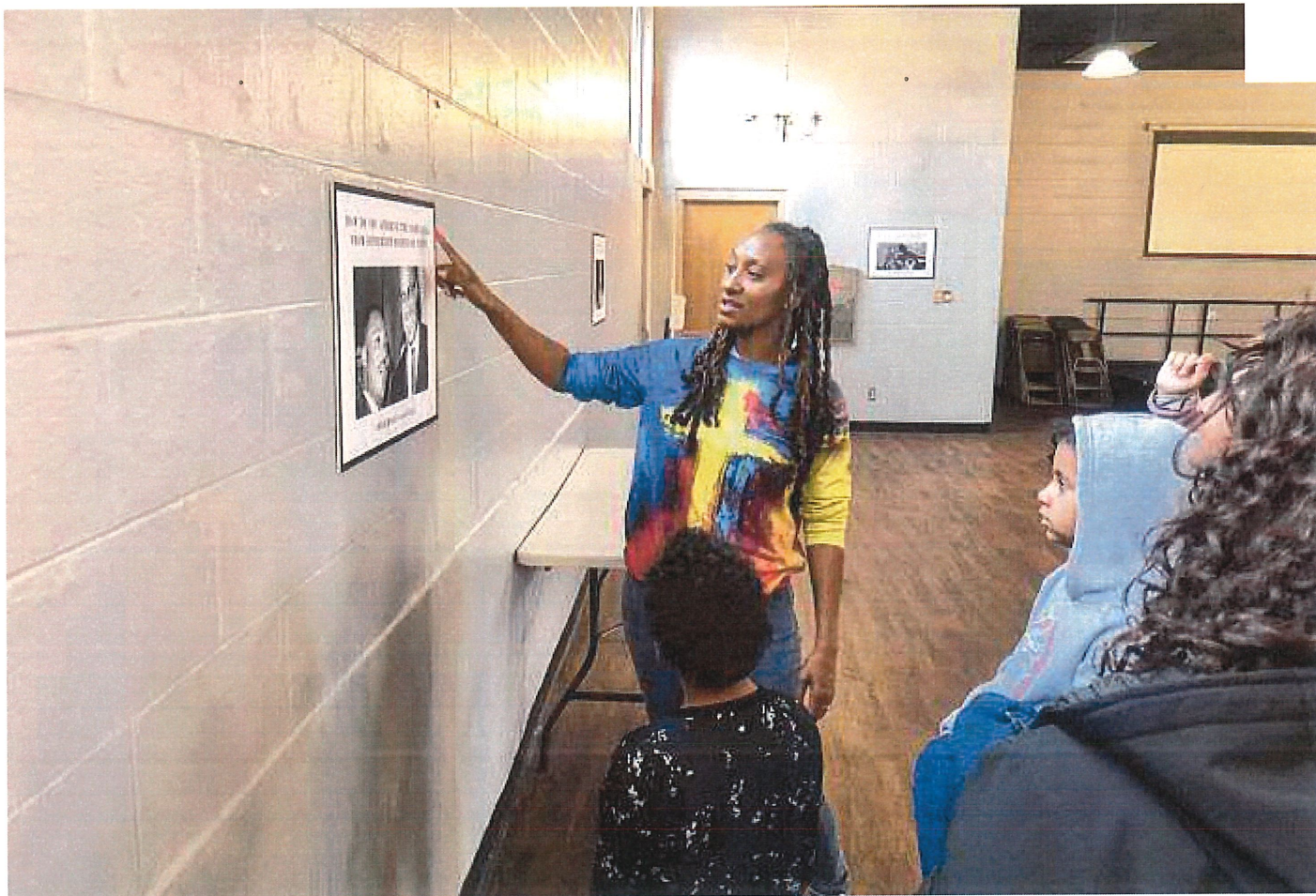
The drug lacks coverage under Medicare outside of those clinical trials.

CMS released a statement after the FDA provided the accelerated approval,

saying it is examining available information and may reconsider its current coverage based on this review.

