



UNION COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Dr. Jason E. Orcena
Health Commissioner

FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

The buzz of energy and excitement that is a hallmark of our dedicated staff is once more humming through our office. For many of us, it has taken more than a year to regain our footing from the toll taken by two years of intensive COVID pandemic response efforts. Fortunately, we've been able to retain nearly 75 percent of our staff who worked through the pandemic. We've also welcomed many great new additions to our team, infusing passion and welcoming the mentorship of our seasoned staff.

With recharged batteries, we completed a number of projects derailed by the demands of the pandemic. Of foremost mention, we successfully achieved reaccreditation from the national Public Health Accreditation Board, a year-long endeavor proving our capableness in 12 essential domains of public health. Our Board of Health and staff completed a three-year strategic plan which, among other items, prioritizes the recruitment and retention of

highly skilled staff and focuses on capacity building that is responsive to the needs of our growing county. Staff also launched an overdue community health survey which captured feedback from nearly 700 residents.

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Building on the work of employee think tanks and feedback from residents and businesses, we made significant strides in modernizing several areas of our office. Our modernization efforts focused on projects that added value and convenience for our residents and businesses while improving internal efficiencies. Examples of such efforts include online ordering of birth and death records; an online

portal for plumbing contractors that allows them to submit, pay for and track permits, cutting down on delays; online scheduling options for immunizations; and modernizing our website for ease of use.

Even as we expand our online offerings, our commitment to in-person and over-the-phone customer service never waivers. We value the trust and relationships we can build in-person or over-the-phone. This counter-service is important, and for many of our residents, the only option.

As I think ahead to 2024, one question continues to nag at me. What's stopping Union County from breaking into the [list of healthiest communities](#) in the U.S.? We are a strong community. We have accomplished so much together. Why not us? I believe we can. I believe we are close. I believe the culture, values, and resources we have worked so hard to preserve make us well on our way. Let the pursuit begin. ■

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~ Health Commissioner, Dr. Jason Orcena, on breaking into the U.S. News & World Report's list of healthiest communities in the U.S.

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2023 Agency Accomplishments

- National Reaccreditation
- 3-Year Strategic Plan
- Community Health Survey
- Website Redesign
- Online Portal for Plumbing Program
- Online Ordering of Birth/Death Records
- Online Scheduling for Immunizations

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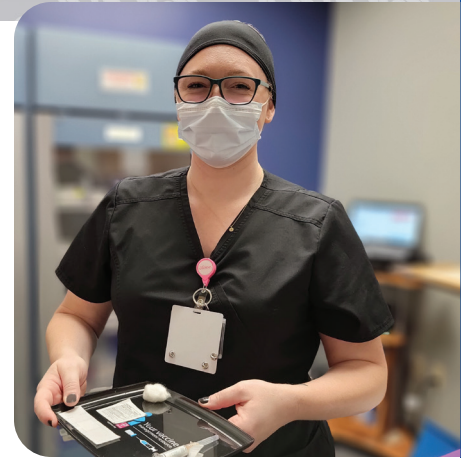
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Tiffany Wood

Employee of The Year: Ariel Finks

Mrs. Ariel Finks, public health nurse, is the 2023 Employee of the Year. Mrs. Finks joined our team in 2021 and hit the ground running. As the lead of our immunization program, she is known for her warm and welcoming nature by both colleagues and patients. She consistently displays exceptional clinical skills, compassion, and dedication to her work and her patients. She demonstrates a commitment to excellence in all aspects of her work, consistently producing high-quality work. We appreciate all her efforts and congratulate Mrs. Ariel Finks. ■



Partner of the Year: Union County Prosecutor's Office

We proudly recognize the Union County Prosecutor's Office as our 2023 Partner of the Year. From its victim advocacy initiatives to strong support and presence in our drug free communities and overdose prevention coalitions, the Union County Prosecutor's Office is a strong partner in many community health projects. The legal team also plays an essential role in applying and enforcing public health laws that protect drinking water, promote safe food handling, and reduce injury risks. To the staff of the Union County Prosecutor's Office, we thank you for your work. ■



