

# Darke County General Health District

## Public Health Services

2020 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

The health department continues to work hard for our community by providing current and accurate information regarding COVID-19 guidelines. Information on this topic has been continuously changing and is often times confusing. The



staff and I work hard to separate the misinformation from the important points. It is our goal to make sense of what is happening out there and provide our community with the most reliable and pertinent feedback. We have been working closely with businesses, schools, community groups, event planners and health practitioners to determine ways in which we can all go to work, send our kids to school and enjoy what the community has to offer while minimizing any potential threat of the virus. I want to thank the community for all your help in preventing the spread of COVID-19!

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

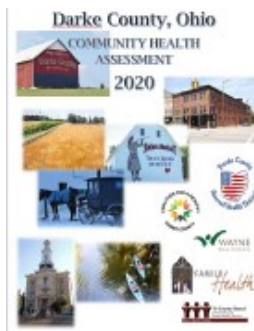
The Darke County General Health District along with Wayne Healthcare, Family Health, Tri-County Board of Recovery and Wellness, Coalition for a Healthy Darke County as well as other stakeholders have worked together through the pandemic to complete a Community Health Assessment for Darke County. The purpose of the Community Health Assessment is to learn about the health of the community, identify contributing factors to higher health risks and poorer health outcomes and to determine what assets and resources are available to improve population health status. With some help from Wright State University's Applied Policy Research Institute in facilitating the process, local partners and key stakeholders reviewed data analysis and discussed local trends that impact community health. The assessment provides insight to some of the major local health issues and the group has narrowed it down to 3 main focus areas.

- Mental Health and Substance Abuse
- Access to Care
- Aging Population

These 3 main areas will be addressed in the Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). Goals and objectives will be established, actions will be assigned and implementation of the CHIP will begin soon. The assessment is available on the DCGHD website at <http://darkecountyhealth.org/about/plans-reports/>.

### Infectious Waste Program

The Darke County Health Department started performing annual inspections of all six large generators (50 pounds or more per month) of infectious waste in Darke County in 2020. Large generators are registered by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency but the Health Department performs the inspections. Personal Protective Equipment used when treating COVID-19 positive patients is considered infectious waste and must be handled and disposed of properly.



### Xchange

Representatives of the Darke County General Health District continue to partner with Family Health Services to run the XChange Program, which is a program aimed at combating drug abuse. The program helps men and women who are struggling with drug misuse by offering clean needles, education, and referrals to addiction treatment services. Xchange should reduce the spread of blood-borne illness. The American Civil Liberties Union reports that needle exchange program users are five times more likely to enter a drug rehab program than those who have never used an exchange program.

Reference: <https://www.aclu.org/fact-sheet/needle-exchange-programs-promote-public-safety>

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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 two members 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 the paying of expenditures.

The current members include:

Wayne Deschambeau-President	James Schaar
Dr. Timothy Kathman	Krista Fourman
Curtis Yount	Gary Giere-Alternate

#### Accreditation Update

The Accreditation process continued throughout 2020. Our action plan as approved by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) was implemented and documentation was gathered and uploaded into the ePHAB system. Due to the pandemic, our submission date was extended into the first part of 2021. PHAB was very aware of and understood the challenges facing state and local health departments while responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. They essentially suspended all work towards accreditation for 90 days in order to help mitigate the disease and allow health departments to focus on the health of their own communities. This was especially important for smaller health departments like ours, since the coronavirus outbreak response required all staff to help out. By the end of 2020, we were able to perform a final review and submit our full action plan by the extended due date of January 15, 2021. Once the action plan is reviewed by PHAB staff, it is submitted to the Public Health Accreditation Board for a final decision.



