



Wyandot County General Health District
2023 Annual Report

Wyandot County
Public Health

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Wyandot County Public Health

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2023 Health Commissioner Message



I have served as the Health Commissioner for Wyandot County and the Medical Director for Wyandot County Public Health since 2010. There have been many changes over the years, but our mission remains the same. Wyandot County Public Health is dedicated to providing health and safety services that positively impact the well-being of all citizens of Wyandot County. We do so by providing services including routine immunizations, assistance to children with medical handicaps, school nursing, Help Me Grow home visiting, food and water safety programs, emergency preparedness, disaster training and WIC services. We continually work on our Community Health Improvement Plan and are committed to providing quality public health services to our community with the goal of improving the overall health of our population.

As always, please contact us with opportunities on how we can better serve you as we continue to prevent, promote, and protect in 2024.

Keri Harris, M.D.

Wyandot County Health Commissioner

2023 Wyandot County Board of Health

Meet the Members of Our Board of Health



Bill Aubry
President
Current Term:
4/1/2021 - 3/31/2026



Barb Mewhorter
Vice President
Current Term:
4/1/2023 - 3/31/2028



Cindy Kraus
Board Member
Current Term:
4/1/2019 - 3/31/2024



Dallas Risner
Replaced by
Deborah Rellinger
Board Member
Current Term:
10/1/2023 - 3/31/2025



Dr. Chevone R. Vent
Board Member
Current Term:
4/1/2022 - 3/31/2027

Mission Statement - Providing health and safety services that positively impact and improve the well-being of all who live, work, and play in Wyandot County.

Wyandot County Health Alliance



In August of 2002, more than 20 local agencies, businesses, health professionals, and private citizens established the Wyandot County Health Alliance, a partnership to improve community wellness and quality of life. In 2003, with "A Healthier Wyandot County" as their vision, the Health Alliance initiated the most comprehensive county-wide, standardized community needs assessment ever conducted for Wyandot County. The assessment is completed every three years, as required by the Ohio Department of Health. In 2022, we utilized the data from the 2021 Community Health Assessment (CHA) to create our 2022-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). To view the specific

data used, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-assessment/.

The 2022-2025 CHIP identifies our newest 3-year strategies as:

- Priority Area 1:** Community Conditions (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 2:** Health Behaviors (8 strategies)
- Priority Area 3:** Access to Care (1 strategy)
- Priority Area 4:** Mental Health and Addiction (5 strategies)
- Priority Area 5:** Chronic Disease (2 strategies)
- Priority Area 6:** Maternal and Infant Health (2 strategies)
- Priority Area 7:** Risky Behaviors (1 strategy)

To view a more detailed list of the strategies and their action

plans, please visit www.wyandothealth.com/community-health-improvement-plan/. The next agenda item for the Health Alliance is to complete our 2024 CHA that will give us the data to create a 2026-2028 CHIP with new goals and strategies for our community. Participation is vital and gives the Health Alliance fresh ideas to help our community flourish.

For any questions or if you are a community partner wanting to join the Wyandot County Health Alliance, please give us a call at 419-294-3852 and ask for one of our Health Alliance coordinators, Krystina Auble and Callan Pugh.

Wyandot County Public Health Staff



Krystina Auble



Yajaira Ayala



Beth Bower



Rhiannon Coppler



Jamie Crawford



Alida Davidson



Hanna Dickerson



Anna Gibson



Lydia Ingalls



Jodi Kimmel



Erin Logsdon



Elaine McKee



Katrina Motter



Kelli Owens



Molly Owens



Ashlie Pierson



Callan Pugh



Danielle Schalk



Michelle Swinehart



Tonya Tracy

2023 Fiscal Division

Performance Management

Our 2023 financial goal was increasing our operating funds from 75 to 90 days cash on hand. We ended the year with 114.25 days. We continue to monitor funding and are always looking for grant opportunities. We remain optimistic regarding the 2024 financial picture.

