



Active Transportation

The City of Elyria and LCPH were recently awarded technical assistance from the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) to create a city-wide active transportation plan that focuses on walking and biking. The City of Oberlin, Oberlin City Schools, and LCPH were also awarded technical assistance from ODOT to create a Safe Routes to School travel plan that focuses on getting children safely to and from school. Both communities have begun the planning process and are expected to spend the next 6-12 months collecting data, engaging the community, and seeking input to create a network of potential changes that will help people safely get where they want to go.

Contact Tracing at LCPH

LCPH recently hired 11 contact tracers as part of our COVID-19 response efforts. They have a variety of backgrounds including nursing, social work, mental health, and pharmacy, and some are currently enrolled in college. They are taking over some of the COVID-19 duties of LCPH staff members who are going back to their original programs and grants. The contact tracers will be doing everything from case interviews to active monitoring of those in quarantine. Please welcome the following individuals to LCPH, and if you see them around, please say hello and introduce yourself.

- Nancy Farlow
- Teresa Fries-Maloy
- Annetta Hanna
- Andrew Herron
- Jami Krugman
- Catherine Mavrigh
- Kathi Meluch
- Cynthia Murnyack
- Laurie Pochatek
- Wendy Sikora
- Elizabeth Simonson

Environmental Health Update

June was a very busy month in the Environmental Health Division. Food, pool, and campground inspections resumed, and staff members continued to assist with COVID-19 activities. Those activities include ICS leadership positions, phone calls, enforcement duties, front door screening, and accompanying Community Health nurses on follow-up visits to cases and contacts that have not checked in with LCPH as required. We conducted 8 interviews for our Sanitarian in Training position and are pleased to promote Duane Cribley, who has been working as our Environmental Health Technician. Duane begins his SIT duties on July 13. Beach sampling began after Memorial Day, and as expected, most days are good except for those immediately following rains. Only 4 Lake Erie beaches are sampled this year because the high water level has made one inaccessible. The summer interns are busy conducting larval and adult mosquito surveillance as well as helping to fill in missing addresses in our household sewage database.

COVID-19 Data Page

In an effort to better educate our residents on COVID-19 and provide additional insight into the work LCPH is doing to control the spread in our communities, the ICS team and epidemiology team created a data page separate from our general COVID-19 page. Updated weekly on Thursday, the data page includes graphs of confirmed cases, confirmed cases in recovery, close contacts per confirmed case, potential cases prevented from entering the community, and number of COVID-19 calls from the public. The data does not include cases or contacts that reside in a long-term care facility or correctional facility. View the COVID-19 data page at <https://www.loraincountyhealth.com/data>.

Milestone Anniversary

Andrea Ferguson, Heath Education Specialist - 5 years on July 27
Sara Tillie, Health Education Specialist - 5 years on July 27