

# Darke County General Health District

## Public Health Services

2018 Annual Report



Contributing to a stronger  
healthier community.

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## About Us:

### What is Public Health?

*Public Health* is a term used to encompass a variety of activities designed to prevent the spread of disease and promote optimal health.

### Our Mission:

To develop and maintain an efficient and effective system which will provide for the highest quality of public health services and to promote and protect the Darke County community's physical, mental, social, and environmental well being.

### Our Vision:

Our vision is to be an innovative leader in achieving the highest possible health and well being for Darke County and the environment.

### The Darke County General Health District and our community:

Local health departments were developed to provide an organized approach to public health activities in communities. Activities of the Darke County General Health District include immunizations, vital statistics, environmental health, nursing, emergency preparedness, communicable disease control, epidemiology and health education.

Every time you visit campgrounds, restaurants, swimming pools, schools and grocery stores, the Darke County General Health District plays a role in protecting public health. The health department is also responsible for providing immunizations, performing epidemiological investigations, coordinating emergency response with other agencies, and providing public health education.

### Health Commissioner's Message: Terrence Holman, DVM, RS

All documents were submitted to PHAB in May 2018 for review. The process has many steps and takes some time which speaks to the integrity of the designation of being an accredited health department. A few months later, in September, the Site Visit Team was determined and their review began. There are three people to a site visit team, which means each person has the job of meticulously reviewing four of the twelve domains. This part of the process certainly takes some time. Late in the year, the final step of the process was scheduled. The site visit will be March 26-27, 2019. It has been an exciting time as we have been able to congratulate many other Ohio Health Departments throughout the year in earning the PHAB Accreditation status. With Darke County being a relatively small, tight knit community, I must take a moment to





thank all of our community partners and stakeholders, the Darke County Commissioners and our Board of Health for all of the support that we have been given throughout this process. As we go into 2019, it is exciting to think about the possibility of sharing the news that the Darke County General Health District is a PHAB Accredited Local Health Department. It will be a great achievement.

### **What is New at the Darke County General Health District?**

The Darke County General Health District Nursing Program was fortunate enough to be awarded a program known as 317. This program works to ensure that children, adolescents, and adults receive appropriate immunizations by partnering with healthcare providers in the public and private sectors. The program helps adults in our community by providing immunizations for those that are under-insured or uninsured. This is extremely important. An estimated 10 million cases of vaccine preventable diseases and 33,000 deaths are prevented each year through timely immunization. However, for those not immunized, approximately 43,000 adults and 300 children in the United States die annually from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications. Despite high immunization coverage levels for preschool-aged children, pockets of need still remain among uninsured or under-insured adults who are recommended to receive vaccines.

### **Meningococcal B Vaccine**

Meningococcal B vaccine is indicated for active immunization to prevent invasive disease caused by *Neisseria meningitidis* serogroup B. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) recommends that patients 16-23 years of age be vaccinated against MenB, preferably between ages 16-18 years old. The Health Department administered 66 doses of this vaccine in 2018, and continues to promote the need for the MenB vaccine.

### **Scrap Tire**

Beginning in 2018, the Darke County Health Department began performing annual inspections of all scrap tire facilities. This inspection is conducted as part of our Solid Waste program with the Darke County Solid Waste District and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency. The Health Department conducts this inspection to determine compliance with Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3734, Ohio Administrative Code 3745-27-54 through 3745-27-79. The Health Department checks scrap tire facilities for storage and to assure mosquitoes are not able to breed in the tires. Mosquitoes can carry diseases such as West Nile Virus. Shipping paperwork is also checked to assure scrap tires are not being disposed of improperly. Each year the Ohio EPA removes and disposes of approximately 100,000 illegally dumped scrap tires and scrap tire fires can generate toxic smoke and oil which will affect air quality and possible ground water resources.



