



UNION COUNTY  
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

# ANNUAL REPORT 2025



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Health Commissioner

## FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

**B**uilding for the future defined our work in 2025 and continues to guide our priorities in 2026.

Our objective is straightforward: remain well positioned to meet the evolving needs of those we serve. To accomplish this, our work over the past year reflects four priorities essential to the long-term health and stability of our community.

**Infrastructure that Promotes Health** — From walking trails to farmers markets, helping communities pursue opportunities that support healthier living is at the heart of public health. We help bring municipalities and community partners together to create coordinated frameworks and provide the technical assistance needed to pursue funding when it arises. These collaborations have led to sidewalk improvements through Safe Routes to School coalitions, enhancements to playgrounds, parks, and walking paths through active transportation planning, and expansion of farmers markets.

**Strengthen Access to Healthcare** — Expanding access to care remains one of our most important priorities. We continued to transform our nursing clinic into a Health Center throughout 2025 as we work toward federal Community Health Center Look-Alike designation. The designation provides enhanced Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement, a critical component of our long-term sustainability plan, and expands our clinical care to include

primary care and sick visits. These services are often difficult to access for individuals with Medicaid, those without insurance, or those who have not yet established care with a primary provider. We are now more than 85% of the way toward completing the extensive requirements necessary to submit our application.

**Prepare for Shifts in Funding** — Aligning programming and budgets with community needs remains central to our strategy. As stewards of local levy funds, we maintain a conservative fiscal approach. Initiation of shared service models and pursuit of external funding help keep our office financially stable. At the same time, changes in federal funding of public health and discussions around property tax reform in Ohio are prompting us to deepen our community listening to ensure we understand what residents value most and which public health services must be preserved.

**Recruit & Retain Exceptional Public Servants** — It has taken several years for our team and operations to fully stabilize following the pandemic. Many staff continued COVID-related work—such as disease reporting and ensuring access to home test kits—well after the formal end of the emergency. The prolonged response and constant operational adjustments placed significant strain on our team and disrupted routine training cycles, onboarding, strategic planning, and mentoring. In 2025, we recommitted to strengthening these foundational areas. ■

### Our Vision & Values

Build a community where residents have opportunities to live healthy, happy, long lives—where people of all ages and stages of life can thrive. We do this through a caring, knowledgeable, and dependable team that is engaged, efficient, and fair.

*Listening to the aspirations and concerns of our residents is key to aligning programming and budgets with the needs of the community. Director of Health Promotion & Planning, Shawn Sech, (left) does just that at Plain City's National Night Out in August 2025.*



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**Keith Watson Retires from Board of Health**

After 15 years of dedicated service to the Board of Health, Keith Watson is leaving behind a legacy of steady leadership and commitment to the well-being of our community. Mr. Watson has served as Board President since 2019, taking over for long-time president James "Al" Channell just one year before leading the Board through a once-in-a-lifetime pandemic response.

Throughout his tenure, Mr. Watson championed a strong and resilient public health workforce, recognizing that people are the foundation of effective public health. He consistently supported strengthening partnerships across government agencies, seeking to address complex issues through a coordinated approach. Mr. Watson also believed in investing where it mattered most—supporting initiatives that protect and improve community health.

*“What I take from my time on the board is how the breadth of what we’re doing has grown over the past 15 years. If something is impacting our community and we can do something to help people, we’re going to do it—because public health is that important.”*

Reflecting on his service, he shared, “What I take from my time on the board is how the breadth of what we’re doing has grown over the past 15 years. If something is impacting our community and we can do something to help people, we’re going to do it—because public health is that important.” ■



Keith Watson adjourned his last meeting as President of the Board of Health in February 2026. Mr. Watson retired from the Board after 15 years of dedicated service.

**Daniel "Dan" Bosch Appointed to Board of Health**

Daniel "Dan" Bosch is the newest member of the Board of Health. Mr. Bosch is one of two members appointed to the Board by the City of Marysville. He is a veteran of the US Marine Corps and a long-time resident of Marysville. He works as the Executive Assistant to the President/CEO of Union Rural Electric. Mr. Bosch is no stranger to UCHD's efforts to create opportunities for healthy living, having previously served on a UCHD committee that launched the Union County Grand Prix Series. ■



Daniel "Dan" Bosch was appointed to the Board of Health in March 2025.