Fiscal Staff 2023

Kelli Owens
Administrator / Registrar

Performance Management for All Funds Combined

Operating Funds for All Funds Combined

Year	Beginning Balance	YTD Revenue	YTD Expenditures	Ending Balance	Days	GOALS
2013	\$553,221.75	\$2,392,740.03	\$2,409,188.91	\$536,772.87	57.93	
2014	\$536,772.87	\$2,354,265.11	\$2,586,526.33	\$304,511.65	30.61	
2015	\$304,511.65	\$2,425,477.38	\$2,485,346.63	\$244,642.40	25.59	
2016	\$244,642.40	\$2,721,084.49	\$2,667,276.02	\$298,450.87	29.09	
2017	\$298,405.89	\$2,914,845.83	\$2,957,055.42	\$256,196.30	22.53	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2018	\$256,241.30	\$2,115,481.44	\$2,083,977.53	\$287,745.21	36.04	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2019	\$287,745.21	\$1,719,947.20	\$1,793,478.28	\$214,214.13	31.17	Operating Funds for 30 Days
2020	\$214,214.13	\$2,443,604.16	\$2,109,901.86	\$547,916.43	68.04	Operating Funds for 45 Days
2021	\$547,916.43	\$2,067,079.02	\$1,822,813.48	\$792,181.97	113.43	Operating Funds for 60 Days
2022	\$792,181.97	\$2,068,831.05	\$1,995,107.20	\$865,905.82	158.41	Operating Funds for 75 Days
2023	\$865,905.82	\$1,847,949.55	\$1,857,811.72	\$855,899.81	114.25	Operating Funds for 90 Days
2024					0.00	Operating Funds for 105 Days
2025					0.00	Operating Funds for 120 Days
2026					0.00	Operating Funds for 120 Days

Cash Report All Funds Combined

Date December 31, 2023	Beginning Balance January 1, 2023	2023 Revenue YTD	2023 Transfers In	2023 Beginning, Revenue & Transfer Total	2023 Expenses YTD	2023 Transfers Out	2023 YTD Balance
County Health	\$482,746.00	\$1,029,099.97	\$5,012.04	\$1,516,858.01	\$1,048,419.32	\$100,039.17	\$368,399.52
Recreational Vehicle Park	\$432.48	\$2,044.71	\$5,500.00	\$7,977.19	\$3,278.99		\$4,700.20
Water Supply	\$8,048.11	\$20,110.63	\$10,000.00	\$38,158.74	\$30,786.25		\$7,422.49
Women Infants and Children Grant	\$19,501.00	\$112,229.54		\$131,730.54	\$108,616.41		\$25,114.13
Food Service	\$34,728.88	\$50,676.93		\$85,405.81	\$55,076.45		\$30,329.36
Sanitary Landfill	\$19,055.67	\$59,902.96		\$78,958.63	\$1,687.49		\$77,271.14
Manufactured Home Park	\$2,892.03	\$1,103.16		\$3,995.19	\$923.84		\$3,071.35
School Nursing	\$17,201.93	\$91,151.31	\$3,500.00	\$111,853.24	\$110,474.75		\$1,378.49
Solid Waste Health	\$9,345.21	\$20,121.74		\$29,466.95	\$16,723.03		\$12,743.92
Covid-19 Vaccination Grant	\$27,077.76	\$15,267.96	\$20,000.00	\$62,345.72	\$52,634.80	\$5,000.00	\$4,710.92
Infectious Waste	\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15	\$0.00		\$2,109.15
Swimming Pool	5626.66	\$2,025.21	\$1,000.00	\$3,651.87	\$3,277.47		\$374.40
Covid Enhanced Operations	\$48,546.04	\$59,670.75		\$108,216.79	\$61,028.54		\$47,188.25
Public Health Emergency Response Grant	\$126,968.88	\$82,956.53		\$209,925.41	\$79,756.33		\$130,169.08
Life Skills	\$33,637.37	\$66,921.56		\$100,558.93	\$52,090.32		\$48,468.61
Construction & Demolition Debris Fund	\$25,641.77	\$24,762.72		\$50,404.49	\$22,461.65		\$27,942.84
Get Vaccinated	\$0.00	\$16,304.00	\$40,000.00	\$56,304.00	\$13,822.20		\$42,481.80
Reproductive Health & Wellness Grant	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$39.17	\$39.17	\$27.18	\$12.04	\$0.00
Household Sewage Disposal	\$7,203.04	\$88,536.62	\$20,000.00	\$115,739.66	\$93,715.90		\$22,024.16
Health Department Subtotal	\$865,761.98	\$1,742,886.30	\$105,051.21	\$2,713,699.49	\$1,752,748.47	\$105,051.21	\$855,899.81
				\$1,847,937.51		\$1,857,799.68	