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#### **The Darke County General Health District :**

The Darke County General Health District is a combined health district representing Greenville City and the Darke County Community. There are five individuals appointed to the Board of Health. The Mayor of Greenville City appoints two members of the Board of Health to represent Greenville City. The District Advisory Council (DAC) appoints one member of the Board of Health to represent Darke County and they elect a five member Licensing Council of regulated parties that selects an additional board member from their group. The District Advisory Council includes the Township Trustees and the Mayors of the Villages within Darke County. The DAC membership also includes a County Commissioner. At least one board member must be a physician which can be chosen by either the DAC or the Greenville City Mayor.

#### **Board of Health:**

The Board of Health (BOH) has many responsibilities which include appointing the Health Commissioner, approving hiring of employees, and meeting monthly to discuss topics that are occurring within the Health District. The BOH helps make many important decisions, such as the adoption of regulations and policies, as well as the approval of expenditures. The current members include:

Wayne Deschambeau-President

James Schaar

Krista Fourman

Dr. Timothy Kathman

Curtis Yount

Gary Giere-Alternate

#### **Why Is Accreditation Important?**

The National Public Health Accreditation Board's (PHAB) process improves service, value, and accountability to stakeholders. The ten essential services of Public Health are included: Monitor health status to identify community health problems, Diagnose and investigate health problems and health hazards in the community, Inform, educate, and empower people about health issues, Mobilize community partnerships to identify and solve health problems, Develop policies and plans that support individual and community health efforts, Enforce laws and regulations that protect health and ensure safety, Link people to needed personal health services and assure the provision of health care when otherwise unavailable, Assure a competent public health and personal health care workforce, Evaluate effectiveness, accessibility, and quality of personal and population-based health services, and research for new insights and innovative solutions to health problems.





**FINANCIAL REPORT**

As you can see from the Financial Summary Statement below, the Health District has managed to maintain a carryover balance. The Health District has also been able to maintain grant funding by diligent field work and fiscal management throughout the years. We are committed to remain fiscally responsible in 2019 and beyond.

FUNDS	2017 CARRY-OVER	2018 REVENUE	2018 EXPENSES	2018 BALANCE
GENERAL HEALTH	\$167,038.11	\$912,861.79	\$964,875.96	\$115,023.94
SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS	\$79,090.88	\$237,747.52	\$218,075.67	\$98,762.73
FOOD SERVICE	\$37,110.76	\$113,967.95	\$109,415.57	\$41,663.14
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	\$14,027.10	\$0.00	\$373.30	\$13,653.80
GET VACCINATED	\$0.00	\$14,034.00	\$8,030.15	\$6,003.85
IMMUNIZATION ACTION PLAN GRANT	\$4,366.45	\$9,144.04	\$13,510.49	\$0.00
CAMPS	\$3,721.26	\$6,411.46	\$5,110.23	\$5,022.49
PRIVATE WATER	\$21,546.72	\$54,371.09	\$41,910.12	\$34,007.69
SOLID WASTE	\$20,869.50	\$67,329.43	\$45,276.90	\$42,922.03
HELP ME GROW	\$28,733.52	\$264,779.78	\$215,202.07	\$78,311.23
POOLS/SPAS	\$5,385.00	\$8,714.62	\$6,240.89	\$7,858.73
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT	\$8,259.92	\$103,872.67	\$99,093.12	\$13,039.47
OH EPA WPCLF	\$8,756.67	\$157,054.52	\$158,725.13	\$7,086.06
MOSQUITO GRANT	\$0.00	\$29,970.00	\$0.00	\$29,970.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$398,905.89</b>	<b>\$1,980,258.87</b>	<b>\$1,885,839.60</b>	<b>\$493,325.16</b>

**Some 2018 Priority Public Health Issues:**

**Travel Protection**

In the world, over 1 million people travel internationally each day. In many countries, vaccine preventable diseases are still common even if they have been eradicated from North America. Without vaccines, epidemics of many preventable diseases will return, resulting in increased illness and deaths and a lower quality of life. Vaccination before travel is imperative to ensure global public health and to help individuals stay healthy during and after their travels. The Darke County General Health District is committed to ensuring maximum immunization coverage in all populations so travel vaccines are offered at our site.