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## Employee of the Year: Aaron Freedman



Aaron Freedman, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, is the 2025 Employee of the Year. Mr. Freedman joined our team in 2023 and primarily works in the sewage and drinking water programs. Mr. Freedman exemplifies the very best of public service, consistently recognized by contractors and homeowners for his professionalism and commitment to problem-solving while his reliability and initiative are commended by staff and supervisors. He is a model of UCHD's core values.

In 2025, he led UCHD's efforts to expand tick (vector) surveillance within the county—an initiative that supports the Ohio Department of Health's heightened surveillance efforts amid the expanding geographic ranges of invasive tick species.

Congratulations, Mr. Freedman, on a job well done. ■



Right: Registered Environmental Health Specialist Aaron Freedman "hunts" for ticks near a walking path in Marysville. Left: Freedman poses with ticks collected in his first successful tick drag. Tick species, including black-legged ticks which carry Lyme Disease and Asian longhorned ticks which are known to devastate cattle herds, are expanding their geographic ranges prompting increased surveillance in Union County and Ohio.

## Partner of the Year: Tessa Fite

We proudly recognize Tessa Fite as our 2025 Partner of the Year. Ms. Fite is a consistent and committed supporter of efforts to improve health and wellness within our community. She serves on the Executive Committee of the Community Health Center Board, helping shape the future of UCHD's clinical and support services.

Ms. Fite is also one of the engines behind Union County United, an effort UCHD is actively involved in. Union County United is a coordinated effort led by United Way where volunteers meet residents where they gather, and authentically listen to their aspirations for our community and the challenges they face. UCHD is using these listening tools to turn outward and gain a deeper understanding of how health is impacted within our community.

Additionally, Ms. Fite served as coordinator of Union County Medical Reserve Corp for the past seven years. In this role, she artfully managed the sudden surge in volunteers during the pandemic, serving as a skilled liaison between UCHD and the volunteers who were critical to UCHD's ability to efficiently deliver tens of thousands of vaccinations through countless drive-thru clinics. While a contracted position, Ms. Fite went above and beyond contractual requirements to help UCHD respond to the pandemic and we appreciate her services as she steps away from this role in 2026.

To Ms. Tessa Fite, we thank you for sharing your passion and energy for helping our neighbors. ■



Top: Tessa Fite is the 2025 Public Health Partner of the Year. With a willingness to serve, she interfaces in a number of initiatives working to improve the lives of Union County residents. Bottom: Tessa (right) leads a food drive along with United Way Director Brandi Hibbs (left).

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT – CALENDAR YEAR 2025

### Statement of Revenues\*

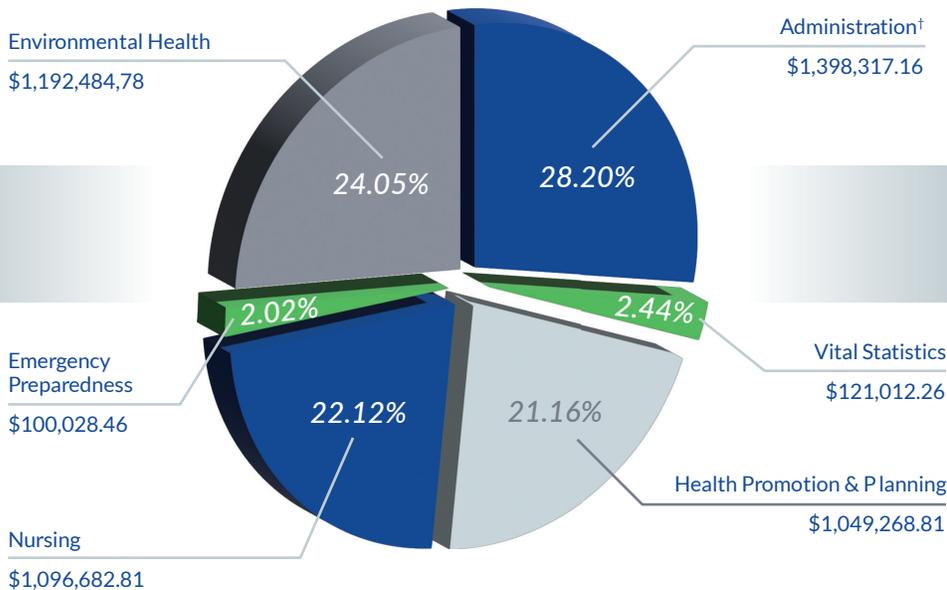
Levy Receipts & Rollbacks	\$2,804,932.02	49.16%
Permits, Licenses, Fees, Fines, Special Assessments	\$1,438,765.68	25.22%
Grant Receipts (State, Federal, Private)	\$1,013,659.88	17.77%
Contracts and Other Charges for Services	\$121,271.05	2.13%
Nursing Fees (including Medicare reimbursement)	\$98,120.97	1.72%
Medicaid Reimbursement	\$90,662.24	1.59%
Vital Statistics Fees	\$89,890.51	1.58%
State Subsidy	\$37,594.46	0.66%
Reimbursements, Refunds, Misc. Other Receipts	\$10,289.02	0.18%
<b>Total Revenue (Excludes Inter-fund Transfers)</b>	<b>\$5,705,185.83</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