Freedom Tour honors MLK Jr., Black history

Middletown residents learn and celebrate at 11 sites.



Marie Edwards, of Middletown's Out of School Program at the Community Building Institute, talks to kids about Martin Luther King Jr.'s message during the Freedom Tour at the Robert "Sonny" Hill Jr. Community Center on Monday.

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MIDDLETOWN — Instead of marching down streets on Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Middletown residents toured several locations in the city that signify the important contributions made by the Black community.

There were 11 stops on the Middletown Freedom Tour, and several people started at the Robert “Sonny” Hill Jr. Community Center and took part in the Reflection Walk that featured some of King’s thoughts displayed on walls.

Scotty Robertson, pastor of First Baptist Church in Middletown, brought his daughter, 7-year-old Karlee, to the community center.

When asked why he participated in Monday’s event, Robertson said, “It’s important that we as a community understand our history as it concerns the struggle for civil rights and equal opportunity right here in Middletown.

It’s important for us as a community to continue to come together to dream and to vision about what the future can be.”

Robertson, who has been at First Baptist for five years, said it’s also imperative that people use King’s dreams and “take the necessary steps to make that vision come into reality.”

Middletown City Manager Paul Lolli, who walked around the center with Rodney Muterspaw, the former police chief and member of city council, said he was there to learn more about the history of King, who was assassinated on April 4, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee.

“It’s not the ‘I Have a Dream’ speech, but to me I have read several of his speeches, and in those speeches, there’s always messages for everybody,”

Lolli said. “His writings and his actions are extremely passionate and put us in a direction we all need to go.”

He was asked what lesson the country can take from King, whose leadership in the civil rights movement was pivotal in helping to end entrenched segregation for African-Americans and to the Civil Rights Act of 1964 “For

everybody to come together and get along regardless of the color of our skin," he said.

Charlene Dorn, a Middletown native who lives in Monroe, said MLK Day always is a time to "celebrate King's legacy."

She said through King's actions, advancements were made. And now, nearly 55 years after his death, some struggles continue. Now is not the time for the country to step backward, she said.

"He opened the doors for us to do a lot of things that's going on now," said Dorn, who brought her sister, daughter, grandson and great-nephew to the community center. "We are here to hopefully keep those doors open."

As children walked around the center, Marie Edwards, director of the Out of School Program at Community Building Institute, talked to them about some of King's messages and how they relate to their lives.

"They didn't know Martin Luther King," she said.

"But they told me, when I asked what they learned, they wanted people to not be rude and to be nice."

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City manager seeks 'direction' where to spend Rescue millions

Middletown City Council to hold special work session.



Officials with the Sorg Opera House in Middletown are hoping the city earmarks some of its \$18.9 million in ARPA funds to continue improvements to the historic landmark.
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CLOSER LOOK

MIDDLETOWN — While no checks will be written Saturday, City Council is expected to discuss ways to invest millions of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) dollars during a special work session.

City Manager Paul Lolli, hired in March after Jim Palenick, the former city manager, signed a separation agreement with the city, said leaders have taken their time to determine the best options to spend these once-in-a-generation federal dollars that are intended to help communities rebuild from the COVID-19 pandemic.

He said Middletown has received \$18.9 million in ARPA funds that must be allocated by the end of 2024 and spent by the end of 2026.

Lolli said he hopes City Council gives him “direction” where it wants to focus the majority of the funds, including economic development, neighborhood revitalization and social services.

The special work session is scheduled from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Central Connections, 3907 Central Ave. The session, open to the public, will be recorded and shown later, said Lolli.

Since it’s a work session and not a council meeting, citizen comments will not be allowed.

Besides discussing ARPA funds, Lolli plans to address possible capital improvements, including city parks, City Building improvements and constructing the four fire stations.

During Tuesday’s council meeting, Vice Mayor Monica Nenni said council has some “really difficult decisions to make” regarding distribution of ARPA funds.

“We want the things for our community as much as you do,” she said.

Council member Tal Moon called the ARPA funds “an incredible opportunity” that also includes “a lot of pressure” since ARPA funds are available only once.