**Hepatitis A on the Rise**

Hepatitis A is a highly contagious liver disease that can be spread without knowing it. It is spread from person to person through contact with the feces of people who are infected. This can easily happen if someone does not wash their hands properly. Hepatitis A virus can be found on doorknobs, grocery carts, diapers and even food.

Hepatitis A vaccines were recommended starting in 1996 in the United States. Since then, the number of cases reported each year in the United States has dropped from 31,000 cases to fewer than 1,500 cases! However, due to an outbreak, in early 2018 nearly 1,500 cases were reported in Ohio alone! Darke County had seventeen cases of Hepatitis A in 2018. To put that into perspective, Darke County had zero cases in 2015, one case in 2016, and one case in 2017. This outbreak is most prevalent in the homeless population and those who use IV drugs. Vaccination is the number one way to prevent Hepatitis A.

**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Mosquito Control Grant**

The Darke County General Health District will once again receive a mosquito grant in 2019, totaling \$29,969. The purpose of this grant is to provide funding for mosquito control measures in a collective statewide effort to diminish the potential for mosquito borne viruses such as West Nile. Control measures approved within the scope of this grant include mosquito surveillance, larval control, adult mosquito control, community outreach, and mosquito breeding source reduction. This grant will allow the Health Department to conduct surveillance and trapping all over the county and send mosquitos to Ohio Department of Health so they can test for disease.



**Project DAWN**

Project Dawn is a community-based drug Overdose Prevention Project. DAWN stands for Deaths Avoided With Naloxone (DAWN). Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. When administered during an overdose, Naloxone blocks the effects of opioids on the brain and restores breathing within two to eight minutes. Naloxone has been used safely by emergency medical professionals for more than 40 years and has only one function. That function is to reverse the effects of opioids on the brain and respiratory system in order to prevent death. If Naloxone is given to a person who is not experiencing an opioid overdose, it is harmless. The Ohio Department of Health allocated funds to each county to purchase project DAWN kits to be distributed to emergency personnel in the county. The Darke County General Health District received 44 kits and distributed them to the Darke County Sheriff's office.

**Coalition for a Healthy Darke County**

The Coalition is headed by the Darke County Chamber of Commerce working with community businesses, members, and organizations to bring our entire community together to create a healthy, vibrant, safe and secure community that thrives together at home, at school, and at work. The coalition has helped implement a vivitrol program and a website full of resources for community members. Check out the coalition's new website at [www.coalitiondarkecounty.com](http://www.coalitiondarkecounty.com) to find out about local resources, upcoming programs and events, or how you can get involved.

**XChange**

Representatives of Family Health, the Darke County Health Department, and the Darke County Coroner's office introduced a new program aimed at combating drug abuse. Family Health received a \$100,000 grant from Cardinal Health in Columbus to fund aspects of the program. The program, called XChange, helps men and women who are struggling with drug misuse by offering clean needles, education, and referrals to addiction treatment services. According to the National Harm Reduction Coalition, needle exchange programs "are one of the most effective methods of disease prevention among injection drug users. Over a decade's worth of scientific research concludes that syringe exchange programs play an essential role in reducing the spread of blood-borne illnesses such as HIV and Hepatitis B and C."

**Nursing Division Services:**

**Lots of Shots**

In 2018 the Health Department gave numerous immunizations. Maintaining high immunization rates is essential to preventing outbreaks of diseases. In order to help meet the needs of Darke County residents, there was a special clinic held for children entering 7th and 12th grade. This clinic has been very successful. There were 298 children who attended and 467 vaccines given in just one day. This clinic alone took care of 23% of the 7th and 12th grade children in Darke County who needed vaccines. Additionally, the Public Health Nurses were busy giving 870 flu vaccinations and held 18 flu clinics throughout the county. The Health Department also served the public during the year with their regular walk in Tuesday clinics and by appointments as needed.



