

Community Health & Prevention

Immunizations

Adult Immunizations.....	1,599
Child Immunizations.....	3,909
Flu.....	3,298

School Health

Hearing Screenings.....	8,530
Hearing Referrals.....	367
Vision Screenings.....	11,257
Referrals.....	1,377

Visits, Assessments, & Screenings

Adult Health Clinic Visits.....	1,916
Adult Protective Services.....	4
Blood Pressure Clinics.....	73
Communicable Disease Cases.....	1,201
Lorain County Children Service Consults....	104
Public Health Visits	
BCMh Visits.....	271
Newborn Visits.....	137
Prenatal Visits.....	13

Environmental Health

Food Safety

Inspections.....	2,262
Consultations	929

Animal Bites/ Rabies Prevention

Investigations & Consultations.....	308
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Household Water Systems

Inspections & Consultations.....	77
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Solid Waste

Inspections & Consultations.....	179
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Mosquito Control

Resident Requests.....	185
Storm sewer catch basins treated.....	1,890
Miles of ditches treated.....	53.68
Mosquitoes tested.....	8,880

Public & Commercial Sewage

Inspections.....	498
Consultations.....	73

Household Sewage

Inspections.....	1,294
Consultations.....	895

Manufactured Home Parks

Inspections & Consultations.....	17
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Parks & Campgrounds

Inspections & Consultations.....	33
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Schools

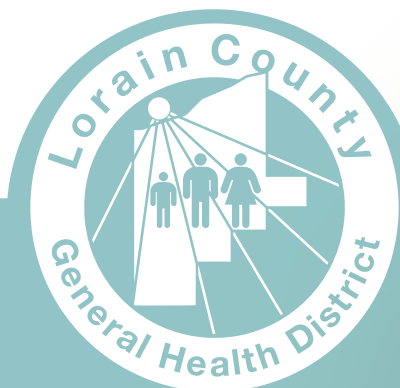
Inspections & Consultations.....	193
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Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Beaches

Inspections & Consultations.....	275
Beach Samples.....	184

General Nuisances

Investigations & Consultations.....	379
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The Lorain County General Health District is responsible for preventing disease and promoting health in the following Lorain County areas: Amherst City, Amherst Township, Avon City, Brighton Township, Brownhelm Township, Camden Township, Carlisle Township, Columbia Township, Eaton Township, Elyria Township, Grafton Township, Grafton Village, Henrietta Township, Huntington Township, Kipton Village, Lagrange Township, Lagrange Village, New Russia Township, North Ridgeville City, Oberlin City, Penfield Township, Pittsfield Township, Rochester Township, Rochester Village, Sheffield Lake City, Sheffield Township, Sheffield Village, South Amherst Township, South Amherst Village, Wellington Township and Wellington Village.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER *David Covell, RS, MPH*

The Lorain County General Health District (LCGHD) is working hard every day behind the scenes to help make Lorain County a healthy place to live, work, and play. We work inside each community in collaboration with community partners to address public health issues. Many of our efforts can be seen in how we connect with residents and their health needs, and also in connecting the dots and facilitating change through community-based collaboratives. However, more often than not, the work we do to prevent disease and promote healthy lifestyles is done behind the scenes. There is an old saying in public health: We are the greatest story NEVER told.

In 2015, LCGHD impacted many lives here in Lorain County. We began collecting some of those stories to help residents understand what we do every day. We want to share some of them here in our annual report and on our website at LorainCountyHealth.com.

We look forward to 2016 being a year of improving the health and quality of life for residents throughout Lorain County.

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BEHIND the SCENES: Public Health in Lorain County



WHEN THE HEALTHY CHOICE IS EASY

Your family doctor told you to get more exercise. While she recommended that you join a gym, money is tight and getting a gym membership isn't possible right now. Your doctor said that even just 30 minutes of walking a day can reduce your risk of diabetes and heart disease. Unfortunately, you have a desk job and there aren't sidewalks around where you work or live. You really want to start exercising so that you can stay healthy and be there for your family, but finding a way to get active seems impossible.

At the health district, we understand that life can get in the way of making healthy choices -- which is why we're working at the community level to change the landscape of Lorain County. We work with communities to uncover their needs, set a plan, and find funds to improve access to things that make healthy living fit into your daily routine.



Watch a video to learn more about **HEALTHY CHOICE EFFORTS**.
Scan the QR code or go to goo.gl/1U2y3W



HEALTHY BABY, HEALTHY FAMILY

A woman calls the LCGHD; she's pregnant, and of course she wants the very best for her baby. First-time mom and Oberlin resident Cynthia Santiago began learning what moms and babies need when she enrolled in WIC (Women, Infants, and Children), a supplemental food program. "I learned through WIC about eating in moderation. My eating has definitely changed since getting pregnant," she explained. Santiago grew a love for vegetables and other healthy foods. She exclaimed, "Garbanzo beans are my favorite."

At the end of Cynthia's pregnancy she attended a WIC breastfeeding class where she learned how to feed her new baby. "I struggled with nursing at first, but I kept trying. Thanks to breastfeeding help from the hospital and health department staff, it's been five months and we're doing great." Encouraging moms and babies to eat healthy is only one way the health district helps families grow well.



Watch a video on ways we **SUPPORT FAMILIES**.
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BITES, FRIGHTS, AND SOLUTIONS

Your child was bitten by your new neighbor's dog, and it looks like he might need stitches. So, you take him to the emergency room as quickly as possible. As the doctor checks out your child's injuries, she asks, Is the dog up-to-date on its rabies shots? You don't know, and hadn't thought about the risk. After the doctor explains that untreated rabies leads to death in every case, you worry about how to find out whether or not your neighbor's dog has had its rabies shots.

Thankfully, at the LCGHD we investigate all animal bites in the county and act as an unbiased third party in all animal bite incidents. We will verify that the animal has had its rabies vaccination, make sure it is healthy, and report back to you. We have a plan to protect your family from rabies, and to prevent its spread in Lorain County. If a victim does need rabies shots, we have made it even easier for Lorain County residents to get them.



Watch a video to explore **RABIES PREVENTION**.
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Financials

Receipts	
Taxes.....	\$3,213,347
Intergovernmental Federal.....	\$1,791,186
Intergovernmental State.....	\$1,181,706
Charges for Services	
- BCMH.....	\$44,420
- Immunizations.....	\$220,455
- Inspection Fees.....	\$70,589
- Contractual Services.....	\$570,159
- Licenses.....	\$422,457
Miscellaneous	
- Other Receipts.....	\$68,989
- Other Fees.....	\$296,839
- Refunds.....	\$497,654
Total Receipts.....	\$8,377,801

Disbursements	
Salaries & Benefits.....	\$5,921,197
Travel.....	\$107,237
Office Supplies.....	\$87,373
Medical Supplies.....	\$227,090
Equipment.....	\$282,400
Contracts – repair/services.....	\$385,801
Distribution to State.....	\$294,073
Other Expenditures.....	\$821,458
Total Disbursements.....	\$8,126,629

WIC

Certs/Recerts.....	10,372
Client Nutrition Education.....	8,322

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN LORAIN COUNTY*

Cancer	655
Heart Disease	647
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	214
Unintentional Injury	155
Alzheimer's Disease	155
Stroke	139
Diabetes	90
Influenza or Pneumonia	65

To view videos about what the Health District does behind the scenes, visit:
www.youtube.com/user/LCGHD

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