**FINANCIAL REPORT**

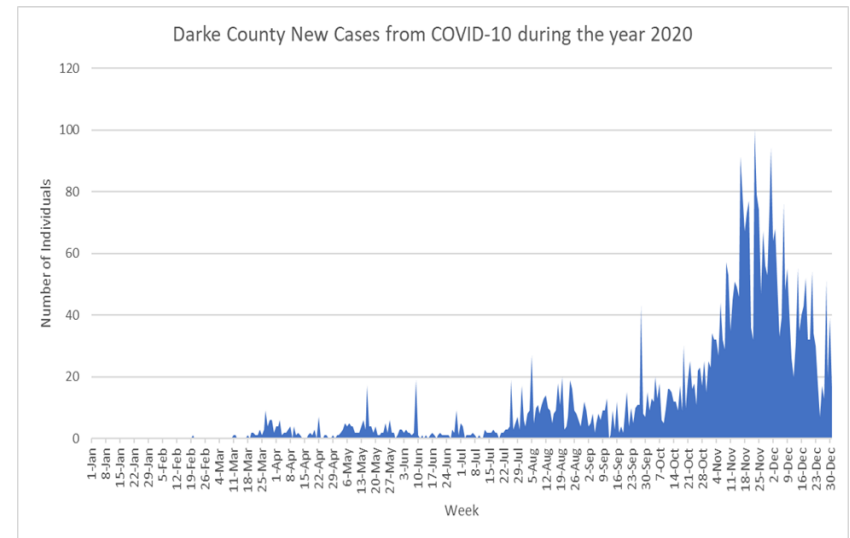
As you can see from the Financial Summary Statement below, the Health District has managed to maintain a carryover balance. Carryover is essential to funding the first few months of the year. The Health District has also been able to maintain grant funding by diligent field work and fiscal management throughout the years. We are committed to remain fiscally responsible in 2021 and beyond.

<b>FUNDS</b>	<b>2019 CARRY-OVER</b>	<b>2020 REVENUE</b>	<b>2020 EXPENSES</b>	<b>2020 BALANCE</b>
GENERAL HEALTH	\$197,303.13	\$877,931.86	\$894,572.85	\$180,662.14
SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS	\$97,579.47	\$206,757.25	\$252,118.60	\$52,218.12
FOOD SERVICE	\$50,428.02	\$154,481.42	\$108,201.39	\$96,708.05
MEDICAL RESERVE CORP	\$12,297.10	\$0.00	\$368.63	\$11,928.47
GET VACCINATED	\$5,795.53	\$28,228.00	\$31,578.39	\$2,445.14
CAMPS	\$4,338.68	\$3,109.00	\$5,858.12	\$1,589.56
PRIVATE WATER	\$23,382.92	\$48,748.00	\$20,078.52	\$52,052.40
SOLID WASTE	\$36,155.14	\$72,796.20	\$34,481.39	\$74,469.95
HELP ME GROW	\$104,246.82	\$383,732.40	\$367,374.04	\$120,605.18
POOLS/SPAS	\$8,063.87	\$8,227.00	\$4,944.89	\$11,345.98
PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS	\$8,773.03	\$87,407.02	\$85,501.24	\$10,678.81
OH EPA WPCLF	\$19,023.66	\$127,034.40	\$142,738.50	\$3,319.56
2020 COVID-19 GRANT	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE GRANT	\$0.00	\$92,388.00	\$58,043.46	\$34,344.54
COVID-19 CONTACT TRACING GRANT	\$0.00	\$180,492.25	\$171,342.69	\$9,149.56
CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE SUPPLEMENTAL	\$0.00	\$244,161.50	\$190,345.01	\$53,816.49
CONTACT TRACING SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT	\$0.00	\$10,000.00	\$29.80	\$9,970.20
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$567,387.37</b>	<b>\$2,530,494.30</b>	<b>\$2,372,577.52</b>	<b>\$725,304.15</b>

**COVID-19 Pandemic:**

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness caused by a virus called SARS-CoV-2. This virus was first identified in 2019 in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China. It is different than any other coronavirus that has been found in people before. COVID-19 can have a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild symptoms to severe illness. Symptoms may include: fever, chills, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, muscle pain, headache, sore throat, loss of taste or smell, congestion, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea. Complications of COVID-19 may include respiratory failure, shock, multiorgan system dysfunction and even death. COVID-19 is spread mainly from person-to-person, through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs, talks, sneezes or breathes. The Darke County General Health District has implemented and enforced the Ohio Department of Health’s guidance of mask wearing, social distancing of at least 6 feet and limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people. The Darke County General Health District hosted several mask drives and distributed over 1,000 masks to the Darke County community.