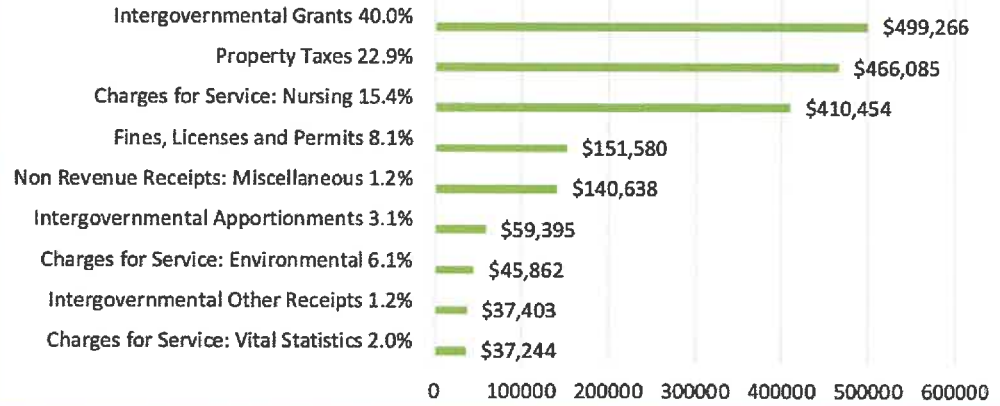
The fiscal division administers all state, federal and local grants. The division oversees the collection of revenues and monitors expenses such as payroll and purchasing. The health district is audited once a year by the Auditor of the State of Ohio and has received a clean audit for many years. In addition to the state audit, the board of health also reviews all financial reporting at the monthly board of health meetings.

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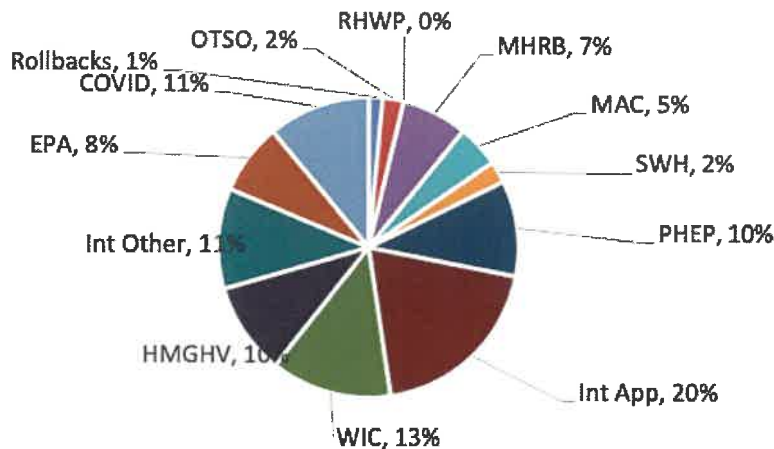
2023 Revenue Sources \$1,791,594