**Communicable Diseases**

It is important to track and report communicable diseases in our county in order to prevent and control infectious diseases. In order to protect the public from serious diseases we identify issues, assess situations, collect data, educate, and refer to community health providers. Being aware of trends allows for recognizing issues, educating individuals, and preventing outbreaks in our community.

**Community Health Services**

**by the NUMBERS**

CMH Children Served	249
Communicable Diseases	382
FAME Clients Served	69
Flu Vaccines Given	870
Early Intervention Visits	578
Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program Visits	658
Hepatitis A Cases	17
Hepatitis C Cases	49
HIV Clients	1
Immunizations Given	3382
Newborn Home Visits	15
STDs Reported	130

This table is just a small sampling of Community Health Services provided during 2018.



### Help Me Grow

Help Me Grow offers a free voluntary program to prenatal women, children, and families. When a parent schedules a home visit with Help Me Grow they will have the opportunity to share their thoughts about parenting, ask questions, and receive reliable information based on their individual family needs or topics of interest. Topics may include, but are not limited to: healthy pregnancies, baby and child health, breastfeeding, nutrition, immunizations, child growth and development, discipline, toilet training, child safety, household safety, and local resources. The Help Me Grow nurse is a support person who helps the family reach their goals.



### Early Intervention.

Early Intervention provides family-centered developmental services for infants and toddlers up to age 3. The Darke County General Health District staff works in collaboration with the Board of Developmental Disabilities to provide free services to the children who need them. Through collaborative efforts, families work with providers to receive therapies, utilize community resources, and understand the present and future needs of their children.



### CMH

This program is known as Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH). CMH will help cover families during the testing phase of receiving a diagnosis and during the treatment phase if approved. The Darke County General Health District staff consists of nurses who are experts on this program. They help individuals sign up for the program, locate, and coordinate the services children need.

### School Nurses

School nurses collaborate on a regular basis through the academic year with the Darke County General Health District staff. They come together to discuss school health issues and have in-services pertinent to the children in Darke County. The Darke County General Health District supports them in their efforts to provide health screenings, manage medications, prevent the spread of disease, and assure appropriate immunization statuses.

### FAME

Financial Assistance for Medical Emergencies (FAME) is a local non-profit organization funded by the Darke County United Way. This program assists individuals who do not qualify for any other funding with prescriptions or other medical needs. Requests are approved by the Nursing Division staff. FAME responsibilities are shared jointly with Family Health Social Services.

## Nursing Division Services Continued:

### Are you prepared?

We need to be prepared for anything that comes our way. There is a nationally funded program for Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) which outlines 15 capabilities for local public health to attain. We are continually developing, reviewing and revising plans to assure our preparedness in order to take care of Darke County in the event of a public health emergency. We work in close collaboration with local, regional and state partners from a variety of agencies to stay ready to respond and work together. Whether it is a small scale event such as a heat or winter weather alert where we disseminate valuable information, or large scale like a tornado, pandemic flu or other emerging infectious diseases where we may need to offer large clinics to vaccinate or provide medication to the citizens of Darke County. All staff are trained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) in accordance with Federal mandates. The overall goal for public health is to “keep well people well” during times of disaster or public health emergencies. The health district oversees a continuous surveillance and monitoring system that provides community partners, media and the general public with valuable information daily. There is ongoing surveillance, monitoring, planning, and testing of the plans using simulated scenarios to improve our overall readiness to meet the national preparedness capabilities. The health district is also a strong promoter of personal preparedness for our staff and community members. We provide encouragement, tools, and education via our website, social media, and community presentations.

### Aids Case Management

Through collaboration with the Ohio Department of Health and the Miami Valley Ryan White Consortium there are services for those requesting testing for HIV as well as those who are HIV positive and require case management.



### Preceptorships

As needed, there are nursing students from multiple colleges that utilize the Darke County General Health District as a clinical site. The Darke County General Health District appreciates the opportunity to contribute to the development of the health profession by helping shape future health care providers.

### TB Control

Tuberculosis is a potentially fatal and contagious disease that can affect almost any part of the body, but is primarily an infection of the lungs. The Darke County General Health District TB Control nurse plays an important role in surveillance and containment of the disease for our local population.



