

HEALTH DISTRICT

2019
ANNUAL REPORT

Our Mission

To **promote** public health, **prevent** disease, and **protect** the environment, utilizing leadership and partnership to empower individuals and communities to achieve optimal health.

Our Vision

Healthy **People**. Healthy **Environments**. Healthy **Communities**.

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Who We Serve

Serving the Townships of:
Atwater, Brimfield, Charlestown, Deerfield,
Edinburg, Franklin, Freedom, Hiram, Mantua,
Nelson, Palmyra, Paris, Randolph, Ravenna,
Rootstown, Shalersville, Suffield, Windham

Serving the Villages of:
Garrettsville, Hiram, Mantua, Mogadore,
Sugar Bush Knolls, Windham

Serving the Cities of:
Aurora, Ravenna, Streetsboro

From the Health Commissioner

I am pleased to present the Portage County Combined General Health District (PCHD) Annual Report, which highlights the great work that our agency accomplished in 2019.

This was a landmark year for the Health District with the achievement of national public health accreditation on June 11, 2019. Accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) is valid for five years, during which PCHD will continue to develop and improve its practices. The ultimate goal of accreditation is to advance quality and performance within our agency by meeting and exceeding the standards of PHAB.

Here, we have highlighted a sampling of our proud accomplishments from 2019 to show public health in action. In 2019, we completed a new Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan. Our agency also successfully obtained federal funding to bring on board the Portage and Columbiana County WIC program.

Additionally, the Health District has been working diligently on revising our Strategic Plan to assess service capacities and develop goals that align with the new Community Health Improvement Plan. In 2020, we will be gathering input from our stakeholders to ensure our agency is continuing to meet the community needs within the realm of public health.

I hope you enjoy our annual report and encourage you to visit our website to get the most up-to-date information on current public health practices and concerns.

Sincerely,
Joseph Diorio

National Public Health Accreditation



On June 11, 2019, the Portage County Combined General Health District was awarded National Public Health Accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board located in Alexandria, Virginia. This milestone accomplishment signifies to Portage County residents that they are being served by a health district that has met rigorous nationally recognized, performance-focused, and evidence-based standards for public health. Accreditation has strengthened the Agency's continuous commitment towards meeting the 10 Essential Services of Public Health including quality improvement, workforce development, strategic planning, and performance management.

Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan

In 2019, Portage County Health District partnered with UH Portage Medical Center, Mental Health & Recovery Board of Portage County, and Kent City Health Department to conduct the second Portage County Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan.

The Community Health Assessment is a data-rich comprehensive look at the health and well-being of Portage County residents. The purpose of the community health assessment is to identify the needs of the community and to choose priority areas that will be systematically addressed as a community within a three year plan.

The Community Health Assessment and Improvement Plan are available on our website at www.portaghealth.net.

Priority Areas:

Mental Health,
Substance Use,
& Addiction

Chronic
Disease

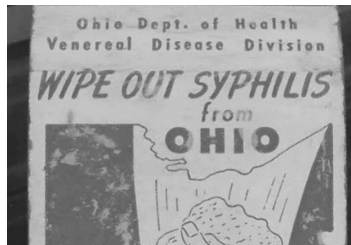
Maternal,
Infant, &
Child
Health

Cross-cutting Factors:

Access to Care

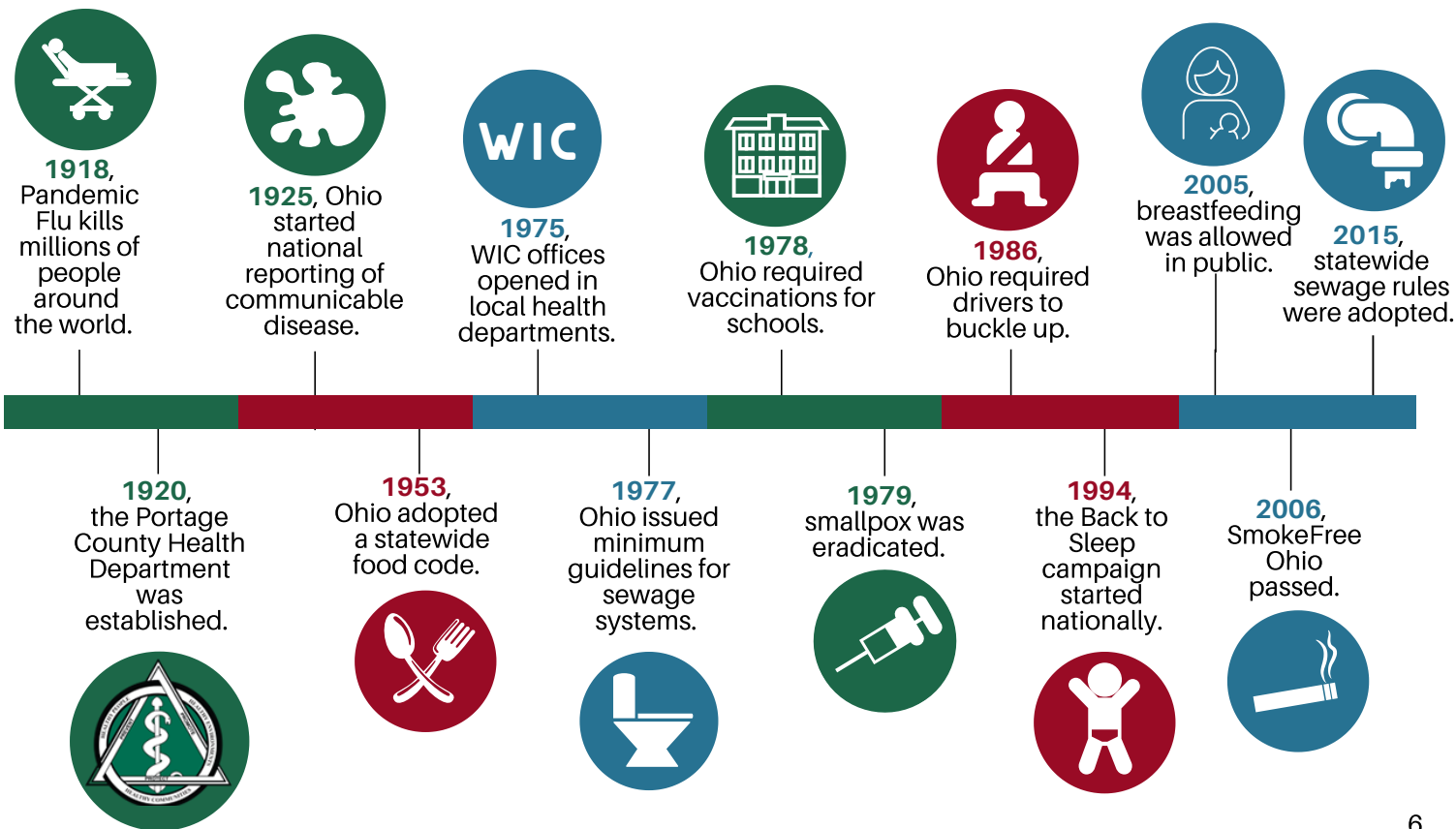
Social Determinants
of Health

Health Equity

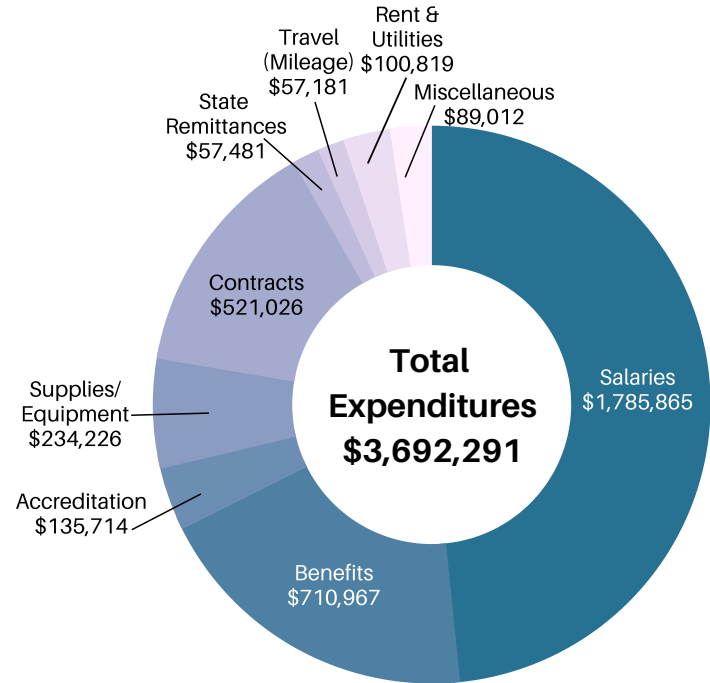
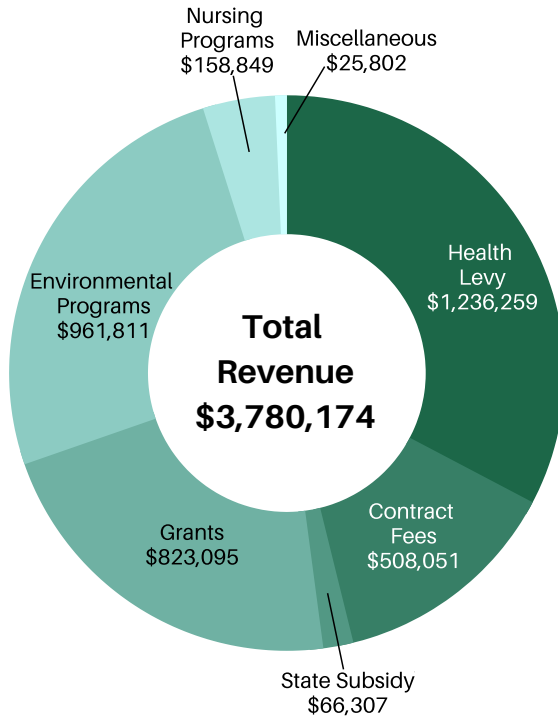


Celebrating 100 PUBLIC HEALTH Years





Financials



Snapshot of 2019

The following pages provide a snapshot of some of the work Portage County Health District accomplished in 2019. For a complete overview of our programs and services, please visit our website at www.portagehealth.net.