### Statement of Expenditures\*

Personnel	\$3,829,308.13	77.24%
Operating	\$944,146.43	19.04%
Equipment	\$99,676.10	2.01%
Remittances to State of Ohio	\$84,663.62	1.71%
<b>Total Expenditures (Excludes Inter-fund Transfers)</b>	<b>\$4,957,794.28</b>	<b>100.00%</b>

\* Internal reimbursements between program accounts and contractual pass through funds excluded in order to report actual revenues and expenses.

## EXPENDITURES BY DIVISION\*



## FINANCIAL NOTES

- UCHD received clean audits for 5 consecutive years.
- The Board of Health aims to have a mid-levy cash balance equal to 50% of operating expenses. This limits impacts on the community when there is volatility in other funding sources, emergency response is required, or facility maintenance or updates are needed. UCHD carried an unencumbered cash balance of \$6.7 million into 2026 (about one year of operation costs).
- Key impacts on cash balances in 2025 included staff vacancies; intentional savings for full expansion of Health Center services and a 27th pay period in 2026; collection of sewage system operation permit fees (used for program expenses through 2030); and plumbing permitting contracts initiated with neighboring counties.

\*All numbers are unaudited.  
†Includes building rent, technology, and public information.

# PROTECTING HEALTH

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Nurse Amanda Poppe is part of the caring team offering primary care and sick visits at our Health Center. At the Health Center, everyone is welcome, regardless of insurance status, building on our long history of ensuring access to healthcare for all Union County residents.

## Health Center Adding Value to Patients

At the Health Center, our caring nurses bring a whole-person approach to our patients. We don't just treat symptoms, we work through the struggles faced by the patient. Because of these values, what starts out as a sick baby visit or immunization appointment, grows into a lasting relationship where the patient feels heard, valued, and supported. When a patient is shown this level of concern and is given payment options that help them access care when between jobs, struggling to get ahead, or just starting out as a young adult, we become a medical home.

This experience with past patients and a desire to improve access to healthcare for residents of all ages and stages of life led our Board of Health to

expand our scope of care in July 2024 to include primary care and sick visits and seek a federal designation known as a Community Health Center (CHC) Look-Alike from the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRS A). The designation ensures higher Medicaid and Medicare reimbursement rates, a key part of the long-term strategy to build financial stability for clinical services and offset the increasing pull on local levy funding.

After nearly 18 months, our team and a volunteer board of patients and community partners, is 85 per cent of the way to completing the extensive prerequisite necessary to apply for CHC Look-Alike designation. UCHD is on track to submit for Look-Alike status by the close of 2026. ■

*“Nurses were extremely friendly, you can tell they are passionate about their jobs, have fun and work well together. Provider was incredibly professional and supportive during the whole visit. Front desk was very attentive and diligent! Overall great experience!” ~ Health Center Patient*