## Office of Vital Statistics

Vital Statistics records birth and death certificates for individuals who were born or have died in Darke County. The Birth and Death Records begin December 20, 1908 to the present date. The vital statistic office collects and reports statistics for the county. This information is used to determine trends in causes of death, health assessment, receiving funding in various forms, and genealogical purposes.

The Vital Statistics division and the Ohio Department of Health have implemented the Integrated Perinatal Health Information System and Electronic Death Registration System that allows birth and death certificates to be filed electronically. Anyone wishing to deliver their baby at home must contact the vital statistics department and complete the proper forms to register their child. The division also maintains Certificates of Service for people who have died in another state but are buried in Darke County.

For your convenience, you can process online requests through VitalChek Network Inc. at their website, [www.vitalchek.com](http://www.vitalchek.com). All major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®.



### Statistical Information

Births		Deaths	
	Number		Number
Births Recorded	279	Deaths Recorded	541
Hospital	266	Males	252
Out of Institution	13	Females	289
Males	147	Oldest	105
Females	132	Youngest	24 Days
Sets of Twins	1	Death Certificates Issued	2097
Youngest Mother	14	Burial Permits Issued	501
Oldest Mother	43	Natural Causes	498
Parents' Marital Status		Accidental Death	31
Wed	134	Suicide	9
Unwed	145	Homicide	1
Birth Certificates Issued	2,099	Not To Be Determined	2
		Pending Investigation	0
Causes of Death		Number	
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases			12
Malignant Neoplasms			93
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs			8
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases			4
Mental, behavioral, and neurodevelopmental disorders			20
Diseases of the nervous system			53
Diseases of the circulatory system			195
Diseases of the respiratory system			57
Diseases of the digestive system			16
Diseases of the genitourinary system			30
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period			1
Not elsewhere classified symptoms, signs and abnormal findings			20
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external causes			15
External causes of morbidity			17

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### Environmental Division Services:

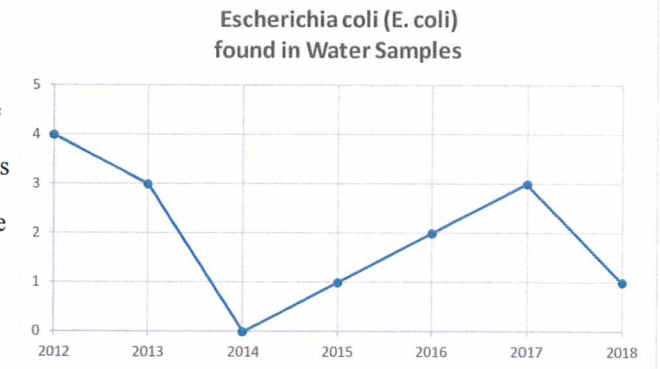
The Environmental Division works to protect the health of the community, prevent disease, and protect the environment through the enforcement of local and state rules and regulations, along with providing consultations and educational material regarding our health programs and activities. Our public health sanitarians conduct routine inspections of licensed establishments reducing the risk of such things as food-borne illnesses and contaminated drinking water supplies. All programs are to help ensure the well-being of Darke County residents and the environment.

The Environmental Division has many services we provide to protect the community and the environment. These programs include: Food Safety, Home and Small Flow Sewage Treatment Systems, Private Water, Plumbing, Tattoo & Body Piercing, Swimming Pools/Recreational Camps/Bathing Beaches, Schools and Correctional Facilities, Rabies, Nuisances, Mosquitoes, Healthy Homes, Smoking, and Lead/Air Quality, and Mobile Home Parks. The Health Department works closely with other agencies such as the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Darke County Solid Waste District, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA), and Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) to inspect and provide educational materials to the public and homeowners.

#### Private Water Systems

The Health Department conducts water samples by request and for new wells, home sales, and land splits. Water samples are pre-screened for high levels of nitrates and nitrites and typically checked for total coliform (bacteria) and if this test is positive the sample is automatically checked for E. coli. E. coli samples are rare in the county.