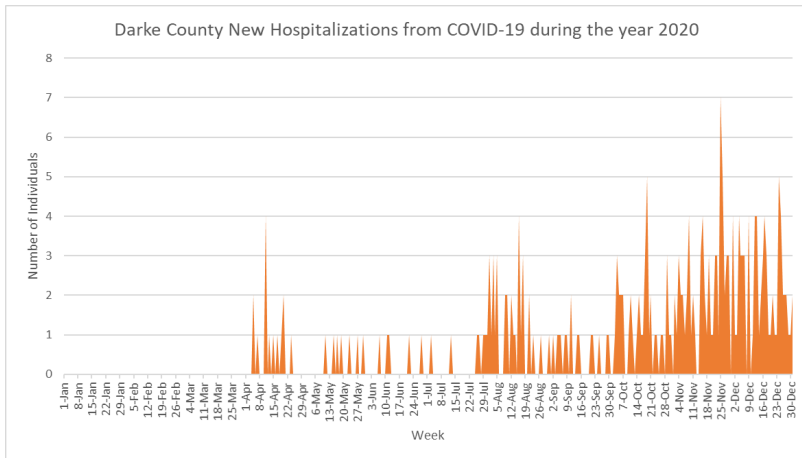
COVID-19 made its way to Darke County in March of 2020. The Darke County General Health District staff worked through 4,190 COVID-19 cases in 2020, see graph below. This process includes reporting the positive test in the statewide database, contacting the individual for an interview, and conducting contact tracing on the individual. Then, anyone who was exposed to that positive case would also receive a notification from the Darke County General Health District staff.



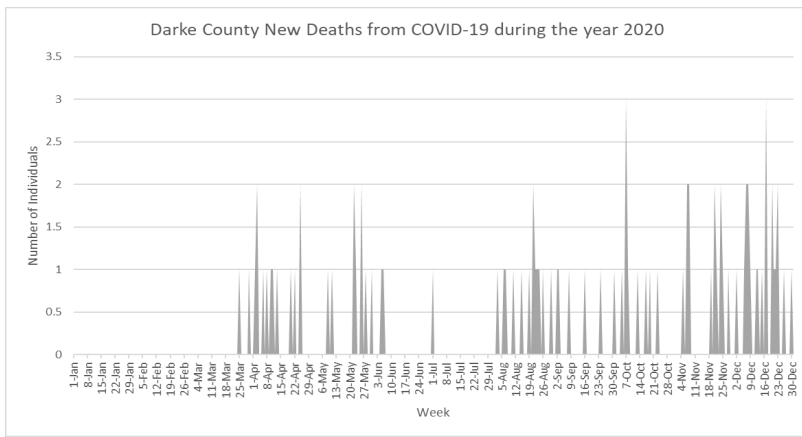
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Late in 2020, the Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines were approved for FDA’s Emergency Use Authorization. On December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, the Darke County General Health District started receiving limited quantities of the COVID-19 vaccine. The first several weeks of vaccines were given to Priority 1a groups, which included health care workers, EMS workers, congregate care setting staff and residents. The Darke County General Health District staff held several vaccine clinics to complete the individuals in these categories. In the last 9 days of December, the Darke County General Health District was able to distribute 252 doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

The graph below shows accumulative COVID-19 hospitalizations for 2020, 287 total.



The graph below shows COVID-19 Deaths for 2020, 95 total.



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### Nursing Division Services:

#### Lots of Shots

In 2020, 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 276 children who attended and 418 vaccines given in just one day. This clinic alone took care of 21% of the 7th and 12th grade children in Darke County who needed vaccines. Additionally, the Public Health Nurses were busy giving 802 flu vaccinations and held 20 flu clinics throughout the county. The Health Department also served the public during this year with their regular Tuesday clinics, by appointment only to allow for social distancing.



#### 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

COVID-19 Cases	4190
Communicable Diseases (including COVID-19 cases)	4566
COVID-19 Outbreaks	24
COVID-19 Vaccines Given	252
CMH Children Served	246
FAME Clients Served	23
Flu Vaccines Given	802
Early Intervention Visits	822
Help Me Grow Home Visiting Program Visits	934
Hepatitis C Cases	30
Immunizations Given	2972
STDs Reported	143

This table is just a small sampling of Community Health Services provided during 2020.



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## 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 staff are support people who help the family reach their goals. Since the COVID-19 pandemic started, all visits have been virtual.



## 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. Since the COVID-19 pandemic started, almost all visits have been virtual.

## CMH

This program is known as Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH). CMH will help cover families financially 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. These services have been done virtually since the start of the pandemic.

## 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. In 2020, the school nurses attended several meetings with the Darke County General Health District nurses, as well as Family Health Services staff to collaborate on COVID-19 testing, prevention, and guidelines.

## 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.

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Nursing Division Services Continued:

### Work Experience Program

The Darke County General Health District partners with Darke County Job & Family Services to provide the Work Experience Program. The Health Department provides an opportunity for individuals to work a set amount of hours each month in exchange for benefits such as cash assistance or food stamps.

### 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. The Darke County General Health District provides direct observation therapy (DOT) which is the gold standard for TB treatment. DOT requires the TB control nurse to watch TB patients take their medication on a daily basis., whether it be face-to-face or virtually.