## Come See How We Can Help

We continue to expand our service offerings and hours throughout 2025. With two full-time nurse practitioner positions on staff, we offer primary care, reproductive health and wellness services, immunizations, and sick visits. Same day or next day appointments are typically offered and Friday mornings are set aside for walk-in sick bay to treat common ailments like eye, ear, nose, respiratory, sinus and urinary tract infections. We accept most insurances, Medicaid, Medicare and uninsured patients. We offer payment plans, discount programs, and a sliding fee scale so that all people have access to basic healthcare. Give us a call to make an appointment at 937-645-2058 or request an appointment online at [www.uchd.net/health-center](http://www.uchd.net/health-center). ■

## 2025 HEALTH CENTER SERVICE STATISTICS

### HEALTHCARE SERVICES

Childhood Immunizations	1,545
Adult Immunizations	1,331
Reproductive Health Visits	1,051
TB Tests	109
Primary Care & Sick Visits	338

### ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

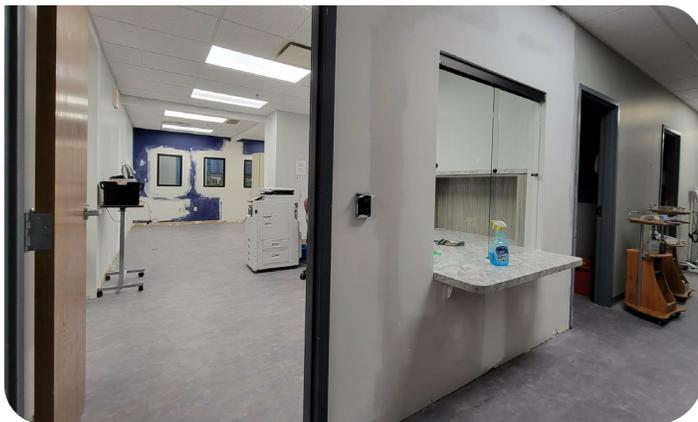
WIC Nutrition Assistance Visits	2,509
Families Served by CMH (Special Healthcare Needs)	243
Insurance Enrollment Visits	98
Prescription, Eye-glass & Hearing Aid Assistance	78

### Exploring a School Based Health Center at North Union

UCHD's Health Center team is working closely with North Union Schools to explore the feasibility of a School-based health center (SBHC). SBHCs bring comprehensive physical, mental, and preventive health services directly into schools to eliminate barriers to care, particularly for underserved students. By providing immediate, on-site, and convenient treatment, SBHCs improve attendance, boost academic performance, and reduce parent work absences.

In Ohio and across the nation, SBHCs are a crucial part of the strategy to improve access to healthcare in rural communities. While SBHCs can take many forms, we are exploring the need and community support behind a model that would provide care for students and staff. All services would require express parental consent prior to care being administered. Initial services could include sick visits and annual well-child or adult wellness exams.

UCHD staff joined North Union staff in touring several health center sites in neighboring counties in 2025. The team continues to explore the need, capabilities and level of community support in an effort to be well positioned to take advantage of federal and state funding opportunities that are encouraging improved healthcare access for rural communities. ■



**Pardon Our Dust!** Smaller in scale, a Health Center remodel provides separate check-in/check-out windows, two additional exam rooms, and a secure separation between patient areas and staff workspace. The project is scheduled to be wrapped up by April/May.

### 2025 VITAL STATISTICS\*

Births Recorded		Leading Causes of Death	
Male	288	Heart disease	129
Female	286	Cancer	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>574</b>	Failure to thrive	76
<b>Deaths Recorded</b>		Dementia	41
Male	188	Respiratory disease	28
Female	201		
<b>Total</b>	<b>389</b>		

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

UCHD issued 2,157 birth and 1,657 death certificates in 2025.

Most Popular Boy Names	Most Popular Girl Names
Cooper	Amelia
Henry	Isabella
Owen	Juniper

#### Statewide Birth & Death Certificates Issuance:

UCHD can issue certified copies of birth certificates for births that occurred anywhere in Ohio since 1909. Death certificates can be issued for deaths that occurred anywhere in Ohio since 2007. For deaths previous to 2007, death certificates can only be issued by the county where the death occurred.