Years of Service Recognition: Krista Finch and Adam Schultz

Mrs. Krista Finch and Mr. Adam Schultz each celebrated 10 years of service to the Union County Health Department in 2023. Both have risen through the ranks during their tenure now serving as Directors of their respective divisions. Director Finch, Nurse Practitioner, is the lead healthcare provider working in and overseeing clinical care within our nursing division. Director Schultz, Registered Environmental Health Sanitarian, oversees the environmental health team as they work with businesses and residents to protect against environmental hazards. ■

UCHD Recognized for Excellence by Chamber of Commerce

With gratitude, UCHD received the Union County Chamber of Commerce's Large Organization of the Year award in April 2023. Throughout the COVID pandemic, UCHD and the Chamber of Commerce worked hand in hand to support local businesses with efforts like the Shop Local, Shop Safe campaign and info sessions for employers. Outside of the pandemic, UCHD frequently works with the Chamber on projects to plan for and improve quality of life for residents and visitors to Union County. ■



Left to Right: Tamisha Matus (Health Educator), Dr. Gary Bowman (Board of Health VP), Dave Amerine (Chamber Board of Trustees), Dr. Jason Orcena (Health Commissioner), Shawn Sech (Director of Health Promotion & Planning), and Eric Phillips (Chamber CEO)

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We're Reaccredited

We are excited to announce the Union County Health Department was reaccredited in November 2023 by the National Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). UCHD earned initial accreditation in 2017. Reaccreditation involved more than six months of concentrated effort from staff across all divisions, compiling hundreds of documents and hosting a site visit to demonstrate our agency's capabilities within 10 domains. For residents of Union County, accreditation by PHAB signifies our health district is meeting or exceeding a common set of national standards; has the capacity to provide core public health services; and is continually striving to improve service, value and accountability to its community. ■



Board of Health Members (left to right) Wayne Dellinger, Donna Burke, Dr. Gary Bowman (VP), Keith Watson (Pres.), Mark Smith, and Tiffany Wood proudly display reaccreditation plaque from the national public health accreditation board.



Pilot Project Earns National Model Practice

UCHD earned a Model Practice from the National Association of County & City Health Officials (NACCHO) for a pilot project examining the impact of locking pill bottles in the treatment of people with opioid addiction. With support from Lower Lights Christian Health Center, local treatment providers, and locally owned pharmacies, the pilot project sought to improve patient confidence and medication security allowing for greater access to and compliance with an evidence-based treatment strategy known as medication for opioid use disorder. Albeit a small pilot project, use of the locking pill bottles showed a decrease in patients reporting missing medication and a significant increase in the number of patients who felt safe transporting their medications (which require a strict dosing schedule). ■

Lindsay Fetherolf, drug overdose prevention grant coordinator for UCHD, receives Model Practice Award at the July 2023 NACCHO 360 Conference in Denver, Colorado.

UCHD Hosts High School Interns

Over the years, UCHD is proud to have partnered with Marysville Early College High School (MECHS), several colleges and universities, and the CDC Public Health Apprentice Program to provide opportunities for students and young professionals to explore the many rewarding careers within public health. In 2023, UCHD welcomed MECHS seniors Aiden Kersten (pictured left) and Liam White (pictured right). Aiden worked with our communications team and health educators to develop and execute teen vaping and seatbelt awareness campaigns while Liam brought a passion for environmental sciences as he worked alongside our sanitarians. ■



UCHD proudly partners with Marysville Early College High School to provide opportunities to explore careers in public health for high school seniors like Aiden Kersten (left) and Liam White (right).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT – CALENDAR YEAR 2023

