



Mercer County Health District Quarterly Digest

Volume 5 Newsletter



OUR MISSION

Protect, promote, and improve
the health of Mercer County

OUR VISION

All people of Mercer County lead a
healthy, fulfilling, and productive life

From the HEALTH DEPT ● ● ● ● ●

Live Well Mercer County is the name of Mercer County's public health collaborative group. This group is made up of a variety of community partners, all of whom contribute to the health of people in Mercer County in some way. Examples of these partners include the Mercer County Health District, Mercer Health, Foundations Behavioral Health Services, the Tri-County ADAMHS Board, Mercer County Educational Service Center, Mercer County District Library, Mercer County Department of Job and Family Services, Mercer County Board of Developmental Disabilities, and others. The Live Well Mercer County membership is continuously growing as we seek to reach all subsets of the Mercer County Population.

Live Well Mercer County exists to enable all people to live well in Mercer County. To learn more, visit the [Live Well Mercer County website](#).

CHNA Survey ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ● ●

Thanks to the Mercer Health Team, the 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey is now live in Survey Monkey. You can access the survey using this link: [Mercer County, Ohio 2024 Community Health Needs Assessment Survey](#) (surveymonkey.com). The link is also on the Live Well Mercer County and MCHD websites, and has been shared on the Mercer Health, Live Well Mercer County, and MCHD Facebook pages.



MERCER COUNTY

HEALTH DISTRICT

Cassidy Freeman, who served as the Emergency Response Coordinator, MRC Coordinator, and Accreditation Specialist, has taken on a new position outside of MCHD. She has joined Mercer County EMA, one of our partner agencies. While we wish her all the success in her new role, we will truly miss her valuable contributions.



Emergency Preparedness/ MRC

PREPAREDNESS SUMMIT

Two dedicated MRC volunteers recently had the invaluable opportunity to attend the Preparedness Summit in Cleveland, where they immersed themselves in a wealth of knowledge, resources, and relationships essential for effective emergency preparedness and response. Surrounded by over 2,500 attendees from various sectors including government, emergency management, healthcare, and academia, they engaged in sharing best practices, forging partnerships, and advancing their skill sets. Armed with innovative solutions and practical strategies gleaned from the summit, these volunteers are now better equipped to address vulnerabilities in our country's health security system and contribute to the resilience of our community in times of crisis.



TRAINING CLASS

MCHD hosted a crucial awareness class, "Mass Fatality Planning and Response for Rural Counties," providing essential training for first responders and personnel handling mass fatality incidents in rural areas. This specialized course equipped participants with the skills and knowledge needed to effectively plan for and respond to such events, addressing challenges like limited resources and infrastructure. Covering coordination with local agencies, victim identification techniques, and communication strategies, this training is vital for ensuring preparedness and resilience in rural communities facing mass casualty incidents.



Remaining

2024 MRC MEETINGS

- **JUNE 5, 2024**
- **SEPTEMBER 4, 2024**
- **DECEMBER 4, 2024**

WANT TO VOLUNTEER?

We appreciate our MRC volunteers and aim to grow our team. Everyone, regardless of medical background, can contribute to our community. Whether you have medical expertise or not, your unique skills are valuable. To join or learn more, contact us at admin@mchdohio.org. We look forward to connecting and discussing your role in our mission.

Local Events

First Fridays in Celina
2nd Tuesday in Montezuma- West Ohio Food Bank
April 6-8th Eclipse Festival Mercer County Fair Grounds.
May 17-18 Boardwalk Boat & Bike Show

Have a local event you want to share with us next quarter?

Email:
admin@mchdohio.org

Health Services

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING



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CAREER COMPACT

Strating in February, students of Tri Star Career Compact's Med Prep program were granted the opportunity to observe MCHD Public Health Nurses. The students were able to observe immunization administration and TB skin testing. They also had the chance to learn how communicable disease nursing and the CMH program are vital parts of Public Health. This observation opportunity continued into April.



WASH

YOUR

HANDS

As we start approaching garage sale and festival seasons, handwashing is still as important as ever. When items are handled multiple times, the risk of transmitting illness drastically increases. Remember to thoroughly wash your hands after animal contact, using the restroom, and before handling foods.



kindergarten

With kindergarten screening kicking off recently at our local schools, there has been an uptick in immunization record requests and families starting to schedule for kindergarten immunizations. Starting at 4 years of age, children are recommended to receive a Dtap, Polio, MMR and Chickenpox vaccine. They also need a 3-dose series of Hep B that is properly spaced.

MOBI/TIES

MOBI (Maximizing Office Based Immunization) and TIES (Teenage Immunization Education Session) are programs by Ohio AAP funded by the Ohio Department of Health through CDC. Public health nurses attend annual training to update local doctor's offices on childhood and adolescent immunizations to increase Ohio's immunization rates.

