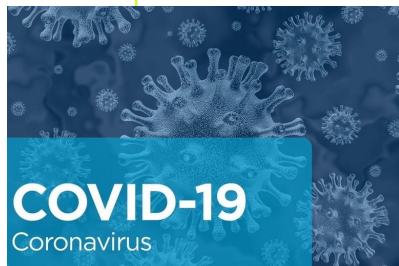


# Board of Health Newsletter



## COVID-19 Vaccination Registration:

- > Visit [zmchd.org/covid-19-vaccine](http://zmchd.org/covid-19-vaccine)
- > Click on Vaccine Registration Form
- > Complete and submit one form per person
- > You will receive a confirmation number by email
- > You will receive an invitation to an upcoming clinic after vaccine doses are confirmed



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## Resolutions/Contracts/ Agreements

The Board of Health approved the following:

- Resolution 20-09-03 Food Fees—3rd & Final Reading
- Variance Request for 11055 Scout Road Frazeyburg
- Information Technology Agreement/Renewal with Muskingum County Information Services
- 2021 Budget
- Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities MOU
- Muskingum County Board of Developmental Disabilities BAA
- ATS Agreement for ODH Grant Funding for \$70,000
- ATS Agreement for ODH Grant Funding for \$171,759
- OSU Agreement for COVID-19 Grant: RADxUP Ohio

## FACEBOOK LIVE

With Muskingum County COVID-19 Update  
Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department



@ZMCHD  
Tuesday,  
February 9, 2021  
Noon

Email your questions to:  
[COVID19@muskingumcountyoh.gov](mailto:COVID19@muskingumcountyoh.gov)

Follow us on Facebook for other important updates and notifications.  
Turn on Facebook Live notifications for our page.

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## Professional Development

Board of Health members reviewed a series of short continuing education modules as part of local boards of health continuing education.

The modules are produced by the Kent State University College of Public Health in collaboration with the Ohio

Association of Boards of Health and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners.

The first module created by retired Mahoning County Health Commissioner Patricia Sweeney reviewed Ohio laws pertaining to Open Records and meetings for local boards

of health.

The second module addressed the American Public Health Association Public Health Code of Ethics and its application to the coronavirus pandemic.

**ZMCHD COVID-19 Incident Command**

We added 589 cases during the month of October, more than tripling the 195 added in September. We reached out through the organization several times for anyone available to help with the high workload.

Within days of the November election, our new case counts began to increase to a new high nearly every day. The week of Thanksgiving we hit a new high of 126 new cases in one day. Due to this ever increasing demand, we worked to

automate some of our processes so we could get information out to more people in the community by email rather than by phone as was our typical method of contact. By the end of November we had accumulated 1,752 news cases. As you may imagine, we were struggling to handle that volume and spent the last couple weeks of the month in an “all hands on deck” mode. On Friday, November 20th, our Google database started acting up and late in the day it crashed. The database

had to be completely rebuilt.

Our weekly case count hit a new high in December with 733 cases. Our daily new case count was in triple digits 13 of 31 days and also hit a new high of 189 new cases reported on Dec. 12. The number of active COVID-19 cases hit a record high of 1,274 people in isolation on 12/19. This surge in cases had the domino effect of increased outbreaks, mostly in congregate care settings,

Increased hospitalizations, and unfortunately, increased deaths (estimate 56 we are still working to reconcile records). At the same time, we had to increase our attention to planning to vaccinate our community as COVID-19 vaccine was expected to be approved and available by the end of December.



**Election Specialists: Samantha Wantz, Registered Sanitarian & Jennifer Hiestand, Public Information Officer.**

**Election Specialists & National Guard Popup Testing**

Leading up to Election Day we reached out to community members in isolation or quarantine to be sure they had an opportunity to vote without creating a COVID-19 exposure for others. Some, who had planned to vote in person, needed a quick back-up plan. We worked with the Muskingum County Board of Elections to pair up (two different political parties) and to take a ballot to those who were unexpectedly homebound. Four teams trav-

eled all over Muskingum County delivering ballots, waiting for them to be filled out, and then returning them to the BOE before the polls closed on November 3rd. We served approximately 50 registered voters.

