OUR MISSION
The mission of the Mercer County Health District is to improve the quality of life by prevention of illness through early detection, promotion of healthy behaviors and protection from health threats in Mercer County.

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The Mercer County Health District proactively engages in evidence-based practices to prevent illness and encourage healthy lifestyles in our community.

THE MERCER COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT DIVISIONS ARE:

- Nursing
- Vital Statistics
- Environmental
- Emergency Preparedness

Each division of the health office provides essential services to the public. All divisions work together as a team to provide our clients with the best possible service in a friendly, honest and compassionate manner.

Please call to schedule an appointment for our services.

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SERVICES WE PROVIDE

Health Services:
- **Immunization** appointments are held daily for anyone needing vaccines, adults and children. Private Insurance can be billed. MCHD is a Vaccine For Children (VFC) provider for all children 18 years and younger that have Medicaid or do not have insurance. For those that qualify for VFC vaccine, services will not be denied because of inability to pay. MCHD also participates in the Ohio adult vaccine program which provides vaccines to adults who are not insured or insurance does not pay for the vaccine.

- **Lead testing** should be done for all children at 12 months and 24 months, and anyone at risk for lead poisoning. The MCHD will do finger stick lead test by request.

- **Vision and Hearing screenings** are available for anyone 3 years and older. There is no charge for the screening. The RNs are trained by the Ohio Department of Health.

- **Communicable Disease Management** is a major focus of public health. Timely reporting helps to rapidly control the spread of disease through treatment and education of affected individuals and their contacts. Communicable disease classes for child care provider certification is provided by the Communicable Disease Nurse at a minimum charge.

- **Children with Medical Handicaps** (CMH) is a program through the State of Ohio to provide financial assistance and navigational support. A public health nurse assures that eligible children with special health care needs and their families obtain comprehensive care.

- **Head lice exams** and education is provided to the community free of charge.

- **Child Passenger Safety Technicians** are available for individual car seat checks. The Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program is available for WIC eligible infants and children that do not have an appropriate car seat or booster seat.

Vital Statistics: Certified birth and death records are issued for the public. Anyone born in the state of Ohio can obtain a birth certificate at the Mercer County Health District. Death certificates are available only if the death occurred in Mercer County. We have records in-house from 1908 to present. Genealogy research is available on a kiosk in our front lobby.

Environmental Health: The Environmental Health Division works to ensure a safe environment through regulation of private drinking water supplies, residential sewage treatment systems, food service operations & establishments, public swimming pools & spas and campgrounds. The Environmental Health Division is also responsible for inspection of school buildings, manufactured home parks, solid waste disposal facilities, and body art establishments. The Environmental Health Division conducts nuisance complaint investigations and rabies prevention activities, and provides information on other environmental health-related issues.

Emergency Preparedness: The Mercer County Health District works with county and regional partners to develop plans and resources to defend against outbreaks of infectious disease and other public health threats and emergencies. These plans are exercised and reviewed regularly.

Medical Reserve Corps: MRC is made up of local volunteers who assist in preparing for and responding to public health emergencies. As a MRC Volunteer, you may also be called upon to help during the year with routine events in our community (e.g. Annual Flu Clinics, Health Fairs, Disaster Exercises or Public Health Outreach). Our local corps includes Police, Fire, and Nursing members, as well as citizens without medical training to join and assist with administrative and other essential support functions. Contact our MRC Coordinator at the Mercer County Health District to enlist.