2023 Expenses \$1,752,740

2023 Expenses		
Postage	0.1%	\$1,995
Travel & Expenses	0.6%	\$14,993
Intergovernmental Expense	0.1%	\$24,734
Equipment	0.2%	\$15,060
State and EPA Fees	8.9%	\$49,700
Other Expenses	6.4%	\$174,301
Supplies	12.0%	\$274,569
Contract Service	6.8%	\$96,812
Fringes	15.5%	\$223,093
Salaries	49.1%	\$877,483
Total Expenses		\$1,752,740

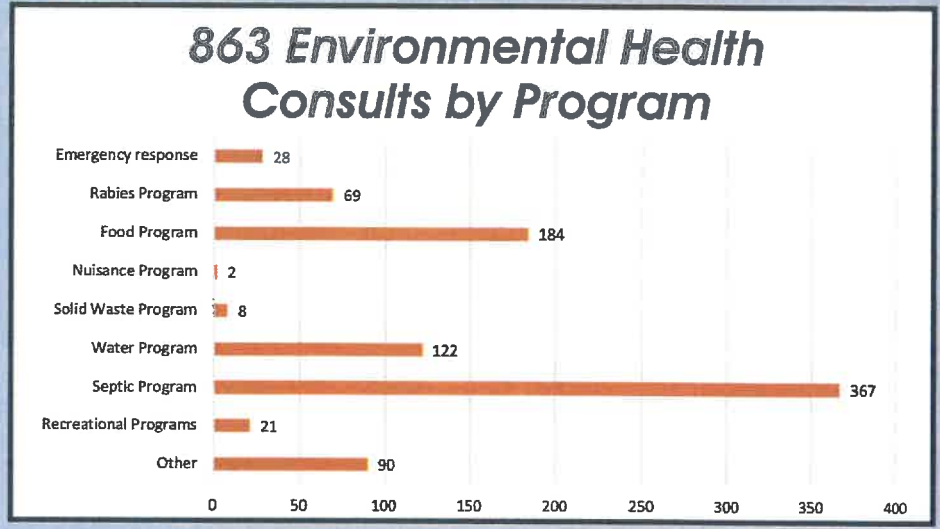
2023 Grants and Other Receipts \$861,017



2023 Environmental Health Report of Activities

The Environmental Health Division's duties include conducting environmental health inspections at restaurants and other food service establishments as well as campgrounds, swimming pools, landfills, and school facilities. Additional responsibilities include issuing water and sewage permits for private residences and overseeing the operation and maintenance of septic systems in the county. The Environmental Health Division is also involved in tracking all animal bites and assuring animals are quarantined and vaccinated for rabies.

863 Environmental Health Consults by Program



2023 Environmental Staff

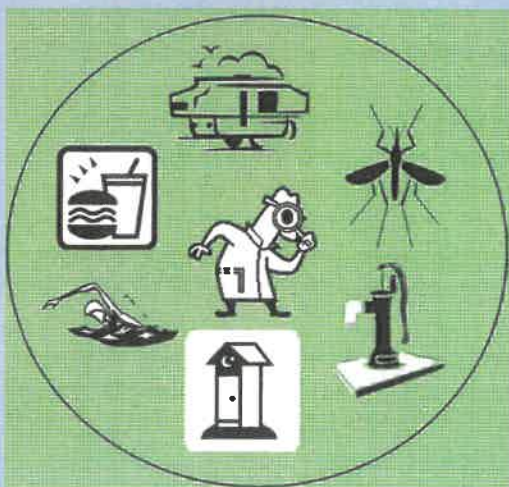
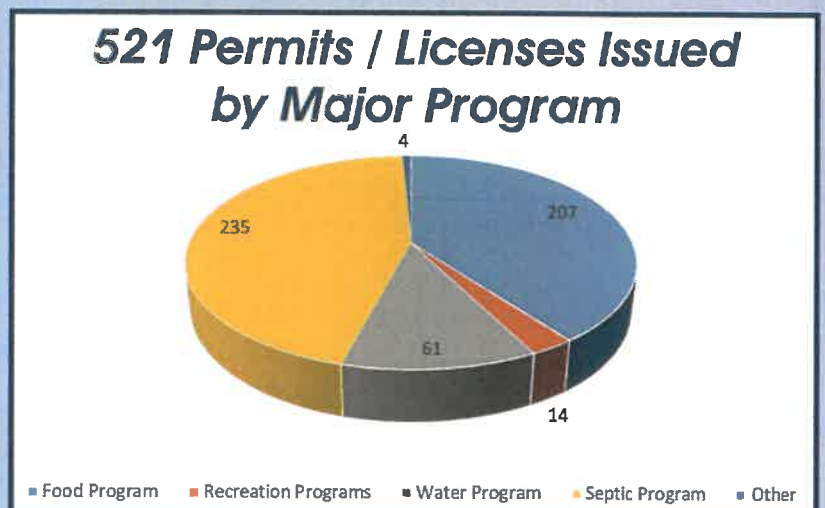
Molly Owens, MBA, MPH, REHS,
Director