### Emergency Response

#### PHEP

Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) is a program that aims to prepare Darke County for any public health emergency that may persist. The Darke County General Health District continuously reviews and revises numerous plans to assure our preparedness. Staff at the Health Department also participate in numerous training sessions and collaborate with other local counties to prepare for emergencies. Whether it is a small-scale event such as a heat or winter weather alert where we disseminate valuable information, or a large-scale event such as a tornado or pandemic influenza where we may need to vaccinate the citizens of Darke County, the staff at the Darke County General Health District stands ready.

### Darke County Medical Reserve Corps

The Darke County Medical Reserve Corps is a volunteer group that brings together local health professionals and non-health professionals. These volunteers will assist local, existing community emergency medical response systems as well as provide a group of readily trained and available resources to help a community deal with pressing public health needs and improvements.

### COVID-19 Grants

The Darke County General Health District has been fortunate to receive several grants to help respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Darke County General Health District has received the following grants: Contact Tracing 2020, Contact Tracing Supplemental 2021, Coronavirus Response 2020, Coronavirus Response Supplemental 2021, Vaccine Needs 2021, and Enhanced Operations 2022. These funds have allowed the Health Department to pay overtime hours, hire additional staff to help contact trace, purchase vaccination supplies, and other additional supplies to help combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

## 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	Number	Deaths	Number
Births Recorded	270	Deaths Recorded	589
Hospital	254	Males	303
Out of Institution	16	Females	286
Males	140	Oldest	106 yo
Females	130	Youngest	15 days
Sets of Twins	0	Death Certificates Issued	1,987
Youngest Mother	14 yo	Burial Permits Issued	505
Oldest Mother	42 yo	Natural Causes	542
Parents' Marital Status		Accidental Death	36
Wed	150	Suicide	7
Unwed	120	Homicide	2
Birth Certificates Issued	2,010	Not To Be Determined	1
		Pending Investigation	1

### Primary Causes of Death

	Men	Women
Certain infectious and parasitic diseases	3	6
Malignant Neoplasms	43	32
Diseases of the blood and blood-forming organs	1	2
Endocrine, nutritional, and metabolic diseases	6	4
Mental, behavioral, and neurodevelopmental disorders	16	15
Diseases of the nervous system	16	24
Diseases of the circulatory system	103	91
Diseases of the respiratory system	68	46
Diseases of the digestive system	8	9
Diseases of the musculoskeletal system and connective tissue	1	1
Diseases of the genitourinary system	9	21
Certain conditions originating in the perinatal period	0	0
Not elsewhere classified symptoms, signs and abnormal findings	7	11
Injury, poisoning and certain other consequences of external	4	8
External causes of morbidity	9	5
COVID-19	8	11
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>302</b>	<b>286</b>

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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. The Health Department works closely with other agencies such as the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA), Ohio Department of Commerce, 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.

When COVID-19 was confirmed in Darke County back in March, the Environmental Division began to make small changes to ensure everyone was kept safe. We stopped doing indoor inspections all together in April when the stay-at-home order was put into place. Our outdoor inspections have stayed consistent throughout the year. Because of the pandemic, our division has had a variety of additional tasks including: staying up-to-date on requirements, helping food establishments with their reopening plans, taking complaints, visiting business because of non-compliance, providing public information, creating maps and graphs, helping with PPE, clinics, and contract tracing. We are happy to do our part to help protect public health and keep our community safe!

### Ohio EPA Grant Money Used for Septic Updates

In 2020, the Darke County Health Department was awarded \$150,000 from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund. The funds helped 9 Darke County homeowners to repair/replace sewage treatment systems in the county! This grant helped remove over 2,000 gallons per day of untreated sewage from our water ways. We are very fortunate to have been awarded another \$150,000 to be used by the end of 2021. We currently have a waiting list of applications. Qualification is based on total household annual income, homeowners must be up to date on taxes and the home must be owner-occupied.