Several organizations have made pitches to City Council recently seeking ARPA dollars, including two groups Tuesday night.

During citizen comments, Larry Mulligan, a board member of the Sorg Opera Revitalization Group, said the organization's next phase of renovations include roof repairs and waterproofing for the commercial building, fire escape repairs for the upper balcony to increase event capacity, and facade improvements and white boxing storefronts within the commercial building.

He said spending a portion of the ARPA funds on this project would provide an "economic catalyst" as concert goers patronize local restaurants and businesses.

Mayor Nicole Condrey, who has met with Sorg officials, said the group needs \$165,000 by June to pay off the building. That doesn't include funds, totaling \$275,000, for the storefront and roof repairs. She said Sorg has secured \$70,000, so it needs \$370,000 more in funding.

Avinne Kiser, founder of Holiday Whopla, a second-year downtown winter festival, asked the city for \$240,668 to purchase the ice rink in hopes of continuing the holiday event. Without the city's financial support, the event can't continue, according to Kiser, who said purchasing the rink is cheaper than leasing it for three years.

"We are on the cusp of greatness," Kiser told council.

Earlier this month, during a City Council meeting, Jon Graft, superintendent of Butler Tech, asked to land a \$2 million commitment of ARPA funds from the city to build a \$13 million aviation education hangar at Middletown Regional Airport.

The proposal is for a 25,000-square-foot facility that includes a 10,000-square-foot hangar large enough for classes, labs and community space, according to Graft.

A change in city leadership also has caused Middletown to delay earmarking some of its ARPA funds.

In November 2021, when Palenick was city manager, City Council approved programs that were expected to benefit from the ARPA money. At the time, the largest ticket item was \$7.5 million earmarked for the renovation of the Great Miami River riverfront property and parts of downtown called Hollywoodland.

But that project died.

The city has spent or encumbered about \$3.83 million in ARPA funds on LED street lights, premium pay for city employees, the Robert "Sonny" Hill Community Center expansion project and renovations of the Middletown Division of Police locker rooms, Lolli has said.

Some of the suggestions from Lolli and city staff have included \$4 million to replace the HVAC system, the windows and column repairs in the City Building; \$3.75 million for the Towne Mall Galleria redevelopment; \$3 million in the fire station gap funding; \$2.6 million in water capital projects; \$250,000 to install Wi-Fi in Smith and Lefferson parks; and funding for Butler Tech Aviation at Middletown Regional Airport.

But since then, the city has pulled its proposal to purchase the Towne Mall property and now plans a similar project near Atrium Medical Center.

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ARPA MONEY THE CITY HAS EARMARKED

- Community Center expansion project: \$2.1 million
- Premium Pay: \$1,167,000
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Doctor says RSV vaccine could be available soon

The common virus is the top cause of infant hospitalizations in U.S.



Baby Natalie Berg, who contracted RSV, grips the fingers of her mother. Pregnant women will be among the first to receive a new RSV vaccine.

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CLOSER LOOK

As COVID-19, flu and RSV cases continue to sicken thousands and fill hospitals around the country, a leading scientist who has worked for years on vaccines for all three viruses believes vaccines for RSV are possible as early as May.

Dr. Barney Graham, a clinical trials physician, immunologist and virologist —

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now a professor at the Morehouse School of Medicine — says several RSV vaccines are in late stages of development, nearing final approval by the Food and Drug Administration.

Graham spent most of his career at the National Institutes of Health, retiring in September 2021 as deputy director of its Vaccine Research Center.

“There are several vaccines now in front of the FDA that hopefully would be evaluated and approved by next summer, before the next season,” Graham said.

Respiratory syncytial virus is common and is the leading cause of hospitalizations for infants in the United States.

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 58,000 to 80,000 children younger than 5 are hospitalized with RSV each year, and the virus is especially dangerous for premature and medically fragile babies.

In addition to infants and young children, older adults are at higher risk for severe RSV infections and deaths. The CDC says 60,000 to 120,000 older adults in the U.S. are hospitalized and 6,000-10,000 die from RSV infection.