### 2025 INJURY PREVENTION PROGRAMS

Narcan Kits Distributed	425
Car Seat Safety Checks & Seats Distributed	97
Pack N' Plays for Safe Sleep*	9

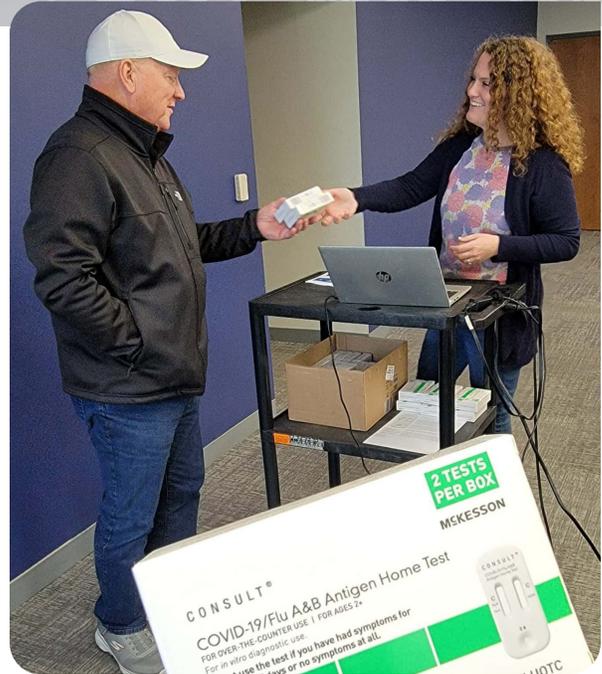
\*In 2025, Council for Union County Families (CUCF) became a funding and referral partner for our Cribs for Kids program. This program provides free pack n' plays and safe sleep education to expectant and new parents without safe sleep spaces. Due to the nature of their work with small children, CUCF has heavily added to our program sustainability. We are grateful for this new partnership!

## REPORTABLE COMMUNICABLE DISEASES IN UNION COUNTY, OHIO – 2025

2025 Union County Reportable Diseases	# Cases*
Babesiosis	1
<i>Candida auris</i>	2
Campylobacteriosis	18
Chlamydia	99
Coccidioidomycosis	1
COVID-19 <sup>2,3</sup>	463
Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO)	1
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	1
Cryptosporidiosis	5
Cyclosporiasis	1
<i>E. coli</i> , Shiga Toxin-Producing	2
Giardiasis	4
Gonorrhea	21
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (invasive disease)	1
Hepatitis A	2
Hepatitis B - including delta	12
Hepatitis C	18
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	87
Lyme Disease	5
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	3
Meningitis, bacterial (Not <i>N. meningitidis</i> )	1
Mpox	1
Pertussis	14
RSV Hospitalization <sup>4</sup>	5
Salmonellosis	18
Streptococcal Disease - Group A -invasive	1
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> - invasive antibiotic resistance	2
Syphilis	5
Typhus Fever	1
Varicella	3
West Nile Virus Disease	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>799</b>

<sup>1</sup>Case counts based on county of residence at time of reporting. Counts exclude cases among persons incarcerated within Union County. Case counts include confirmed, probable and suspected disease classifications.  
<sup>2</sup>COVID-19 cases only include confirmed and probable disease classifications  
<sup>3</sup>As of 9/30/2025, individual COVID-19 cases are not reportable. As of 10/1/2025, only COVID-19 hospitalizations are reportable. Since 10/1/2025, 12 COVID hospitalizations were reported.  
<sup>4</sup>RSV hospitalizations became reportable as of 10/1/2025

Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System



Epidemiologist Mary Salimbene Merriman (Right) hands a 3-in-1 Flu A/B & COVID-19 home test kit to a resident. Approximately 1,100 test kits were distributed during the November event.

The flu has plagued humanity for thousands of years, and 2025 was no exception. A near-record number of influenza-associated hospitalizations (87) were reported, one of the highest counts since becoming a reportable condition in Ohio in 2009.

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) remained the most commonly reported disease but declined to 463 cases from the peak of 7,324 reported cases in 2022. This decline is due in part to a change in Ohio reporting requirements which transitioned on Oct. 01, 2025 to reporting of only hospitalizations associated with COVID-19 rather than all confirmed and probable cases.

RSV hospitalizations and several other conditions also became newly reportable conditions as of Oct. 01, 2025. Three new conditions - free living amoeba in infections, inhalation tularemia, and infant and wound botulism - are now Class A reportable conditions that require immediate reporting to the Health Department.