Jeffrey Ritchey, BS, REHS
Former Director

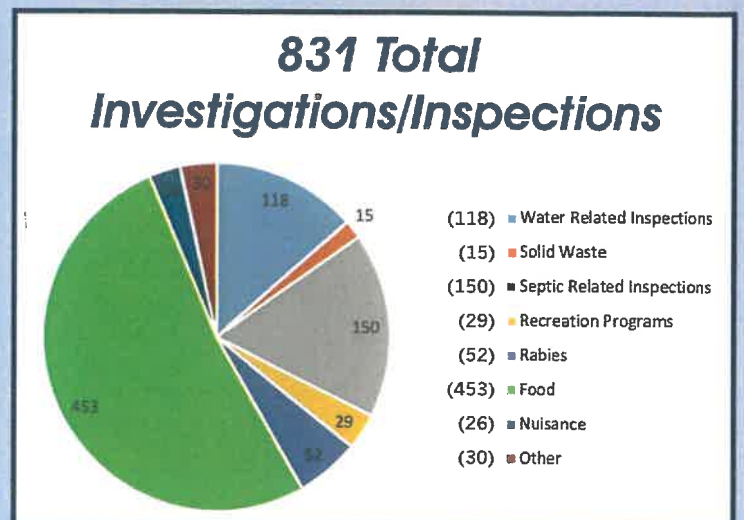
Danielle Schalk, BS, REHS

Lydia Ingalls, BS, REHSIT

521 Permits / Licenses Issued by Major Program

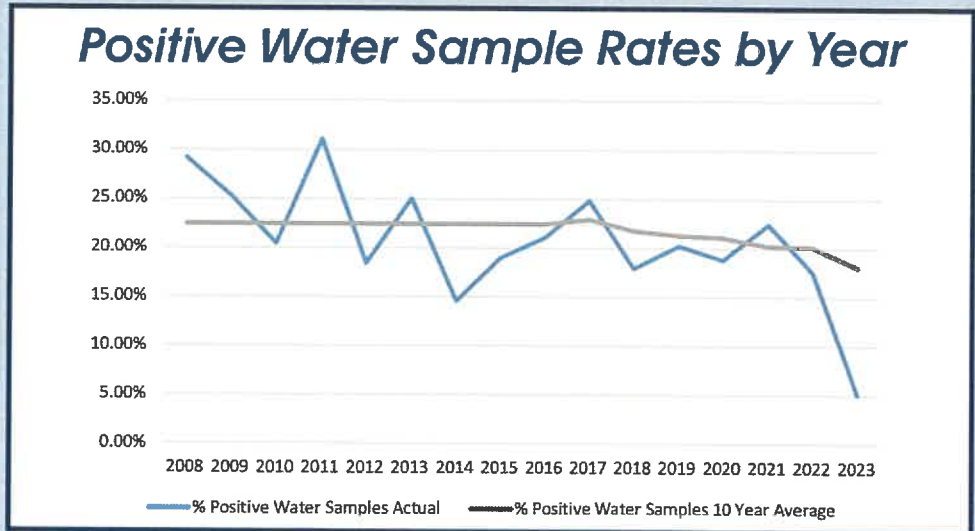


831 Total Investigations/Inspections



Environmental Health Performance Management

In 2023 the Environmental Health Division continued to monitor positive water sample rates for new and replaced private water systems. The ultimate goal of this project is to reduce the costs and inconvenience associated with the resampling of wells for homeowners, contractors and the Health Department, and to assure safe water for homeowners.