Those at highest risk for severe infection are seniors, especially those 65 and older, adults with chronic heart or lung disease and adults with weakened immune systems.

The first vaccines are expected to target adults older than 60, those with risk factors and pregnant women and their unborn infants.

Respiratory illnesses had been putting a significant strain on hospitals, but they are coping. RSV and the flu hit Ohioans earlier and harder than in pre-pandemic years as numbers peaked in November.

“Our hospitals are very, very busy,” Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, director of the Ohio Department of Health, told the Dayton Daily News in December. He said

cases of RSV, the flu, and COVID-19 are present together in high numbers.

Graham said the work that he and his NIH colleagues did on RSV could result in vaccine availability by next winter's RSV season. Vaccines are being developed by several pharmaceutical companies, including GSK, Pfizer and Moderna.

"They're all using the protein design that we developed 10 years ago," Graham said.

Graham joined the Morehouse School of Medicine faculty as a professor last May and serves as a senior adviser for Global Health Equity in the office of MSM president and CEO Valerie Montgomery Rice.

"I wanted to be at Morehouse to work on vaccine equity," he said. "That means not just who gets access to vaccines or doesn't, but also on vaccine uptake."

Graham said he was attracted by MSM's reputation for community engagement and education, especially in providing care for rural communities in Georgia.

He cited the medical school's work to reach the Black community and encourage people to get vaccinated during the height of the pandemic.

"They're the only medical school I know that has the word 'equity' in their mission statement. Everything that Morehouse does is about health equity and trying to better serve the underserved," he said. "It's just the way the whole place operates."

Graham began working on RSV at the NIH in the mid-80s, spending the first 20 years of his career understanding why RSV vaccines had failed and how to make them safe. He continued working on this front throughout his tenure at the NIH, focusing on how to make RSV vaccines safe, effective and available.

He said this year's outbreaks of RSV and other respiratory viruses have been influenced by shifts in exposure that resulted from the pandemic.

During earlier stages of the pandemic, he explained, many younger children were more isolated than in typical years. School-age children were learning virtually, so there was less of the virus circulating. In effect, decreased immunity from less exposure changed the timing of RSV season, he said.

Now, with the easing of pandemic protocols such as masking and social distancing, a surge in respiratory viruses has occurred.

"Instead of a yearly cycle, we've had these 18-month cycles, so we don't really know why the disease is so bad this year," he said.

"With these big gaps, we're now having one of the bigger outbreaks that we've seen over the last many years."

Graham also said that "viral competition" — a phenomenon in which one virus circulates widely in a population, making it harder for other viruses to break through — could also be the cause for the change.

Awareness of the RSV virus has increased with this year's outbreak, something that Graham says can be tied to how doctors and health organizations communicate to patients.

"We're all infected with it by the age of 2, and we all get reinfected throughout our lives," he said. "When we're older, it causes a lot of excess mortality and hospitalization."

He said there is a chance that other respiratory viruses such as influenza have overshadowed the public's general knowledge of RSV.

"I'm hoping that people will now realize that RSV is a problem. It's always been a problem," Graham said.

"Now that we've been through COVID, I think what they're realizing is, there's

more than just one respiratory virus problem.”

Bringing any vaccine to production and distribution is usually a costly, years-long effort, with trials required to ensure safety and effectiveness.

In the case of RSV vaccines, the NIH studies that indicated strong RSV protection resulted in the FDA fast-tracking the review process.

The RSV vaccine research has taken years, with disappointments — even failure — along the way. Graham recalled a major setback in the 1960s, when scientists attempted to take the same approach successfully used in polio vaccines developed by virologist Jonas Salk.

Salk’s method used formaldehyde and heat to kill the poliovirus while keeping the properties that trigger a response from the immune system.

Children who received the early RSV vaccines, however, ended up sicker because they had received an enhanced version of the virus. That stopped vaccine development for RSV.