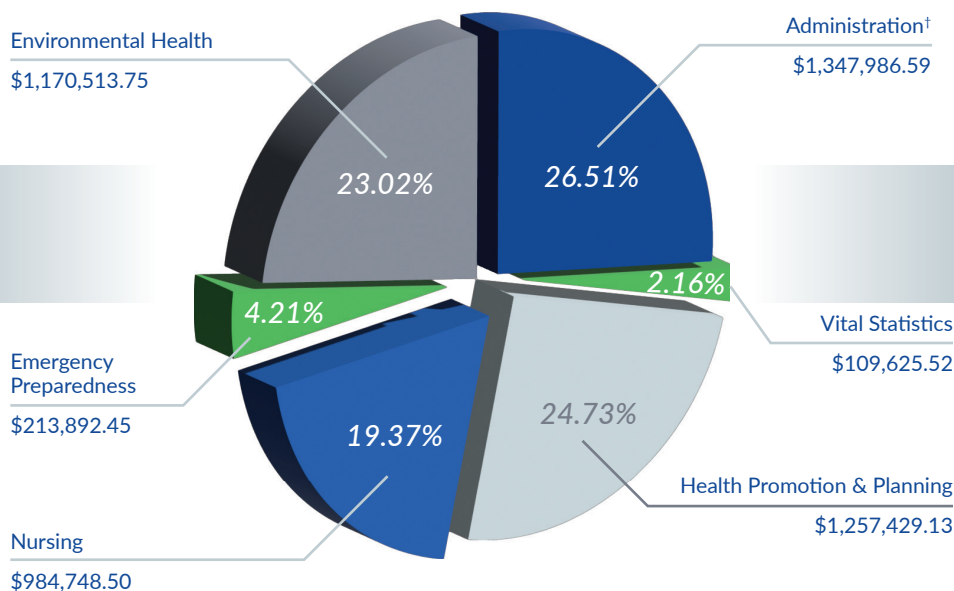
Statement of Revenues*

Levy Receipts & Rollbacks	\$2,534,773.26	46.06%
Grant Receipts (State, Federal, Private)	\$1,561,635.05	28.38%
Permits, Licenses, Fees, Fines, Special Assessments	\$738,918.88	13.43%
Contracts and Other Charges for Services	\$159,827.48	2.90%
Medicaid reimbursement	\$159,145.38	2.89%
Nursing fees (including Medicare reimbursement)	\$132,846.31	2.41%
Reimbursements, refunds, misc. other receipts	\$92,525.06	1.68%
Vital statistics fees	\$83,480.00	1.52%
State subsidy	\$40,232.16	0.73%
Total Revenue (Excludes Inter-fund Transfers)	\$5,503,383.58	100.00%

Statement of Expenditures*

Personnel	\$3,383,236.60	66.54%
Operating	\$1,480,267.18	29.12%
Equipment	\$142,659.56	2.81%
Remittances to State of Ohio	\$78,032.60	1.53%
Total Expenditures (Excludes Inter-fund Transfers)	\$5,084,195.94	100.00%

EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION*



FINANCIAL NOTES

- UCHD continues to diversify our revenue stream, bringing \$1.6 million in grant funding into our community (28% of all revenues).
- UCHD ended 2023 with an unencumbered cash balance of \$5,033,298 (about 266 days of budgeted 2024 operating expenses).
- UCHD received a successful federal audit with no findings for CY 2022.
- Our two person fiscal team issued 621 purchase orders, cut 943 checks, and paid 1,740 invoices in 2023.

*All numbers are unaudited.

[†]Includes building rent and technology costs.

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Public Health Nursing Back In Full Swing: Online Scheduling, Increased Vaccine Offerings, More Insurances Accepted, School-Based Clinic Launched

2023 was the first time since March 2020 our public health nursing team was able to provide a full breadth of clinical services for the entirety of the year without significant pandemic response disruptions. This renewed stability allowed UCHD to onboard a number of initiatives to improve efficiency and enhance customer service within our clinical care.



Online Appointment Scheduling: After receiving positive feedback from residents who used our COVID vaccine online scheduling tool, we now offer the option to schedule all immunization appointments online at www.uchd.net/clinical-care/.

The option for online scheduling gives patients the flexibility to make an appointment when it is convenient for them, whether that is midnight or a Sunday afternoon. In 2024, we hope to expand online scheduling to include reproductive health and wellness services.