Since 2017 Wyandot Public Health has added over 900 old existing sewage systems into an Operational Permitting Program. Operational Permits help to assure that existing septic systems are being properly maintained and not creating nuisances.

The cost to replace or repair a failing sewage system can be devastating to a household. To assist with the financial burden, Wyandot Public Health continues to make available up to \$75,000 in grant dollars each year, to income eligible families, for the repair or replacement of failing household sewage systems.

2023 Public Health Nursing Report of Activities

Nursing Department Staff in 2023

Anna Gibson, RN – Director of Nursing

Katrina Motter, LPN – Public Health Nurse

Beth Bower, RN – Public Health Nurse

Elaine McKee, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse

Rhiannon Coppler, RN – Public Health Nurse

Yajaira Ayala – Help Me Grow Supervisor

Tonya Tracy, RN – Public Health Nurse

Alida Davidson – Clerk & Medical Biller

Jamie Crawford, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse

Jodi Kimmel – Clerk

Ashley Pierson, BSN, RN – Public Health Nurse

Michelle Swinehart - Clerk

Halle Gottfried, RN – Public Health Nurse

Public Health Nursing is defined as the practice of promoting and protecting the health of populations using knowledge from nursing, social, and public health sciences (American Public Health Association). Public health nursing focuses on promoting health, preventing disease, and building community involvement.

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2023 Nursing Programs Included:

Routine Immunization Clinics

Project DAWN Naloxone Distribution

Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinics

School Nursing

Covid-19 Vaccination Clinics

Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Communicable Disease Reporting,
Investigation, & Follow-up

Car Seat Training & Distribution

Lead Case Management

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH)

Lice Prevention & Eradication

The Pieces to Our Nursing Puzzle



PROJECT DAWN

Deaths Avoided with Naloxone, Opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution

Community Naloxone Kits Distributed: **170**
 Law Enforcement/First Responder Naloxone Kits Distributed: **37**
 Total Naloxone Kits Distributed: **207**



Communicable Disease Reporting

Public Health Nurses are responsible for following up on reportable conditions in Wyandot County residents.

The top 3 reportable conditions in Wyandot County in 2023:
 #1 – COVID-19
 #2 – Chlamydia
 #3 – Campylobacteriosis



Car Seat Program

WCPH provides child safety seats and booster seats to eligible families through the O.B.B Program. The overall goal is to increase safety and proper installation.

68 Car Seats Distributed
10 High-back Boosters Distributed



Immunization Clinic

Reduce and eliminate vaccine-preventable diseases for all ages.

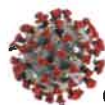
1,945 Clients
3,294 Vaccines Given
61 Mantoux (PPD) tests



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) Program

Providing assistance to children with specialty health care and their families

94 Children



Covid Test Kit Distribution

Covid test kits distributed: **1754**



Help Me Grow Home Visiting

Help Me Grow Home Visiting is a parent- support program that encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education to promote the comprehensive health and development of children.

39 Families
7 Children aged out in 2023
12 Group Connections

School Nursing & Delegated Nursing Services

Promoting the health and wellness of students.

Screenings:
 Hearing / Vision / Scoliosis
 Health Management

Contracted Nursing Services with:
 Angeline / Board of DD / Carey / OLC
 St. Peter's / Upper Sandusky
4,963 School Contacts



2023 Primary Cause of Death

Primary causes of Wyandot County deaths have been provided below. It should be noted that additional contributing factors can be included on each death certificate.

