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Zanesville-Muskingum County



### *Resolutions/ Contracts/ Agreements*

The Board of Health approved the following:

- ATS Agreement extension through 2021
- Sewage Treatment System Variance Request: 506 Main St., Duncan Falls
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Portsmouth City Health Department
- 2020 Annual Report
- Aquatics Informatics Software Agreement
- OSU Center for Clinical & Translational Science Grant



- MOU for Tobacco Prevention & Cessation
- 2022-2023 Manufactured Home Park Inspection Agreement
- Inter-Agency Agreement between Muskingum Families & Children First Council & ZMCHD

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### COVID-19 Vaccines:

- Are effective. They keep you from getting the virus and help keep you from getting seriously ill even if you do get the virus.
- Are safe. Thousands of people have received them and they have undergone the most intensive safety monitoring in U.S. history.
- Are available during business hours, 8am-4:30pm, M-F.
- Are free.

### *Professional Development*

Michelle Shroyer, Health Educator presented an overview on Tobacco Prevention Initiatives.

One initiative included the creation of the Vaping Tobacco Coalition to develop activities to reach low income

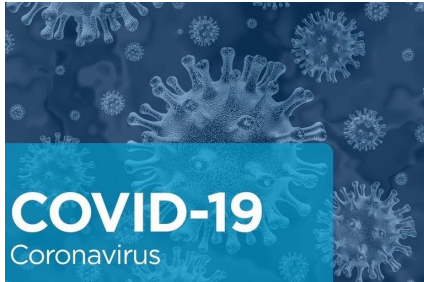
populations.

Michelle also shared information on the point of sale efforts including the location of tobacco retailers versus school locations, tobacco prices, and audit checks.

Michelle explained the 2021 ADmagine Truth Contest and shared Tik Tok videos created for the contest.

Board members were asked to pick the winner. The prize was shared between John Glenn High School and Foxfire.

## *ZMCHD COVID-19 Incident Command*



January brought a downward trend in our new COVID-19 cases to 2,038 from 2,855 in December. We saw our triple-digit new cases/day decline to only two of 31 days compared to 13 of 31 for December; while our active cases averaged 654/day compared to 1,096/day in December.

COVID-19 cases continued to decline in February. By the end of the month the total number of new cases went to 95. This

was the first time since September 2020 that our total number of new cases was back to two digits. In addition, the number of active cases per day started the month at nearly 500 and declined to 99 active cases.

COVID-19 cases hit a weekly low at 60 the week ending March 20th. The number of new cases per day fluctuated from a low of 3 to a high of 26. A total of 328 new cases were added during March.

In April, cases continued to decline to a new weekly low of 46 cases the week of April 24th. A total of 265 new cases reported for the month down from 328.

COVID-19 cases continued to decline in May. The weekly low of 21 cases/week May 29th was less than half of the April low week of 46 cases. The number of new cases ranged from 0 to 9, another downward trend compared to the 3 to 26 range in April.

## *COVID-19 Vaccination*



January brought an upward trend in our vaccination numbers to 1,350 from 270 in December. Our vaccination program ramped up to try to meet the State's expectations of administering COVID-19 vaccine beginning within 24 hours of receipt and having each week's allocation distributed within 7 days.

Vaccination numbers continued to increase in February. We completed 19 clinics and gave 2,160 vaccinations. One was canceled due to a vaccine delay and two were delayed by weather. Eight were held at the Muskingum County Fairgrounds.

In March, we gave 3,746 vaccines.

The demand for vaccinations started to decline in April with the decision to pause the use of J&J vaccine for a few weeks. We administered 2,725 doses of vaccine.

Demand continued to decline in May with 530 doses of vaccine given. Our total doses administered December-May reached 10,793.

## *Abbot At-Home COVID-19 Test Kits*



We partnered with the Muskingum County Library System to make Abbot Binax NOW Rapid COVID-19 tests available at all library branches free of charge to community members.

ALL MCLS locations are currently open Monday-

Thursday 10AM-7 PM, Friday 10AM-6 PM, and Saturday 10 AM-4 PM. No appointment is necessary and tests are free to the public.

The test kits are to be used in conjunction with a tele-med app. Access to a smartphone or tablet or a computer with an

internet connection is required. The library has free high-speed wifi available in all outdoor spaces. If technology assistance is needed, please email [tech-help@muskingumlibrary.org](mailto:tech-help@muskingumlibrary.org) to set up a free virtual technology help session.

## Health District Advisory Council Meeting

The annual meeting of the Zanesville-Muskingum County Combined General Health District Advisory Council Health District Advisory Council was held in conjunction with the Muskingum County Township Association Annual Spring Banquet at the Health Department and as a virtual meeting on March 24th.

Approximately 10 members of the group participated from

our newly renovated conference room.

We had enough attendees to fulfill the requirement for a quorum and the Council unanimously reappointed Jennifer Agin to the Board of Health for the term April 1, 2021 to March 31, 2027.

Corey Hamilton gave an overview and some highlights of the 2019 and 2020 Annual Reports.



## Accreditation Update

A 90 day extension was given to all health departments to improve and resubmit accreditation measures due to COVID-19.

This made our due date June 2021.

While this date seemed achievable during the summer of 2020, it quickly became ob-

vious that most of the team needed to do the work was going to be very busy with COVID-19 related activities.

We decided to apply for a one-year extension to ensure we had the proper time to put the improvements necessary into place.

Our extension was granted.

Our new deadline is June 26, 2022.



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## Personnel Update

### Retirements

Thomas Stratford, Registered Sanitarian

Linda Hayes, Program Assistant

### Reclassifications

Teisha Cramer from Public Health Nurse to Public Health Isolation & Quarantine Supervisor

Rebecca Hollingshead, Public Health Nurse, from Action Temporary Services to the Health Department

Shanon Miller, from Contact Tracer to Volunteer Coordinator to Administrative Assistant

Samantha Wantz from Sanitarian-in-training to Registered Sanitarian

### Resignations

#### Administrative Assistant

Thasia Schilling

#### Epidemiologist

Fahim Punja

#### Public Health Nurses

Erika Baker

Stephanie Brown

Rebecca Geyer

Trisha Wilson

### ZMCHD welcomed the following employees:

#### Administrative Assistants

Tiffany Beardsley

Shanon Miller

#### Environmental Intern

Logan Bryan

#### Program Assistant

Dusty Ziemer





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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*



## Upcoming Events

**July Events**

**July 5:** Closed Independence Day

**July 7:** Virtual Breastfeeding Café, 5:30pm

**July 15:** Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

**August Events**

**Aug 4:** Virtual Breastfeeding Café, 5:30pm

**Aug 19:** Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

**September Events**

**Sept:** Closed Labor Day

**Sept 1:** Virtual Breastfeeding Café, 5:30pm

**Sept 16:** Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