Environmental Health



2,155
Food Safety
Inspections



91
School
Inspections



401
Pool & Camp
Inspections



778
Plumbing
Inspections



95
Solid
Waste
Inspections

The Environmental Health Division focuses on prevention of disease through sanitation, safe food and water, proper disposal of waste, and promoting safe and healthy environmental conditions throughout Portage County.

Water Quality Programs



Home Sewage Treatment Systems

234 Site & Soil Evaluations
910 Inspections



Wastewater Nuisance Complaints

121 Inspections
420 Data Collection/File Review/Reports



Chemical & Bacterial Water Sampling

294 Water Samples
31 Consultations



Private Water System Program

152 Installation Permits

Semi-Public Commercial Wastewater (HB110)

174
Inspections
78
Consultations

Storm Water Illicit Discharges (ID)

76 ID & Verification
Inspections
482 Dry Weather
Screening

Nursing Services

2,062

Child Immunizations

1,914

Adult Immunizations

765

Seasonal Flu Shots

172

TB Tests Administered

1494

Communicable Disease
Investigations

394

Children with Medical
Handicaps Clients

256

Animal Bites/
Rabies Exposures

**The Nursing Division is
committed to protecting the health
and well-being of the residents
of Portage County.**

**This is accomplished through
population-based services,
enabling services, and education.**



Hepatitis A Outbreak

SYMPTOMS INCLUDE

nausea



vomiting



SPREAD BY



direct contact
with infected
person



eating
contaminated
food & drinks

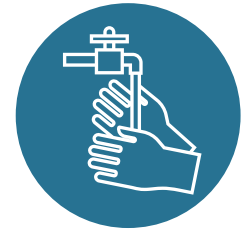
In 2019, PCHD responded to the statewide community Hepatitis A outbreak.

Reaching the high-risk population (people who use drugs, people experiencing homelessness, people currently incarcerated, men who have sex with men, people with chronic liver disease), PCHD Nurses gave 561 Hepatitis A vaccinations.

PREVENTION IS EASY!



**GET
VACCINATED**



**WASH YOUR
HANDS**

Health Education & Promotion

The Health Education Division is responsible for the planning and development of coordinated health education programs to meet the mission and vision of the health district.



Community Presentations
50 Events
47 Presentations/
Trainings

Comprehensive Sexuality Education
7384
condoms
distributed
2548
People Educated

Project DAWN
221 Kits
Distributed
490 Residents
Educated

Tobacco Cessation
24 Residents
Participating

Injury Prevention

By the numbers

21,530,132



People Reached with Traffic Safety Messaging

87

Trauma-Informed Yoga Sessions Held



212



Residents Registered

14



Residents Trained



A MATTER OF BALANCE

MANAGING CONCERNS ABOUT FALLS

97

Car Seats Distributed



72

Bike Helmets Distributed



41

Pack n' Plays Distributed



Cribs for Kids®
Helping every baby sleep safer

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

In October 2019, the Portage and Columbiana County WIC Programs joined the Portage County Health District.

Funded through grants from the Federal Government (USDA), WIC is administered by the Ohio Department of Health, with services provided locally in Lisbon and Ravenna. WIC is a nutrition education & supplemental food program for women, infants, and children. The program provides highly nutritious foods, breastfeeding support, nutrition education, and connects families with other area resources.

WIC serves income eligible pregnant, breastfeeding and postpartum women, infants, and children to age 5.



3,770

Average Monthly Caseload



8,748

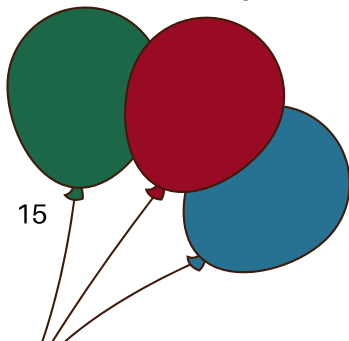
Certifications/Recertifications



7,608

Mid-Certifications

(Nutrition Education & High Risk Follow-up)



Welcome!

WIC Promotes Breastfeeding

WIC supports all mothers and babies, regardless of their feeding decision. Staff are trained to promote and protect breastfeeding as the optimal feeding method for all infants. WIC staff provide the necessary resources and referrals to assist mother and baby in achieving their breastfeeding goals.

THE WIC PROGRAM PROVIDES:

Breastfeeding
Peer
Helpers



Classes &
Group
Supports



Certified
Lactation
Counselors



Educational
Materials



Hotlines for
Questions



65.8%
Breastfeeding
Initiation Rate

5,748
Number of
contacts made to
provide
breastfeeding
education and
support

Awarded National Accreditation for Public Health Excellence!



2019



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Ravenna, Ohio 44266
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