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## Vaccines Vital for a Healthy Community

Vaccination is one of the greatest public health successes of our time. The use of vaccines has helped to greatly lower the number of vaccine preventable diseases, such as measles, mumps and rubella. In 2018, MCHD gave 16,154 immunizations to 3335 children and 1665 adults.

Unfortunately, not everyone protects themselves or their children from vaccine preventable diseases. A resurgence of Measles and Hepatitis A outbreaks in the United States, and periodic cases of Pertussis here in Mercer County are based in unvaccinated persons spreading the disease. Vaccines are our best protection, yet they are not 100% protection. The Community relies on “Herd Immunity” to protect our most vulnerable.

The Ohio Department of Health released school immunization completion rates to the Mercer County Health District for the 2018-2019 school year as part of the Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant. Below is the information gathered for the grant indicating that poverty is not a factor in immunization compliance.

Mercer County School	Percent free and reduced-price meal eligibility Average per district	Completion % of required immunizations Kindergarten	Completion % of required immunizations 7 <sup>th</sup> grade
Celina	41.93%	99%	98%
Immaculate Conception	17.69%	93%	NA
Coldwater	17.04%	91%	92%
Fort Recovery	7.5%	77%	90%
Marion Local	3.05%	92%	82%
Parkway Rockford	30.22%	91%	89.7%
St Henry	10.39%	82%	94%

Who should be vaccinated?

- Infants at 2, 4, 6, 12, and 18 months
- Preschoolers after 4 years and before kindergarten
- Preteens after 11 years and before 7<sup>th</sup> grade
- Teenagers after 16 years and before Senior year of High School
- Adults are never too old to be vaccinated
- Everyone yearly flu shot after 6 months of age

**For more on Measles go to:** <https://www.cdc.gov/features/measles/index.html>

**For More on Hepatitis A go to:** <https://www.cdc.gov/hepatitis/hav/>

**For More on Pertussis go to:** <https://www.cdc.gov/pertussis/>

Find us at:

- The Head Start Screening Day July 24<sup>th</sup>
- Mercer County Fair August 9<sup>th</sup> thru August 15<sup>th</sup> in the Commercial Building
- WIC kids day August 17<sup>th</sup> at the Celina Eagles

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## Mercer County Health Services

Public Health	Jan-Dec 2018	2019 as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Immunizations Given	16,154	6744
Federally Funded Vaccines For Children	4,428	1962
Federally Funded Adult Vaccine Program	93	209
Private Pay/Private Insurance Mercer County Funded Vaccine	11,633	4398
Number of Children Served	3,335	1589
Number of Adults Served	1,665	710
Tuberculin Skin Tests	358	175
BCMh Caseload	277	186
Car seats Distributed (Ohio Buckles Buckeyes)	48	25
Pack N Plays Distributed (Safe Sleep)	17	11

Communicable Diseases	Jan-Dec 2018	2019 as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Class A: immediate response needed	1	0
Class B: timely response needed	332	186
Class C: response to outbreaks only	4	3
Chlamydia	73	57
Gonorrhea	11	9
Hepatitis C	31	14
Campylobacter	46	16
Cryptosporidium	29	4
Shiga Toxin E. Coli	9	0
Hospitalized Influenza	59	44
Reported Chickenpox	12	1
Whooping Cough	2	0
Active Tuberculosis	0	0

Environmental Health	Jan-Dec 2018	2019 as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Inspections</b>		
Water Systems	248	139
Sewage Systems	117	53
Campgrounds and Manufactured Home Parks	40	24
Public Pools and Spas	40	18
Schools	29	14
Food Service Operations/Vending	662	276
Tattoo/Body Piercing Service	6	4
<b>Investigations</b>		
Animal Bites	47	40
Environmental Complaints	77	33
Solid Waste	22	11

Vital Statistics	Jan-Dec 2018	2019 as of June 30 <sup>th</sup>
Mercer County Births	367	166
Mercer County Deaths	318	145
Birth Certificates Issued	2072	1390
Death Certificates Issued	1151	513