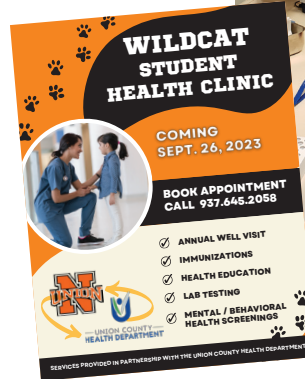


Increased Vaccine Offering: In 2023, UCHD entered into a partnership with a vaccine management company to expand immunization offerings. This partnership allows UCHD to offer more vaccines and accept more insurances while also safeguarding against vaccine waste and associated financial losses. Through this partnership, UCHD provides immunizations against 18 different diseases, including a newly added vaccine against shingles.



North Union School-Based Clinic Launched:

In 2022 & 2023, UCHD partnered with North Union Schools to pilot a school-based clinic. The goal of the one-day clinic is to provide a convenient opportunity for parents to get a wellness check-up for their child. Commonly done at the pediatrician's office, wellness check-ups are recommended annually for school age children. However, for many families there can be barriers to getting these check ups. With the school-based clinic model, parents sign-up for the clinic, complete all the paperwork and authorizations at home, and then their child is seen by a licensed healthcare provider at school during the course of the school day. Parents select the preventative care they authorize for their child, just like they would at a pediatrician's office.



Top: Director of Nursing, Kirsta Finch, prepares a patient's lab culture.
Left: Flyer promotes a school-based health clinic aimed at increasing access to annual checkups for students in Northern Union County.



Parents can choose to attend the visit, but are not required if work or other commitments do not allow. UCHD looks forward to returning to North Union in 2024 and asks for the help of the Richwood community to spread the word about this opportunity.



Reproductive Health Clinic Helping Patients Without a Medical Home:

Many patients who come to our reproductive health clinic do not have a doctor or have not visited a doctor in a long time. They may be young adults who have transitioned out of the care of their pediatrician or they may be adults who just have not found the time to regularly visit a doctor. This is where our supportive public health nurses can help provide a safety net. We address immediate needs such as birth control, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections, and treatment of minor illnesses. We also provide cancer screening, health education, and connections to community resources that support your overall health. Funded through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health, our clinic is ensuring every Union County resident has the opportunity to access basic reproductive healthcare and information that is affordable and medically accurate.



Preconception Health & Wellness Grant Received:

UCHD is expanding education efforts aimed at helping individuals be as healthy as possible before pregnancy. Through a grant from the Ohio Department of Health, public health nurses are offering community education sessions on tobacco cessation, healthy eating and movement, managing chronic diseases, and supporting mental health. ■

2023 VITAL STATS*

Births Recorded

Male	314
Female	274
Total	588

Deaths Recorded

Male	203
Female	181
Total	384

Leading Causes of Death

Heart disease	86
Cancer	69
Respiratory disease	49
Dementia	43
Failure to thrive	28

*Reflects only births and deaths which occur within Union County.

UCHD issued 1,980 birth and 1,743 death certificates in 2023.

Vital Registrars noted home births continued to climb for a second year.



Order Birth & Death Certificates Online

You can now order birth & death certificates online at www.uchd.net through Ohio's secure portal. Certificates can then be picked up in our office or mailed. You can also still stop by our office Monday-Friday from 8am-4pm. Birth certificates are available for persons born in Ohio from 1909 to present. Death certificates are available only for persons whose death occurred within Union County. ■

Did You Know?

Respiratory syncytial virus (RSV) is a common virus. Most will have minor illness, but infants and adults over age 60 are at increased risk for severe illness that could require hospital care. In 2023, RSV vaccines were approved by the FDA for pregnant women, infants and young children, and adults age 60 and older. We encourage all pregnant women, parents of infants/young children, and adults age 60 and older to talk to their doctor about which RSV may be right for them. ■



2023 NURSING SUCCESSES

- Online immunization scheduling now available
- Expanded vaccine offering, including shingles vaccine
- Partnership with North Union Schools to offer school-based well-child visits
- Community health worker added to connect residents to community resources

2023 NURSING, INJURY PREVENTION & ASSISTANCE PROGRAM STATISTICS

Childhood Immunizations	1,927
Adult Immunizations	1,280
Reproductive Health Visits	1,089
COVID Vaccinations	482
TB Tests	76

WIC Nutrition Assistance Visits	3,500
Families Served by CMH (Special Healthcare Needs)	325

