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MERCER COUNTY
HEALTH DISTRICT

Pursuing Public Health Accreditation

Over the past few years, Mercer County Health District (MCHD) has been making preparations to become accredited by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). MCHD submitted an application for accreditation in September of 2017, and now in early 2019 we are nearing a milestone in the process- submission of over 300 documents for review by a three-person site visit team made up of our peers from health departments in other states across the nation.

PHAB, established in 2007, exists to improve and protect the health of the public by advancing and ultimately transforming the quality and performance of state, Tribal, local and territorial public health departments. In order to complete the accreditation process, health departments must be actively involved in community health assessment and community health improvement planning. Internally, a strategic plan must be in place, and performance management and quality improvement processes are used to routinely contribute to decisions and program improvements which are based on real data.



PHAB launched its first Public Health Accreditation program in September of 2011. Since then, 244 health departments across the nation have become accredited. Among these are Ohio Department of Health and 26 local health departments in Ohio. Ohio boasts a disproportional number of accredited health departments, thanks to a mandate enacted by the Ohio legislature which requires Ohio health departments to apply for public health accreditation by July 2018 and achieve accreditation by July 2020. Although these mandated deadlines arguably placed an undue burden on many Ohio health departments, MCHD is on track to meet the July 2020 deadline, thanks to the hard work and dedication of our team!

Find us at:

- The No Wrong Door event February 13th at The First Church of God
- Mercer Healthy Living Expo March 2nd at the Galleria
- Healthy Kids Day April 27th at the YMCA in Celina

Call us at 419-586-3251 ext. 1270

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Mercer County Health Services

Public Health	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
Immunizations Given	15,284	16,154
Federally Funded Vaccines For Children	4,280	4,428
Federally Funded Adult Vaccine Program	83	93
Private Pay/Private Insurance Mercer County Funded Vaccine	10,921	11,633
Number of Children Served	3,272	3,335
Number of Adults Served	1,568	1,665
Tuberculin Skin Tests	407	358
BCMh Caseload	290	277
Car seats Distributed (Ohio Buckles Buckeyes)	29	48
Pack N Plays Distributed (Safe Sleep)	9	17

Communicable Diseases	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
Class A: immediate response needed	0	1
Class B: timely response needed	302	332
Class C: response to outbreaks only	12	4
Chlamydia	67	73
Gonorrhea	20	11
Hepatitis C	18	31
Campylobacter	36	46
Cryptosporidium	17	29
Shiga Toxin E. Coli	4	9
Hospitalized Influenza	51	59
Reported Chickenpox	5	12
Whooping Cough	6	2
Active Tuberculosis	1	0

Environmental Health	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
Inspections		
Water Systems	247	248
Sewage Systems	123	117
Campgrounds and Manufactured Home Parks	52	40
Public Pools and Spas	33	40
Schools	31	29
Food Service Operations/Vending	686	662
Tattoo/Body Piercing Service	1	6
Investigations		
Animal Bites	84	47
Environmental Complaints	65	77
Solid Waste	16	22

Vital Statistics	Jan-Dec 2017	Jan-Dec 2018
Mercer County Births	345	367
Mercer County Deaths	302	318
Birth Certificates Issued	1568	2072
Death Certificates Issued	1139	1151