On Friday, December 18th we worked with community partners and the Ohio National Guard on a Pop-Up COVID-19 Testing Site at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds. Anyone

was eligible to get a no-cost test. That event allowed us to test just under 300 individuals. We found a 13% positivity rate of 39 positive COVID-19 cases.



**COVID-19 Vaccination**

In November, we reviewed the requirements to receive and dispense the COVID-19 vaccine once released. We have been working on preparation for receiving, storing and dispensing the vaccine. The vaccine will need to be kept in ultra-cold storage. Our logistics team has worked diligently to obtain a contract to receive the needed dry ice to keep the vaccine viable. We will continue to meet weekly with the state,

partner with the community and plan for vaccine dispensing.

Ohio’s Vaccination Program is a phased approach. During Phase 1 vaccine supply is limited. Vaccine administration is focused on reaching critical groups such as healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients.

We received the COVID-19 vaccine December 22nd and

began distributing the vaccine strategically as outlined by ODH as group 1A.

The week of Christmas, we started vaccinating healthcare workers with a higher occupational risk of being exposed to or contracting COVID-19. It gave us hope for a future beyond a pandemic.



### Building Renovation Update

Our environmental area was able to move into the Phase 3 renovation areas in October.

Renovation was completed at the end of October.

Help Me Grow Home Visiting, WIC, Early Intervention and Muskingum Families & Children First moved from offices at 333 Putnam Avenue to the 7th Street building at the end of November.



### National Wear Red Day

American Heart Association®



National Wear Red Day is Friday, February 5, 2021. Wear red to raise awareness about cardiovascular disease and save lives.

Heart attack and stroke are life-or-death emergencies—every second counts. If you think you or someone you're with has any symptoms of heart attack or stroke, call 911 immediately.

Learn the signs and symptoms of heart attack and stroke. Visit [goredforwomen.org](http://goredforwomen.org).

How will you Go Red?



### Personnel Update

#### Promotions & Reclassifications

Dalton Kirkbride from Administrative Assistant to Sanitarian-in-Training

Rebecca Geyer from Public Health Nurse to Public Health Isolation & Quarantine Supervisor

#### Resignations

##### Contact Tracer:

Tessa Denny

#### Public Health Nurses

Trystan Starcher  
Cassandra Dawson

#### ZMCHD welcomed the following employees:

Contact Tracers:  
Kimberly McCandless  
Shanon Miller  
Ellen Murphy  
Tayler Smith

Epidemiologist/ Community Health Planner:  
Kaili Shaffer

#### Home Visitor/ Service Coordinator:

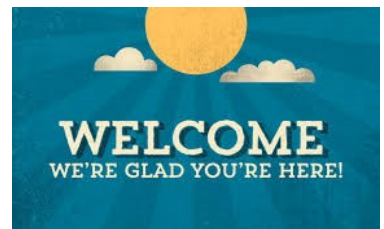
Jessica Grimes

#### Public Health Nurses:

Rebecca Hollingshead  
Kristina Scheffler  
Beverly Guinsler  
Ally Todd  
Tonya Walters

#### Administrative Assistants

Diana Cale  
Melinda Moeller





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**Mission:**

Prevent. Promote. Protect. Public Health is Our Passion!

**Vision:**

**For Our Agency:** One team, striving for excellence, educating and empowering with every encounter.

**For Our Community:** Muskingum County is the healthiest place to live, learn, work and play.

**Values:**

**Work Together:** We engage with our community to establish common goals and achieve desired results.

**Help Others:** We are helpful, adaptive, and take pride in providing excellent service.

**Do the Right Thing:** We are fair, honest, ethical, and accountable.

**Improve:** We continually look for ways to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.

**Respect:** We accept diversity and practice kindness.

**Upcoming Events**



**February Events**

**Feb 5:** National Wear Red Day

**Feb 15:** Closed Presidents' Day

**Feb 18:** Board of Health Virtual Meeting on Google meet, 6:00pm

**March Events**

**Mar 18:** Board of Health Virtual Meeting on Google Meet, 6:00pm

**April Events**

**Apr 1-7:** National Public Health Week

**Apr 15:** Board of Health Virtual Meeting on Google Meet, 6:00pm