Car Seat Checks & Distributions	115
Vision & Hearing Screening Events	7
Newborn Home Visits	4
Cribs Distributed (Safe Sleep)	4

Narcan Kits Distributed	789
Insurance Enrollment Visits	49
Prescription Assistance	\$5,763

Eyeglass/Hearing Aids/Diabetic Test Strips Distributed	12
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REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN UNION COUNTY, OHIO – 2023

In an average year, UCHD investigates approximately 250-300 cases of reportable diseases. Each of these cases requires follow-up interviews, data collection, resource referrals, education, and coordination of specimen collection if needed. Like most counties, the most commonly reported diseases are typically sexually transmitted infections like chlamydia and gonorrhea.

Nearly 90 contagious diseases are reportable to public health officials per Ohio law (OAC 3701-3). These diseases are chosen due to the severity of the disease (like Ebola) and/or because of the potential for epidemic spread within a community (like COVID-19). Diseases that meet one or both of these criteria are often viruses that are new to people or are affecting people in new ways. Or, diseases that could indicate potential contamination of food, water or environment such as salmonella or Legionnaires. Other diseases, like Lyme disease transmitted through the bite of an infected black legged tick, are tracked as the vector's range expands. Many diseases which are vaccine preventable, such as Measles, Mumps and Rubella, are also reportable so we can monitor how these previously common diseases are now impacting people. Finally, some diseases such as sexually transmitted infections are reportable so we can understand how treatment and community education efforts are working.

Some diseases, like strep throat or hand, foot and mouth disease, are not reportable as individual cases, but only if an outbreak of linked cases is identified. During these outbreaks, public health communicable disease teams assist in prevention and education efforts as well as provide appropriate treatment recommendations. ■



Epidemiologist Mary Salimbene Merriman leads our communicable disease surveillance and response efforts. Ms. Salimbene Merriman tracks local reportable diseases and provides prevention, testing and treatment guidance and resources to residents and healthcare providers.

*Case count based on county of residence at time of reporting, excluding cases among persons incarcerated within Union County. Case count includes confirmed, probable and suspected disease classifications with exception of COVID-19 in which only confirmed and probable disease classifications are included. Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System

Class B Reportable Diseases	# Cases*
Campylobacteriosis	14
Chlamydia	115
Coccidioidomycosis	1
COVID-19	1,925
Cryptosporidiosis	4
Cyclosporiasis	3
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	5
Giardiasis	2
Gonorrhea	23
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	1
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B	9
Hepatitis C	17
Hepatitis C - Perinatal Infection	1
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	6
Legionnaires' Disease	1
Listeriosis	2
Lyme Disease	7
Meningitis - Aseptic	2
Meningitis - Bacterial	1
Mumps	1
Pertussis	1
Salmonella Typhi	1
Salmonellosis	15
Shigellosis	2
Streptococcal Disease - Group A -invasive	3
Streptococcal Disease - Group B - in newborn	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae	2
Syphilis	10
Tuberculosis	2
Varicella	4
Vibriosis (not cholera)	2
Yersiniosis	3
Grand Total	2,188

Class C Reportable Diseases (Outbreaks)	# Cases*
COVID-19	14
Conjunctivitis	2
Gastrointestinal Illness, Unknown	1
Hand, Foot, and Mouth Disease	2
Strep Throat	6
Grand Total	25

Health Promotion & Planning: Remove Barriers, Provide Opportunities for All Residents to Enjoy Healthy Lives

Our team of health educators and health planners work alongside community partners to make the healthy choice an easier choice. We do this by bringing partners together to engage in discussions about infrastructure and policy development. In 2023 we focused on improving a number of health factors that shape overall health.



Workforce Transportation: UCHD's mobility manager, chair of the Union County MOVES coalition, participated in the workforce summit,

hosted by Union County & City of Marysville Economic Development partners. The summit sought to shine light on the significant challenges employers and employees are facing in getting to and from work. Both large and small employers noted a lack of reliable transportation was hampering their business operations. In public health, we know the health of our local businesses reflects the health of our community. With this in mind, we are continuing to work with local transportation providers to find areas where coordination and infrastructure could benefit not just our workforce, but older adults and persons with disabilities as well. As part of this community mobility effort, the Union County-Marysville Economic Development Partnership launched a joint effort with Uber at the end of 2023. The partnership is piloting an incentive program to attract more Uber drivers to our area by providing riders going to and from 43040 a discount voucher.