More than 50 years later, the current RSV vaccine formulation is similar to the spike protein found in COVID-19. A protein on the surface of RSV, Protein F, has been used in the latest vaccine development for RSV. Using this protein in vaccine development, scientists are able to generate immune responses that provide protection from the virus.

“Should the vaccine be judged to be safe and efficacious and approved by the FDA in the May time frame, we are on target to make sure that this vaccine is available for patients to begin the RSV season in 2023,” said Leonard Friedland, director of scientific affairs and public health for GSK’s vaccine division.

“The whole scientific community for more than 50 years has been trying to develop vaccines for RSV.

I think we’re finally there.”

Staff Writer Samantha Wildow contributed to this report.

U.S. proposes once-a-year COVID-19 vaccines

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U.S. health officials are proposing a simplified approach to COVID-19 vaccinations.
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WASHINGTON — U.S. health officials want to make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the annual flu shot.

The Food and Drug Administration Monday proposed a simplified approach for future vaccination efforts, allowing most adults and children to get a once-a-year shot to protect against the mutating virus. This means Americans would no longer have to keep track of how many shots they've received or how many months it's been since their last booster.

The proposal comes as boosters have become a hard sell. While more than 80% of the U.S. population has had at least one vaccine dose, only 16% of those eligible have received the latest boosters authorized in August.

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The FDA will ask its panel of outside vaccine experts to weigh in at a meeting Thursday.

The agency is expected to take their advice into consideration while deciding future vaccine requirements for manufacturers.

In documents posted online, FDA scientists say many Americans now have "sufficient preexisting immunity" against the coronavirus because of vaccination, infection or a combination of the two. That baseline of protection should be enough to move to an annual booster against the latest strains in circulation and make COVID-19 vaccinations more like the yearly flu shot, according to the agency.

For adults with weakened immune systems and very small children, a two-dose combination may be needed for protection. FDA scientists and vaccine companies would study vaccination, infection rates and other data to decide who should receive a single shot versus a two-dose series.

FDA will also ask its panel to vote on whether all vaccines should target the same strains. That step would be needed to make the shots interchangeable, doing away with the current complicated system of primary vaccinations and boosters.

Under FDA's proposal, the agency, independent experts and manufacturers would decide annually on which strains to target by the early summer, allowing several months to produce and launch updated shots before the fall. That's roughly the same approach long used to select the strains for the annual flu shot.

Ultimately, FDA officials say moving to an annual schedule would make it easier to promote future vaccination campaigns, which could ultimately boost vaccination rates nationwide.



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The City of Oxford is planning to tackle youth tobacco use with a potential ordinance that would limit the sale of tobacco products in the city.

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The ordinance would declare a city tobacco license, which was recently upheld by Gov. Mike DeWine in Ohio. The Oxford license would require tobacco retailers in the city to register and pay a fee to sell tobacco products. Similar ordinances are also in progress in Hamilton.

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The ordinance is still in its early planning phases. Assistant City Manager Jessica Greene said the hope is to write up and bring forward an ordinance to city council in March 2023, with an ultimate goal of implementing it by 2024.

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The potential tobacco license would have two goals. Limit youth access to tobacco products, and improve a sense of place. Currently, in Oxford, there are 21 tobacco retailers in an area of just over 7.5 square miles.

“There is some concern at the high number of tobacco retailers in a very tiny area,” Greene said. “And so working to diversify, not to prohibit them, but diversify where they can be, how many can be in a certain area.”

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Greene said the city approached the Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) on the implementation of a tobacco license as a result of feedback from the community.

The Coalition for a Healthy Community-Oxford Area, led by Amy Macechko, was one to express concern over youth smoking habits. Macechko, who also is the health and wellness coordinator for the Talawanda School District, said in Talawanda High School's latest student drug use survey, e-cigarette use was the number one drug of choice, with many reporting ease of access in Oxford.

“With the concern around the safety of our youth, the health of our youth, and having that data, we introduced it to city officials,” Macechko said. “I reached out to Jessica and wanted to kind of create that awareness that this is a policy that potentially could help address access issues.”