In total, 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 measles). At UCHD, our epidemiologists receive these reports, interview the patient to determine exposure risk, provide education on preventing spread, arrange for recommended testing or medical care, and monitor trends for unusual disease activity. ■

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

**Trails, Parks & Active Living:**

UCHD supports townships and municipalities in their efforts to improve walkability and active living opportunities across Union County. UCHD often provides technical assistance with grant writing and helps connect the visions of individual communities. This collaborative planning process can increase a community's success in identifying and securing funding when it becomes available. This coordinated approach supported the Richwood Independent Fair Board and Leesburg Township in securing State of Ohio biennial capital bill funding for walking

path improvements which were completed in 2025 and provide the residents of Richwood and Magnetic Springs safe, convenient places to walk throughout the year.

The Get Movin' UC Coalition, chaired by UCHD, also partnered with graduate students from The Ohio State University to update the Trails and Greenways Master Plan for Union County in 2025. This visioning document outlines opportunities for a connected trail system across Union County. The final plan is expected to be released early in 2026. ■



*Richwood Independent Fair Board President Cody Johnston (center) officially opened the newly chip-sealed walking path at the fairgrounds during opening ceremonies of the 2025 fair while UCHD Health Planner Tamisha Matus proudly watches amid a crowd of onlookers.*

**Community Health Assessment:**

A community health assessment (CHA) is a tool to gauge the health outcomes, risk factors, and underlying personal and community conditions impacting the health of the people within the community. Assessments are completed every three to five years. In 2025, UCHD released the latest community health assessment for Union County. The assessment

combines more than 500 survey responses from community members with data from a multitude of sources. Positive findings from the CHA include Union County residents are living three years longer on average than Ohioans overall; Union County adults report being more physically active than Ohioans overall; and most Union County adults report getting routine checkups. Challenges identified

through the CHA include an increase in self-reported poor health days; rising rates of chronic conditions; and youth mental health concerns. UCHD will convene community partners in 2026 to develop a Community Health Improvement Plan which will identify top health priorities from the CHA findings and create an action plan to address these priorities. View the CHA at [uchd.net/data-reports](http://uchd.net/data-reports). ■



**Older Adult Fall Prevention:** Falls are the leading cause of injury-related deaths for US adults age 65 and over, and death rates are rising. But falls can be prevented. And that is what UCHD and its Older Adult Fall Prevention Coalition are working to do. Through fall prevention home safety assessments completed by Union County Senior Services to Matter of Balance and Bingocize classes, coalition members are helping seniors stay steady and avoid falls. In 2025, the Fall Prevention Coalition was recognized by the Ohio Department of Health Injury Prevention Partnership for outstanding work during 2025 National Falls Prevention Week. During the "2025 National Falls Awareness Extravaganza Week" the coalition connected with 30 community partners and over 130 older adults to conduct blood pressure screenings, hearing screenings, balance testing, and provide fall prevention education. ■

*UCHD's Older Adult Falls Prevention Coordinator Noel Williams (Right) takes part in National Falls Awareness Extravaganza Week at Memorial Health.*

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UCHD Mobility Manager Jenni Fauber assists a driver during the UC MOVES coalition's first CarFit event in Richwood. CarFit is a program designed to help drivers improve the "fit" of their vehicle for comfort and safety.

### Transportation:

For more than a decade, UCHD has been working to understand the transportation challenges faced by members of our community. UCHD has catalogued what types of transportation needs aren't being met and worked with partners to find efficiencies and new opportunities through the UC MOVES Coalition. In April 2026, UCHD will transition the ODOT funded Mobility Manager program to our partners at Bridges Community Action. UCHD will continue to lead the UC Moves Coalition and support efforts to address the transportation barriers experienced by older adults, persons with disabilities, and working people who struggle to maintain a reliable insured and fueled vehicle.