Active Living: UCHD facilitated the formation of the North Union Active Transportation Plan Committee in 2023. The committee connects regional planning partners with community

members, township trustees, and village officials from the Northern portion of the county. The goal is to capture the ideas of the committee into a cohesive plan which helps make our rural communities more competitive when seeking funding opportunities for safe, connected parks and trails. Having the right people at the table has already generated momentum, with five active living applications submitted



A youngster makes a fruit and cereal bracelet with our Health Educators at a Jerome Township Touch a Truck event.

for state funding. With technical assistance from UCHD, funding requests included pickleball courts and a dog park at Richwood Lake Park, a new ADA walking path at the Richwood Fairgrounds, a new walking path and playground at Lee Manville Memorial Park in Leesburg Township and a 4 acre parcel with a natural greenspace area, walking path, and shelter house in Magnetic Springs.



Community Health Survey:

As part of public health efforts to understand the needs of our communities, UCHD launched a community health survey at the end of 2023. The survey asks residents about a variety of health conditions and health behaviors. The goal of the survey is to supplement other data sources to get a full picture, and a local picture, of the health conditions and health factors affecting Union County. Nearly 700 residents completed the survey in November 2023. Data from the survey will be compiled in the first quarter of 2024. This data, along with other data sources, will be presented to the Community Health Improvement Plan committee who will identify key priorities for improving health in Union County over the next three years.



Kayakers paddle the Big Darby during Milford Center's Darby Splash Kayak race in September 2023. UCHD is working closely with Milford Center leadership to improve access to food and physical activity opportunities in and around the village.

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Farmers Markets: The number of farmers markets in Union County continued to grow in 2023, with 10 active markets over the summer and fall season. Our Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) coordinator helped in joint marketing efforts for all the markets. We also provided technical assistance to the Plain City Farmers market as they implemented acceptance of federal nutrition assistance programs such as SNAP and WIC. The Plain City Farmers Market is now the third market in Union County to accept federal nutrition assistance programs, making farmers markets more accessible to all residents. This is great news as all the markets are working toward sustainability and have all seen an increase between 15-30% in customer attendance.



Overdose Prevention: As chair of the Union County Overdose Prevention Coalition, UCHD is working with community partners to battle the deadly grip of opioids and fentanyl. The coalition is fighting back against stigma, monitoring local overdose data, and providing access to a lifesaving overdose reversal drug known as nalcron. In 2023, the coalition saw several successes including the reversal of 47 overdoses (cumulative count based on self-report by community members) and the installation of 10 emergency nalcron access points throughout the county (in partnership with the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County). UCHD also earned a Model Practice from the National Association of County and City Health Officials. The award recognized a local pilot project which studied the effectiveness of locking pill bottles to improve medication safety. Thank you to Lower Lights Christian Health Center, local treatment providers, and the local pharmacies who made this pilot project possible.



Tobacco Prevention: In 2023, UCHD had the privilege of working with local high school students in the Teen Prevention Leadership Academy (TPLA) to fight back against the rise of new nicotine products, including flavored e-cigarettes, which are capturing the attention of more and more young people. Working with UCHD and the Mental Health and Recovery Board of Union County, members of TPLA came up with creative solutions to help fellow students ditch or ignore tobacco and nicotine products. One of the goals identified by the teens was to decrease the stigma associated with youth who may be addicted to nicotine, to allow students to feel more comfortable when asking for help. We were inspired by the empathy and compassion these young people showed for their peers struggling with addiction. The teens are presenting their plan and conducting community outreach activities into 2024 to shed light on the health impacts nicotine is having on their peers. ■



UCHD continues to work alongside the Union County Sheriff's Office, Marysville Police Department, Richwood Police Department, and many other partners to put on Safety Town for kindergartners in all three public school districts. The full filled week teaches a variety of safety topics from pedestrian safety to how to approach an animal.