Accidents		COPD	7
Fall	1	COVID-19	2
Drowning	1	Dementia	4
Combined Drug Intoxication		Diabetes	1
(Fentanyl, Oxycodone/Meth)	1	Dysphagia	7
Car-Blunt Force	6	OTHER	3
Alzheimer's	8	Parkinson's Disease	3
Cancer, not listed below	8	Pending	3
Brain	2	Pneumonia	2
Colon	6	Pulmonary	2
Esophageal	1	Renal/Kidney	6
Leukemia	1	Respiratory Failure	18
Liver	1	Senescence	19
Lung	9	Sepsis/Septicemia	3
Lymphoma	1	Stroke	7
Pancreatic	1	Suicide, Other	
Prostate	2	Gun Shot Wound	2
Cardiac/Heart	52	Hanging	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	3	TOTALS:	196

2023 Vital Statistics

Birth certificates for individuals who are born in Ohio and death certificates for people who died in Wyandot County are available for purchase. Both can be obtained in person at the health department, by mail order, by phone or at www.vitalchek.com.

672 Birth Certificates Issued
628 Death Certificates Issued
218 Burial Permits Issued

Births 2023

Births Male 3
 Births Female 3
Total Births 6

Deaths 2023

Deaths Male 93
 Deaths Female 103
Total Deaths 196

Wyandot County Leading Causes of Death 2021-23

Total Deaths: 605

- Heart Disease (30% of all deaths)
- Cancer (16%)
- Respiratory Failure (8.5%)
- Senescence (7%)
- Accidents (5%)

Ohio Leading Causes of Death 2021-2023

Total Deaths: 413,026

- Heart Disease (21% of all deaths)
- Cancers (18%)
- COVID-19 (7%)
- Accidents, Unintentional Injuries (7%)
- Stroke (5%)

(Source: Ohio Public Health Data Warehouse, 2023)

2023 WIC Report of Activities

Another great year for WIC!

1. Wyandot WIC has continued to grow our caseload over the past year—increasing from 263 participants in January to 307 participants in December, an increase of 16.7%!
2. While the COVID flexibilities ended for Ohio WIC in August 2023, we have continued to receive enough funding for Ohio WIC participants to receive an increased dollar amount for fruits and vegetables throughout 2023!
3. Wyandot WIC participated in the Farmer's Market program for the second year in a row and gave out \$3,000 worth of produce to 100 Wyandot WIC participants last summer!
4. We also partnered with Help Me Grow to throw a baby shower in August for expecting parents and parents with children under one—over 30 parents and babies attended!
5. In December, Wyandot WIC partnered again with Help Me Grow to throw a holiday party. Over 50 WIC and HMG parents and children enjoyed making crafts and meeting Mr. and Mrs. Claus!

WIC Staff 2023

Krystina Auble,
MPH, RD, LD, CLC
Director

Hanna Dickerson
Clerk

Jodi Kimmel
Medical Assistant

Erin Logsdon
Breastfeeding Peer
Helper



Department of Health

Women, Infants, and
Children Program (WIC)

WIC is a nutrition program that provides assistance for mothers and families who qualify by offering nutrition evaluation and education, breastfeeding education and support, highly nutritious supplemental foods and iron fortified formula if necessary. These promote good health for pregnant and postpartum women, infants, and children up to age five. We work closely with partnering agencies and refer participants to other community service providers in the county for unmet needs.