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Greene said parents and community members also feel access to tobacco products is high in the city, especially for those still underage.

“We’ve also been hearing from residents concerned about youth access to vaping, and you know, I’ve had a few angry parent phone calls, like ‘my kid just got in trouble at school for vaping but they can walk into any store,’” Greene said. “This is their version of what’s going on, it’s just too accessible.”

Currently, city officials are working with the BCGHD to discuss the logistics of the ordinance.

BCGHD Health Promotion Director Erin Smiley, who is assisting in county-wide tobacco licensing efforts, said tobacco licenses are increasing in Ohio due to enforcement of [Ohio’s tobacco 21 law](#), which raised tobacco purchase and use from 18 to 21 in the state.

“About a couple of years ago, Ohio passed tobacco 21, but there has never been any enforcement, our public health folks were still pretty busy with COVID the last few years,” Smiley said. “Now that that has started to calm down a bit, we’ve had more opportunity to explore other evidence-based practices, and enforcement of tobacco 21 is one of those things.”

Smiley said by holding retailers accountable for underage tobacco purchases, she hopes to reduce youth addiction to nicotine and tobacco.

"We want to make sure everyone's following the same rules," Smiley said. "and we know that there are some retailers out there that are better than others."

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Cleveland City Council to consider ban on sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes

Officials say Cleveland has the highest smoking rate in the nation at 35%, well above the national average of 12%.



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CLEVELAND — Legislation is set to be introduced at Monday's [Cleveland](#) City Council meeting calling for a ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes and other flavored tobacco products in the city.

According to Cleveland Public Health Director Dr. David Margolius, the proposal comes amid some shocking statistics. Cleveland has the highest smoking rate in the nation at 35%, well above the national average of 12%.

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"Our number one priority is the health of Clevelanders," Margolius told 3News in an interview. "Most smokers, in Cleveland specifically, want to quit. There's research showing that across the country and right here in Cleveland. It's really hard to quit when cigarettes, and especially flavored products, are in your face all the time."

Recent data shows the impact of flavored products on teens. [The 2021 National Youth Tobacco Survey](#) revealed more than two million U.S. middle and high school students reported current e-cigarette use. Almost 40% of that group used e-cigarettes on a frequent basis and almost 85% of e-cigarette users reported using flavored products.

"In cities, states, and countries that have restricted flavored products, the smoking rate has declined 20 to 25%," Margolius explained. "If that were to happen in Cleveland, we would save thousands of lives."

Specifically, a ban on the sale of menthol cigarettes could have a major impact on Cleveland's Black population. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) notes that a ban on menthol cigarettes would save the lives of 92,000 to 238,000 African Americans nationwide.

The legislation would take effect 180 days after being signed into law by Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibb. It would call for businesses to obtain an annual "tobacco retail license" and be subject to inspections, particularly to ensure no sales to anyone under 21. Businesses that violate the regulations would face fines and a suspension of its license.

"The tobacco retail license will let us enforce the rules around tobacco 21, so that cigarettes aren't sold to minors and it will help us enforce our rule which is a point of sale restriction on flavored tobacco products," added Margolius.

A similar measure [was passed by Columbus City Council last December and will take effect on January 1, 2024](#). Also in December, both chambers of the Ohio General Assembly [approved a bill to prevent cities from prohibiting the sale of flavored tobacco products](#), but the [legislation was vetoed by Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine](#).

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The City of Oxford is planning to tackle youth tobacco use with a potential ordinance that would limit the sale of tobacco products in the city.

The ordinance would declare a city tobacco license, [which was recently upheld by Gov. Mike DeWine](#) in Ohio. The Oxford license would require tobacco retailers in the city to register and pay a fee to sell tobacco products. Similar ordinances are also in progress in [Hamilton](#).

The ordinance is still in its early planning phases. Assistant City Manager Jessica Greene said the hope is to write up and bring forward an ordinance to city council in March 2023, with an ultimate goal of implementing it by 2024.

The potential tobacco license would have two goals. Limit youth access to tobacco products, and improve a sense of place. Currently, in Oxford, there are 21 tobacco retailers in an area of just over 7.5 square miles.