Back for its 10th year, we welcomed 320 participants for the 2023 Stay Active 5K. While it was a brisk March morning, there was no shortage of energy and smiles to warm all of us. The Stay Active 5K provides a positive community environment for walkers and runners. All abilities are welcomed, whether this is your first attempt at walking 3 miles, or your 100th competitive race.



Plumbing Program Expanded as Growth Continues; New Online Portal Launched

The Union County Health Department added several components to the plumbing program in 2023. UCHD happily welcomed a second plumbing inspector, Mr. Zach Baldwin. This additional inspector allows UCHD to be responsive to the needs of our growing community and provides stability for UCHD as Central Ohio's growth is resulting in a high demand for plumbing inspectors across the region. Clerical and administrative tasks for the plumbing program transitioned from the Union County Building Department to UCHD near the end of 2023. Beginning in 2024, applications for plumbing permits, inspections, and registration of plumbing contractors is now done through UCHD. UCHD also launched a new online

portal for plumbing contractors and their clients. The new portal allows contractors to submit applications, pay fees, and get real time updates on the status of their project. This system is intended to provide more transparency in the process and convenience and efficiency for our plumbing contractors and their clients.

Based on early success with the new online portal for plumbing, the environmental health team intends to add more online service offerings in the near future. Applications for add-on remodel projects (which are projects like adding a pool, deck, drive way, shed, barn, or an addition to your home, etc.) are already being accepted through the online portal, allowing homeowners to apply, pay for and track the progress of their application. As always, residents can always call or stop by the office if an online portal is not a convenient option for them. ■

Real Estate Inspections Provide Real Value to Buyers

Reports from the field indicate that more buyers are not aware of issues with failing septic systems until after the purchase of a new home is complete. To avoid this unexpected expense, we encourage anyone thinking about buying a property with a septic system or private drinking water source to

contact our office before purchasing the property. By contacting our office before closing on a property, our sanitarians can provide the records we have on file for the home's septic and well. If you want a more robust review, a real estate inspection can be scheduled. During a real estate inspection, a sanitarian performs a

site visit to confirm the location of the existing septic system and drinking water supply. We then determine if the system is failing, needs repair, or if no records are on file. This step can not only provide you valuable information about your future home, it can also prevent an unexpected and costly septic system repair or replacement. ■

Septic System Permit Renewals

The Ohio Administrative Code (3701-29) requires operation permits for household sewage treatment systems to be renewed at least once every 10 years. This requirement was added in 2015 when statewide sewage rules were updated from those originally passed in the 1970's. To comply with this requirement, the Board of Health opted for a five year permit cycle. Permits were last renewed Jan. 1, 2020. The Union County Health Department will send out renewal applications in the fall of 2024. This renewal permit is valid for five years (2025-2029) and costs \$50 (\$10 per year). Renewal permit applications need to be returned to the Health Department along with the fee by Dec. 31, 2024. ■

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE STATISTICS

Well Permits Issued	122	Food Service Permits Issued	405
Water Quality Samples Taken	195	Food Service Inspections	891
Septic Permits Issued ¹	127	Animal Bite Investigations	140
Septic Inspections	1,202	Nuisance Complaint Investigations	65
Add-on-Remodel (AOR) Reviews	120	Mosquito Surveillance Specimens	20,395
Plumbing Permits Issued	912	Tires Collected for Disposal	1,853
Plumbing Inspections	2,445		
Public Facilities Permitted ²	77		

¹Includes permits for new and replacement systems. Does not include operation permits.

²Includes campgrounds, pools, tattoo/piercing parlors, and schools.

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NEWBORN HOME VISITS

CAR SEAT DISTRIBUTION
& SAFETY CHECKS

IMMUNIZATIONS

ASSISTANCE FOR CHILDREN
WITH SPECIAL
HEALTHCARE NEEDS

SAFE SLEEP EDUCATION
& CRIB DISTRIBUTION

HOME SAFETY CHECKS
FOR OLDER ADULTS

WELL AND SEPTIC
PERMITTING & INSPECTION

ANIMAL BITE INVESTIGATIONS

NUISANCE COMPLAINT
INVESTIGATIONS

PRESCRIPTION ASSISTANCE

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