The graph shows E. coli positive samples over the last 7 years in Darke County. Water can be tested for other parameters as needed or requested.





<b>Program</b>		<b>Solid Waste</b>	
<b>Food Safety</b>		Solid Waste Transfer Station	1
Food Service Operation	145	Closed Landfills	5
Retail Food Operation	75	Compost Facilities	3
Mobile Food Service	82	Solid Waste Haulers	9
Temporary Food Service	126	Trash Complaint	8
Vending	27	Solid Waste Inspections	154
Food Safety Inspections	1134	Solid Waste Consultations	237
Food Safety Consultations	1708	Scrap Tire Facility	50
<b>Recreational</b>		<b>Plumbing</b>	
Swimming Pools & Spas	16	Plumbing Permits	224
Bathing Beaches	5	Plumbing Plan Reviews	151
RV Parks/ Camps	7	Registered Plumbers	81
Temporary Camps	35	Appliance Installer	8
Recreational Inspections	96	Sewer & Water Line Installer	1
Recreational Consultations	53	Plumbing Inspections	747
MHP Inspections	12	Plumbing Consultations	833
MHP Consultations	16		
<b>Private Sewage Treatment Systems</b>		<b>Rabies</b>	
New Sewage Treatment System (STS) Permit	36	Animal Bites Reported	123
Replacement STS Permit	53	Animal Submitted for Testing	9
Alteration STS Permit	14		
Final Installation Inspection	66		
Site Inspections	88	<b>School &amp; County Jail Inspections</b>	39
Special Service Inspections	47		
Operation & Maintenance Inspections	2155	<b>Smoke Free Ohio</b>	2
Other Sewage Inspections	162		
Septic Installers	37	<b>Premise</b>	
Service Providers	22	Housing Inspections	97
Sewage Haulers	13	Mold Inspections	6
Sewage Consultations	3566	Lead Inspections	0
		Bed Bug Inspections	25
		Other Insect/ Rodent Inspections	8
<b>Private Water Systems</b>		Methamphetamine	0
New Private Water System (PWS) Permit	69	Other Nuisance	8
Alteration PWS Permit	33	Premise Inspections	144
Well Sealing Permits	9	Premise Consultations	876
Water Samples	209		
Unsatisfactory Bacteria Water Samples	16		
Unsatisfactory E-Coli Water Samples	1	<b>Mosquito Control</b>	
Water Hauler	3	Mosquito Investigations	4
Private Water Inspections	156	Mosquito Consultations	102
Private Water Consultations	378		
<b>Tattoo Operations</b>	5	<b>All Program Letters Sent</b>	10907

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Environmental Division Services Continued:

**Manufactured Home Park Program**

Starting in 2018 from July to September, the Darke County Health Department began performing annual inspections of the Manufactured Home Parks in Darke County. A Manufactured Home Park is defined as any tract of land upon which three or more manufactured homes, used for habitation are parked, either free of charge or for revenue purposes, and includes any roadway, building, structure, vehicle, or enclosure used or intended for use as part of the facilities of the park. Currently there are 10 Manufactured Home Parks in Darke County. This inspection is being conducted in partnership with the Ohio Department of Commerce. The Health Department conducts these inspections to determine compliance with Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 4781-12.

**Agricultural Wells**

Any water usage that is used for human consumption, handwashing, dishwashing, etc. must have an approved, potable water source. Therefore, even if the well is serving a barn, a private water well must be drilled and a water sample will need to confirm the water is safe. The well must meet all private water well requirements, including isolation distances. There are no exemptions for obtaining the proper permits that may be required through the health department, this also includes septic system permits and could also include plumbing. Plumbing permits must be obtained for potable water sources.