**Overdose Awareness & Prevention:** UCHD is committed to preserving life. It is this core value that guides local efforts to prevent overdose deaths. And we are not alone. Union County has a strong and supportive network helping people recover from addiction. This show of community support and commitment is never more visible than at the annual Overdose Awareness Day hosted each August by UCHD and the Overdose Prevention Coalition. Here, families honor a loved one lost to addiction and join people in recovery to show support for one another. Each year the number of agencies with resources and support for overdose prevention and recovery grows. As do our efforts. In 2025, 425 Narcan kits were distributed within the community, with eight lifesaving overdose reversals reported. Access to Narcan also increased with the installation of two new naloxone dispensing cabinets, including 24/7 access at Wings Support and Recovery. The number of fatal overdoses has steadily declined since 2021, dropping by more than 75%. ■



Allie Day, keynote for the 2025 Overdose Awareness Day, shared her powerful story of recovery with courage and grace, inspiring all in attendance.



**Safety Town:** UCHD continues to work alongside local law enforcement agencies, schools and many other partners to host Safety Town for kindergartners in all four public school districts. The fun filled week teaches a variety of safety topics from pedestrian safety to how to approach an animal.

**Stay Active 5K:** Back for its 12th year, we welcomed nearly 350 participants for the 2025 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 is held to provide 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. Proceeds from the race go to Blessings in a Backpack and high school food pantries to address youth food insecurity.



### Plumbing Inspections Continue to Increase

With the growth in central Ohio, UCHD’s environmental health team and Board of Health made the decision to invest in more plumbing inspectors. The Ohio plumbing code requires plumbing inspections for all new commercial buildings.

Yet, licensed plumbing inspectors are hard to find. Investing in this program given the current and projected growth within central Ohio helps safeguard our responsiveness and the level of service Union County homeowners and contractors have come to expect. To control the added cost of additional inspectors, the Board also initiated shared service contracts with neighboring counties. Revenue from these contracts is significantly offsetting the cost of the additional staff. Since the decision to expand our plumbing inspection capacity, we’ve added two additional plumbing inspectors to our team and entered into contracts for services with neighboring Clark and Champaign counties to share services and help offset the added personnel costs. The benefit to our builders, contractors and homeowners is redundancy and availability that limits delays in construction. In 2025, the strategic move proved beneficial with the three plumbing inspectors completing nearly 5,000 inspections (3,525 within Union County, an increase of nearly 1,100 from 2024). ■

### Tick Surveillance Resumes

When the weather is just right, not too windy, not too wet or dewy, and not too arid, you might find one of our environmental health team dragging a white sheet across the vegetation along a trail. The perfect conditions aren’t for the people, rather for the ticks we are hunting as part of our tick surveillance efforts. With black legged ticks continuing to move across Ohio from Pennsylvania and Asian longhorned ticks rapidly invading the midwest, the Ohio Department of Health requested the help of local health departments to increase the state’s surveillance efforts from local health departments in 2025. With help of a student intern from Marysville Early College High School, our environmental health team responded and established a basic tick surveillance program in 2025. Understanding what species of ticks we are seeing and seasonality patterns is helpful in preventing human cases of Lyme disease, Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever, Ehrlichiosis & Anaplasmosis, and Babesiosis. Efforts to collect and submit ticks to the Ohio Department of Health for testing and species identification will continue in 2026. ■



### Rabies Clinic: More than 35 years of partnership

One of the oldest and longest running partnerships we have at UCHD is with the veterinarians at OSU Large Animal Clinic. For more than 35 years, the veterinarians and vet students have been donating their time to provide low-cost vaccination for family pets. In 2025, we vaccinated 229 fur babies. ■



### Tire Collection STILL Big Success

Each year we think that surely we have collected all the unwanted tires in the county. But each year we are surprised. Residents brought 1,080 tires to the October tire collection, completely filling a semi-trailer. By request, a spring tire collection is being planned for May 2026. ■

### ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICE STATISTICS

Well Permits Issued	122
Water Quality Samples Taken	195
Septic Permits Issued <sup>1</sup>	124
Septic Inspections	1,345
Add-on-Remodel (AOR) Reviews	152
Plumbing Permits Issued	1,167
Plumbing Inspections	3,525
Public Facilities Permitted <sup>2</sup>	272
Food Service Permits Issued	351
Food Service Inspections	694
Animal Bite Investigations	137
Nuisance Complaint Investigations	114
Tires Collected for Disposal	1,080

<sup>1</sup>Includes permits for new and replacement systems. Does not include operation permits.

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

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PRIMARY CARE 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

STI TESTING

HEALTHY PREGNANCY  
PLANNING

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTHCARE  
FOR WOMEN & MEN



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