

Community Health & Prevention	
Immunizations	
Children.....	1,915
Adults.....	2,216
School Health	
Hearing screenings.....	8,998
Hearing referrals.....	458
Vision screenings.....	7,818
Vision referrals.....	1,123
Visits, Assessments, & Screenings	
Adult health clients.....	847
Adult Protective Services.....	14
Blood Pressure Checks.....	414
HIV tests.....	187
Lorain County Children Service Consults.....	112
Public Health Visits	
CMH visits.....	392
Cribs for Kids distributed.....	328
Newborn visits.....	410
Prenatal visits.....	188
Project Dawn client dispensing.....	241
Lead Case Management.....	76
Community Education and Outreach	
Community & professional presentations, workshops, facilitations & displays.....	204
Community education participants.....	12,591
Environmental Health	
Food Safety	
Inspections.....	4,072
Consultations.....	1,909
Animal Bites/Rabies Prevention	
Investigations & Consultations.....	773
Household Water Systems	
Investigations & Consultations.....	46
Solid Waste	
Investigations & Consultations.....	508
Mosquito Control	
Resident Requests.....	50
Storm sewer catch basins treated.....	5,453
Mosquitoes tested.....	21,797
Public & Commercial Sewage	
Inspections.....	751
Consultations.....	374
Household Sewage	
Inspections.....	1,161
Consultations.....	1,379
Manufactured Home Parks	
Investigations & Consultations.....	56

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22 years of service

In Memory

Gil Baker, a dedicated, long standing board member passed away in January 2018. He served Lorain County Public Health for 20 years, from 1993 to 2013. LCPH appreciates Gil's commitment to the health of Lorain County residents.

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2017 ANNUAL REPORT



Lorain County
Public Health

For the Health of Us All

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

In 2017, Lorain County Public Health (LCPH) began to provide services for all communities in Lorain County. Since 1920, we have been committed to create healthy communities for all to live, work, and play. We protect your well-being, prevent disease, and promote overall health. As an Accredited Public Health Department in Ohio, our team here at LCPH is dedicated to help residents live healthier lives.

We look forward to continue to work in partnership with the community in 2018. It takes multiple partners working together to make a collective impact. To tackle issues like opioid overdoses, to help seniors live safely in their homes, and to improve cardiovascular health—collaboration is essential. Together, we will make Lorain County a healthier place to live, work and play.

2017 LEADING CAUSES OF
DEATH IN LORAIN COUNTY*

Heart disease.....	992
Cancer	486
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease.....	337
Unintentional Injury.....	187
Drugs and/or Alcohol.....	144
Alzheimer's Disease.....	105
Stroke.....	86
Diabetes.....	55

This is 2017 data provided by the Center for Public Health Statistics and Informatics, Ohio Department of Health and obtained by the Lorain County Public Health Informatics Division. The Department specifically disclaims responsibility of any analyses, interpretation or conclusions.

PROTECT



WATER QUALITY

“Pollution from failing septic systems eventually goes to Lake Erie, which is a major source of our drinking water,” explains Jill Lis, RS, director of Environmental Health at LCPH. When septic systems fail, sewage can back up outside and enter our local waterways untreated. This problem can harm you and your neighbors’ health, and the environment. About 38% of the 23,000 home septic systems in Lorain County are estimated to be failing because of their age, design, and inadequate maintenance. Like any equipment, septic systems require routine maintenance to have a positive health impact in the community.

LCPH aims to protect the health of our residents and the environment and therefore applied for and received a \$300,000 grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to fund homeowners. Any homeowner that meets the program guidelines can apply for repair or replacement of their failing home septic system, or connection to an existing sanitary sewer. LCPH guides the qualified homeowner through the process until their project is completed, and works with them to ensure that the new system is properly operated and maintained.

PREVENT



TRAVEL VACCINES

Before your next business trip, study abroad adventure, or international family vacation, make an appointment for the LCPH travel clinic. In 2017, LCPH’s vaccine program expanded to provide travel vaccines, country-specific education, and other resources for international travelers. Our experienced team of public health nurses, medical director, and staff work with travelers to review topics like altitude sickness, insects, food and water precautions, and recommended vaccines. Travelers leave their appointment vaccinated and equipped with a folder full of helpful information and education about their destination.

Travel vaccines are just one part of LCPH’s vaccine program. In addition, we offer all routine vaccines to protect children, teens, and adults. “When you choose to vaccinate, you make a decision to also prevent disease in your family and your community,” says Cindy Modie, M.Ed., BSN, community health director. LCPH helps to protect the community by offering vaccine appointments and walk-in vaccine clinics at locations around the county.

PROMOTE



INDOOR WALKING

When the weather outside is frightful, Lorain County residents struggle to find delightful locations to walk - especially when ice and snow enter the mix. According to the 2015 Community Health Assessment, nearly one quarter of Lorain County residents don’t get enough physical activity to prevent chronic disease. Many residents say that it’s hard to find a safe, convenient place to be active.

The Live Healthy Lorain community group identified this lack of places to walk in the winter, and asked LCPH to help them find a solution. LCPH has experience working with schools and other organizations to share spaces. When spaces are shared with the community for recreational activities, like indoor walking, it’s easier for residents to be active. With support from Live Healthy Lorain, a Lorain school opened its gym and designated dates and times for community members to come and walk indoors.

By the end of 2017, LCPH health educators had worked with community leaders to open six different indoor walking locations around the county. These indoor locations help make it easier for residents to be active.

Environmental Health (continued)

Parks & Campgrounds	
Investigations & Consultations.....	107
Schools	
Investigations & Consultations.....	268
Public Swimming Pools, Spas, & Beaches	
Investigations & Consultations.....	623
Beach Samples.....	450
General Nuisances	
Investigations & Consultations.....	800

Financials

Receipts

Taxes.....	\$3,347,131
Intergovernmental federal.....	\$2,259,421
Intergovernmental state.....	\$1,436,648
Charges for services	
- CMH.....	\$196,720
- Immunizations.....	\$437,332
- Inspection Fees.....	\$100,022
- Contractual Services.....	\$636,028
- Licenses.....	\$771,132
Miscellaneous	
- Other Receipts.....	\$138,360
- Local grants and contracts.....	\$455,560
- Other Fees.....	\$537,139
- Refunds.....	\$301,009
Total Receipts.....	\$10,616,502
Disbursements	
Salaries & Benefits.....	\$8,299,934
Travel.....	\$115,463
Office Supplies.....	\$133,616
Medical Supplies.....	\$328,210
Equipment.....	\$163,684
Contracts – repair/services.....	\$699,091
Distribution to State.....	\$430,888
Other Expenditures.....	\$1,731,247
Total Disbursements.....	\$11,902,133

WIC

Certs/Recerts.....	9,774
Client nutrition education.....	7,554

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