Statistics 2023

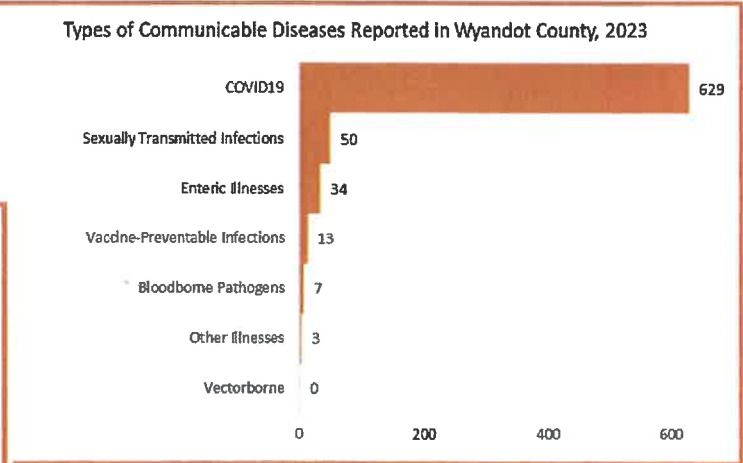
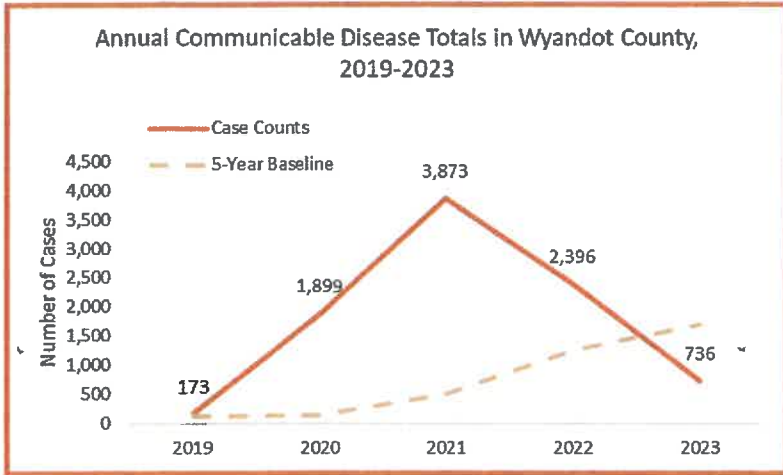
Total Annual Number of Appointments	1158
Average Monthly Caseload	293
New Participants Seen	251
Total Annual Referrals	76
Average Breastfeeding Initiation Rate	67%
Percentage of Postpartum Women Breastfeeding	31%
USDA Grant Dollars Awarded	\$109,206.00

WIC Quality Improvement Project

Wyandot County WIC has increased our breastfeeding initiation rate from an average of 58% in 2022 to 67% in 2023, an increase of 9%! We are also proud to report that our December 2023 initiation rate was 77.8%, well above the average Ohio WIC breastfeeding initiation rate of 63.9%. We look forward to continuing to support our WIC parents in their breastfeeding journeys in 2024!



Communicable Diseases In Wyandot County



A Tribute to Jeff Ritchey

In 2023, the face of Wyandot County Public Health's Environmental Division, Jeff Ritchey, retired. Jeff was one of our greatest assets with 27 years of knowledge and experience in Wyandot County alone. Jeff began his service to Wyandot County in February 1996 as the Director of Environmental Health. Early in his career he handled the Kirby tire fire and he ended his career with the COVID pandemic. He dedicated his waking hours to the health and safety of our community. Jeff received the North West District Ohio Environmental Health Association Environmental Health Specialist Award in 2002 and most recently the Wyandot Chamber of Commerce Spotlight Award in 2023. He felt fortunate to work with local businesses and the public over the years, including restaurants, campgrounds, realtors, excavators, plumbers, and more. Jeff understood that providing good customer service meant being available to those that need you, and treating every individual the same. Being consistent, fair, and trying not to be that one thing the customer is waiting on was key to Jeff's approach. He considered himself blessed to be surrounded by great team members at the health department, and privileged to work with the community and local partners to make Wyandot County a great place to call home. We will miss having Jeff on our team, as he was both an exemplary public health employee and a great mentor to our staff. We wish him happiness and relaxation as he pursues his other life passions – hunting, fishing, playing cards and more. In the next generation of public health employees, Jeff instilled a passion for hard work and serving our community well. When we falter, we will stop to ask ourselves, what would Jeff Ritchey do?



Molly Owens, REHS, MBA, MPH
 Director of Environmental Health