

Community Health & Prevention	
Immunizations	
Children.....	4,822
Adults.....	1,201
School Health	
Hearing screenings.....	8,530
Hearing referrals.....	557
Vision screenings.....	8,691
Vision referrals.....	1,301
Visits, Assessments, & Screenings	
Adult Health Clinic consults.....	2,350
Adult Protective Services.....	10
Blood pressure checks.....	96
Lorain County Children Services consults...	129
Public Health Visits	
CMH visits.....	409
Newborn visits.....	265
Prenatal visits.....	94
Project Dawn client dispensing.....	146
Lead case management.....	19
Community Education and Outreach	
Community & professional presentations, workshops, facilitations & displays.....	206
Community education participants.....	12,274
Environmental Health	
Food Safety	
Inspections.....	2,500
Consultations	364
Animal Bites/ Rabies Prevention	
Investigations & consultations.....	241
Household Water Systems	
Inspections & consultations.....	81
Solid Waste	
Inspections & consultations.....	102
Mosquito Control	
Resident requests.....	60
Storm sewer catch basins treated.....	11,537
Miles of ditches monitored.....	968
Mosquitoes tested.....	12,262
Public & Commercial Sewage	
Inspections.....	706
Consultations.....	106
Household Sewage	
Inspections.....	1,122
Consultations.....	733
Manufactured Home Parks	
Inspections & consultations.....	12
Parks & Campgrounds	
Inspections & consultations.....	26
Schools	
Inspections & consultations.....	148
Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Beaches	
Inspections & consultations.....	234
Beach samples.....	383
General Nuisances	
Investigations & consultations.....	380

LORAIN COUNTY

GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

2016 ANNUAL REPORT

The Lorain County General Health District is responsible for preventing disease and promoting health in the following communities: 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 Village, Wellington Township, and Wellington Village.

On January 1, 2017, the Lorain County General Health District began serving the residents of Avon Lake City, Elyria City, and Lorain City.

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A MESSAGE FROM

THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

David Covell, RS, MPH

The Lorain County General Health District (LCGHD) works hard every day to protect residents from public health hazards so that people in Lorain County can live healthy and safe.

In 2016, some of our priorities included: preparing parents and children for new immunization requirements, partnering to educate residents about the Zika virus, and helping to make healthy foods more available to everyone regardless of income or access.

Also in 2016 we achieved national public health accreditation, which ensures we're always improving as a health department. Community leaders also voted to unify the public health departments in Lorain County. As I write this note in early 2017, we just began to serve all of Lorain County. Together, we will make Lorain County a healthier place to live, work and play.

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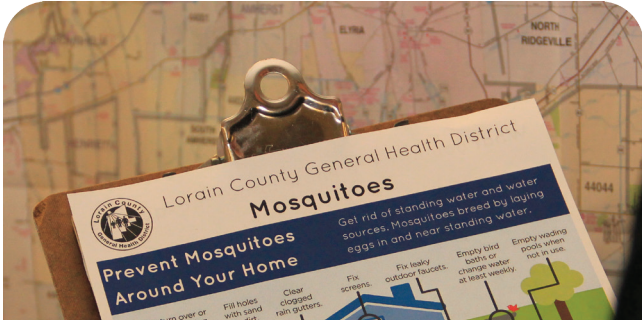
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WHEN LIFE HAPPENS... WE RESPOND



ZIKA: Protecting the community

This summer, while world leaders discussed how to control the Zika virus, Avon Mayor Bryan Jensen strategized how to protect his residents. Even though the Zika virus did not pose an immediate local threat, Mayor Jensen knew that other mosquito-borne diseases could harm his residents. He reached out to the health district and asked for assistance to inform Avon residents about staying protected from mosquitoes.

The health district responded by producing an easy-to-read fact sheet on ways to stay protected from mosquitoes, including facts about West Nile and Zika virus. Avon leaders and the health district decided to spread the word by mailing the fact sheet with all Avon residents' utility bills.

As with every mosquito season, the health district's mosquito control team worked to keep track of mosquito activity. Throughout the summer, they controlled the mosquito population by treating breeding sites, reducing adult mosquito populations, testing for disease, and educating property owners to keep all Lorain County residents safe from disease.



MENINGITIS: Informing parents & protecting teens

To keep students healthy, a new vaccination requirement was issued under Ohio law to begin during the 2016-2017 school year. Now, all students entering grades 7 and 12 need a meningococcal vaccine to protect against meningitis. LCGHD's vaccine team knew the new law would affect families as they got ready for the school year. Back-to-school preparation is hectic enough, and while this vaccine would protect teens from a deadly disease, the requirement also added to parents' to-do lists.

In response, health district nurses held special meningitis vaccination clinics throughout the summer so parents could easily get their teens protected. The clinics also gave students and their parents a chance to ask public health nurses about how vaccines protect them, and to receive other health screenings.

Additionally, the LCGHD team worked with media and school administrators to alert parents of the change in the state law so there would be no unpleasant surprises when school started. Immunizations and vaccine education are available year-round to keep the whole family protected.



FOOD PANTRIES: Creating opportunities for health

Director of Oberlin Community Services (OCS), Cynthia H. Andrews, strives to bridge the gap between hunger and health, both at OCS's food pantry and by assisting other community pantries. "Many pantries give pre-filled bags of food to clients," she explains. "While this helps to eliminate hunger, some sugary and processed foods given can jeopardize health, especially for clients with prediabetes or diabetes. If clients can't eat their food, they're forced to just throw it away."

In 2013, OCS found a way to help clients eat healthier while still meeting their needs. The pantry learned from LCGHD health educators that when pantry clients choose their groceries, they feel empowered to pick foods that are better for their health—a *choice* pantry.

After the health district helped OCS switch to the choice pantry model, Cindy saw the benefits of giving clients more choices. In fact, in 2016 OCS began holding pantry tours to educate other community pantries interested in switching. After the health district's success with OCS's choice pantry, three other local pantries asked for assistance to switch to this sustainable model.

Financials

Receipts	
Taxes.....	\$3,306,518
Intergovernmental federal.....	\$2,217,032
Intergovernmental state.....	\$1,073,366
Charges for services	
- CMH.....	\$124,500
- Immunizations.....	\$254,721
- Inspection fees.....	\$84,105
- Contractual services.....	\$661,880
- Licenses.....	\$69,308
Miscellaneous	
- Other receipts.....	\$64,477
- Other fees.....	\$310,139
- Refunds.....	\$690,038
Total receipts.....	\$8,856,084

Disbursements	
Salaries & benefits.....	\$6,962,512
Travel.....	\$107,320
Office supplies.....	\$84,470
Medical supplies.....	\$267,198
Equipment.....	\$214,864
Contracts – repair/services.....	\$614,390
Distribution to state.....	\$301,043
Other expenditures.....	\$724,985
Total disbursements.....	\$9,276,782

WIC

Certs/Recerts.....	10,764
Client nutrition education.....	8,017

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH IN LORAIN COUNTY*

Heart Disease.....	692
Cancer.....	687
Chronic Lower Respiratory Diseases.....	238
Unintentional Injury.....	177
Alzheimer's Disease.....	153
Stroke.....	140
Diabetes.....	91

*This is 2015 data provided by the Center for Public Health Statistics & Informatics, Ohio Department of Health. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility of any analyses, interpretations or conclusions.