**School Environmental Health and Safety Inspection Methodology**

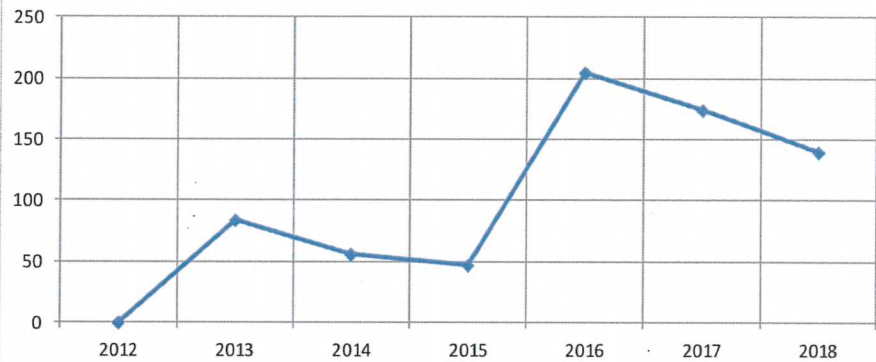
The Health Department adopted a new policy in 2017 regarding how inspections are conducted for the general safety and environment of the schools. Visit our website to view the document.



**Bed Bugs**

Darke County continues to receive numerous bed bug reports. Bed bugs are not considered a public health threat, but bed bugs are a nuisance and can be very costly to homeowners. If a home is badly infested our Darke County Premise Regulations will require treatment. Also a multi-family dwelling must be treated since the source of contamination is unknown. The graph on the next page shows that our bed bug consultations and investigations decreased slightly from last year. This may be because of treatment and education or may be an indication of less bed bug problems. The Health Department inspects nuisances based on a signed complaint or concern by another agency or township/village/city official. We check dwellings for health, safety, and sanitation.

## Bed Bug Consultations & Investigations



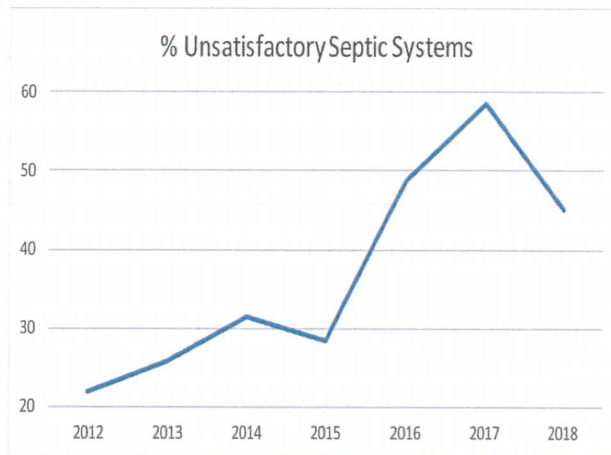
## Sewage Operation & Maintenance Program (O&M)

The O&M program helps to reduce pollution and save homeowners money by preventing septic system failures and protecting public health. This is done through homeowner education, record keeping, along with system monitoring and maintenance. 58% of Darke County homeowners do not have an adequate system. The chart below shows the percent of septic systems that were inspected. In 2018, this number was 45% which substantiates the need for O&M. To date, there are 8,219 out of approximately 12,000 properties on the program.

## Ohio EPA Grant Money Used for Septic Updates

The Darke County Health Department was awarded \$300,000 from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund to be used by the end of January 2019. The funds helped Darke County homeowners to repair/replace 18 sewage treatment systems in the county! This grant helped remove approximately 6,480 gallons per day of untreated sewage. We are very fortunate to have been awarded another \$200,000 to be used by the end of 2019

and \$150,000 by the end of 2020. Grant applications are available in our office. Qualification is based on total household annual income, up to date on taxes and owner occupied. Preference is given to homeowners with noticeable sewage surfacing or back-up issues.



Thank you OEPA!

## Website and Social Media:

The Darke County General Health District uses multiple media sources to spread the word about Public Health in Darke County.

Check out our user friendly website:  
[www.darkecountyhealth.org](http://www.darkecountyhealth.org)



Customer satisfaction is important to us! Let us know how we are doing by filling out our survey located on our main page!



You can also like our page on Facebook or follow us on Twitter!



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