Lisa Vondrell, RN, has conducted presentations at multiple Medical Group practices to assist staff in managing childhood vaccines. The resources provided include guidance on vaccine schedules, storage, and administration to ensure optimal immunity. The goal is to emphasize the importance of vaccines in reducing childhood deaths and assuring families of their safety and effectiveness.



Clinic Hours:

 (419) 586-3251 Option 2

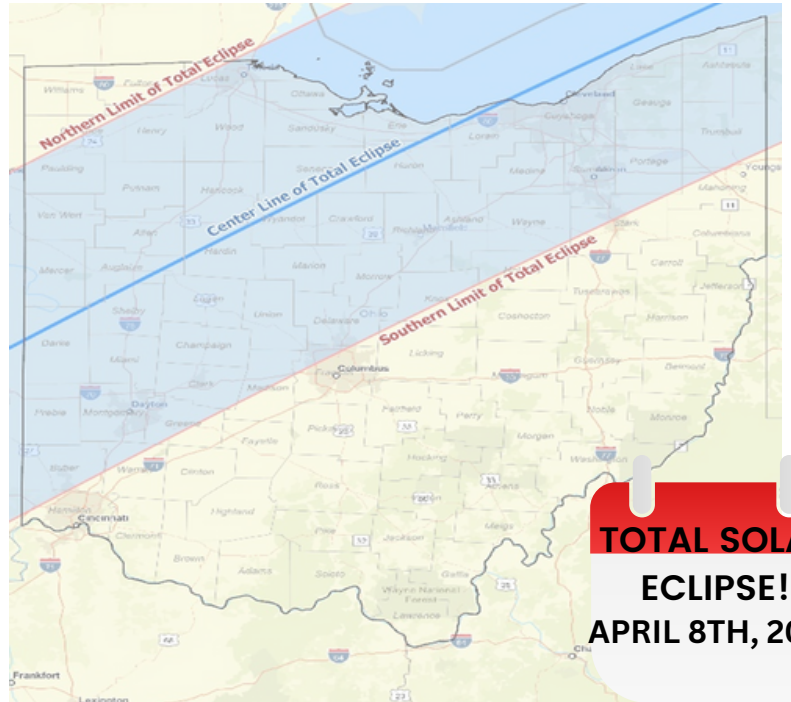
Monday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Tuesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Wednesday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Thursday: 9:30am-5:15pm
Friday: 7:30am-3:30pm
Saturday: CLOSED
Sunday: CLOSED





MICHELLE ON SPECTRUM

Michelle delivered a compelling talk on Spectrum, highlighting environmental health hazards during the Solar Eclipse on April 8, 2024. Her informative discussion shed light on potential risks associated with the event, ensuring public awareness and preparedness. For those planning temporary food and camping arrangements, convenient packets are available on the MCHD website, offering essential guidance for safe and enjoyable experiences amidst the celestial spectacle.



**TOTAL SOLAR
ECLIPSE!**
APRIL 8TH, 2024

TEMPORARY CAMPING PERMITS

Please stop at the Health Department or email healthdistrict@mchdohio.org to get temporary campground permits.



TEMPORARY FOOD PACKET

Click above on the Temporary Food Packet to get a link for temporary food! Please allow 10 days advance notice in order to obtain a temporary food service license!



Environmental Specialists attended the annual Midwest Workshop facilitated by the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus on March 11 – 12. Topics attended included: Public Health Role During a Radiation Emergency; Updates to Food Code Regulations; PFAS and Emerging Contaminants in Drinking Water; Sewage Treatment Systems in Campgrounds; Upcoming Software Solutions for Environmental Programs; Sink Holes in Ohio; Meat Inspection / Labeling Requirements; East Palestine: A Year in Review.



Staff Education Day

Jason Menchhofer lead MCHD's Education Day with a glimpse of the Social Determinates of Health toolkit provided by Knox Public Health



MCHD staff and various community partners attended training for Mass Fatality Planning and Response for Rural Counties



Stop the Bleed training instructed by John Schumm, Celina Fire Dept.

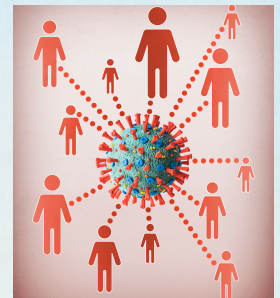


Tri Star students acquired valuable knowledge on the correct preparation and administration technique for vaccinations.

Proper use of the MARCS radios and solar eclipse presented by Mike Robbins, Mercer County EMA



Anatomy of an outbreak presented by Deb Scheer, developed by Michaela Heitkamp



References:

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