“There is some concern at the high number of tobacco retailers in a very tiny area,” Greene said. “And so working to diversify, not to prohibit them, but diversify where they can be, how many can be in a certain area.”

Greene said the city approached the Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) on the implementation of a tobacco license as a result of feedback from the community.

The Coalition for a Healthy Community-Oxford Area, led by Amy Macechko, was one to express concern over youth smoking habits. Macechko, who also is the health and wellness coordinator for the Talawanda School District, said in Talawanda High School's latest student drug use survey, e-cigarette use was the number one drug of choice, with many reporting ease of access in Oxford.

"With the concern around the safety of our youth, the health of our youth, and having that data, we introduced it to city officials," Macechko said. "I reached out to Jessica and wanted to kind of create that awareness that this is a policy that potentially could help address access issues."

Greene said parents and community members also feel access to tobacco products is high in the city, especially for those still underage.

"We've also been hearing from residents concerned about youth access to vaping, and you know, I've had a few angry parent phone calls, like 'my kid just got in trouble at school for vaping but they can walk into any store,'" Greene said. "This is their version of what's going on, it's just too accessible."

Currently, city officials are working with the BCGHD to discuss the logistics of the ordinance.

BCGHD Health Promotion Director Erin Smiley, who is assisting in county-wide tobacco licensing efforts, said tobacco licenses are increasing in Ohio due to enforcement of [Ohio's tobacco 21 law](#), which raised tobacco purchase and use from 18 to 21 in the state.

"About a couple of years ago, Ohio passed tobacco 21, but there has never been any enforcement, our public health folks were still pretty busy with COVID the last few years," Smiley said. "Now that that has started to calm down a bit, we've had more opportunity to explore other evidence-based practices, and enforcement of tobacco 21 is one of those things."

Smiley said by holding retailers accountable for underage tobacco purchases, she hopes to reduce youth addiction to nicotine and tobacco.

"We want to make sure everyone's following the same rules," Smiley said. "and we know that there are some retailers out there that are better than others."

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Cleveland to consider ban on sale of menthol and flavored tobacco products



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CLEVELAND — On Monday night, Cleveland City leaders are expected to hear a proposal which would ban the sale of flavored tobacco products within the city limits.

Dr. David Margolius, the City of Cleveland's director of public health, told News 5 Cleveland leads the nation with a [smoking rate of 35% among adults](#) (national average is 12.5%), and the city has an average life expectancy anywhere from 10-20 years shorter compared to neighboring communities.

The proposed policy would include the following:

Tobacco Retail License: An annual registration process for businesses looking to sell tobacco products and be subject to inspection from environmental health experts with the city once a

year. Margolius estimates this would impact about 400 businesses across the city.

Restricting the sale of flavored tobacco products, including menthol cigarettes and flavored vaping products.

The City of Columbus just passed a similar bill, which is set to go into effect in 2024. New York, New Jersey, California and Canada already passed similar laws as well.

"In the past, cities have looked at just banning flavored vaping products and that increased the smoking rates so the latest public health practice is to restrict all flavored products including menthol cigarettes," Margolius said.

The proposal comes about a month after Gov. Mike DeWine vetoed a bill that would have banned cities like Cleveland from regulating smoking, vaping and other e-cigarette usage and sales.

"When a local community wants to make the decision to ban these flavors to protect their children, we should applaud those decisions," DeWine said on Jan. 5.

Margolius said under the proposed legislation, it would not be illegal to possess a menthol cigarette if it was purchased outside Cleveland; it would instead just restrict what could be sold in the city.

"Stores like CVS stopped selling cigarettes altogether, and they're doing fine," Margolius said. "We are really optimistic that we're not putting anybody out of business and at the same time we can make people healthier."

Margolius told News 5 he expects the proposal to be heard by Cleveland City Council's Health Committee around April, with a goal of instituting the policy by the end of the year.

"For too long we've let it slide in our community, and now we're ready to take it on," he said.