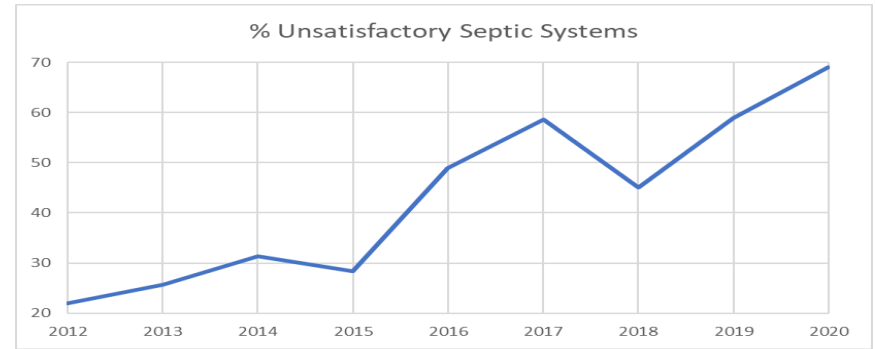
<b>Program</b>		<b>Solid Waste</b>	
<b>Food Safety</b>		Solid Waste Transfer Station	1
Food Service Operation	148	Closed Landfills	5
Retail Food Operation	76	Compost Facilities	4
Mobile Food Service	61	Solid Waste Haulers	8
Temporary Food Service	38	Trash Complaint	13
Vending	22	Solid Waste Inspections	132
Food Safety Inspections	718	Solid Waste Consultations	151
Food Safety Consultations	1141	Scrap Tire Facility	36
		Infectious Waste Facility	6
<b>Recreational</b>			
Swimming Pools & Spas	16	<b>Plumbing</b>	
Bathing Beaches	5	Plumbing Permits	218
RV Parks/ Camps	8	Plumbing Plan Reviews	132
Temporary Camps	6	Registered Plumbers	83
Recreational Inspections	55	Appliance Installer	4
Recreational Consultations	90	Sewer & Water Line Installer	2
MHP Inspections	0	Plumbing Inspections	697
MHP Consultations	0	Plumbing Consultations	673
<b>Private Sewage Treatment Systems</b>			
New Sewage Treatment System (STS) Permit	19	<b>Rabies</b>	
Replacement STS Permit	38	Animal Bites Reported	134
Alteration STS Permit	18	Animal Submitted for Testing	13
Final Installation Inspection	73		
Site Inspections	66	<b>School &amp; County Jail Inspections</b>	30
Special Service Inspections	50		
Operation & Maintenance Inspections	1508	<b>Smoke Free Ohio</b>	3
Other Sewage Inspections	73		
Septic Installers	34	<b>Premise</b>	
Service Providers	20	Housing Inspections	74
Sewage Haulers	12	Mold Inspections	3
Sewage Consultations	3124	Lead Inspections	1
		Bed Bug Inspections	2
		Other Insect/ Rodent Inspections	8
<b>Private Water Systems</b>			
New Private Water System (PWS) Permit	62	Methamphetamine	0
Alteration PWS Permit	15	Other Nuisance	15
Well Sealing Permits	9	Premise Inspections	103
Water Samples	181	Premise Consultations	437
Unsatisfactory Bacteria Water Samples	29		
Unsatisfactory E-Coli Water Samples	3	<b>Mosquito Control</b>	
Water Hauler	1	Mosquito Investigations	2
Private Water Inspections	132	Mosquito Consultations	20
Private Water Consultations	395		
<b>Tattoo Operations</b>	7	<b>All Program Letters Sent</b>	7942

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Environmental Division Services Continued:

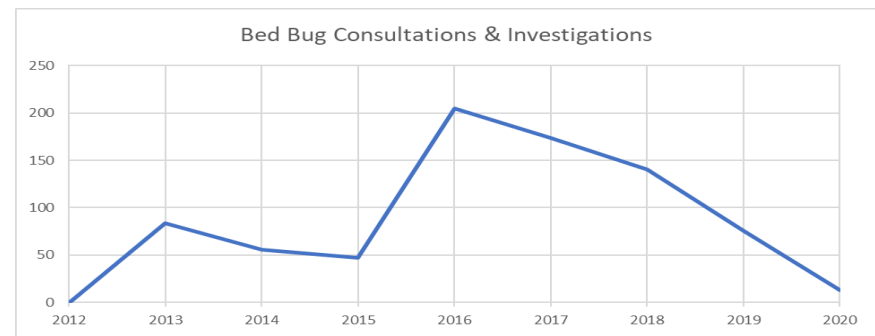
**Sewage Operation & Maintenance Program (O&M)**

The O&M program helps to reduce pollution and saves homeowners money by preventing septic system failures and protecting public health. This is done through homeowner education, record keeping, and system monitoring and maintenance. In 2020, 69% of Darke County homeowners did not have a satisfactory system. The chart below shows the percent of unsatisfactory septic systems that were inspected. This substantiates the need for O&M. To date, there are 8,308 septic systems on the program. Ohio Administrative Code, Section OAC 3701-29-09(I) requires homeowners to have a valid operational permit.



**Bed Bugs**

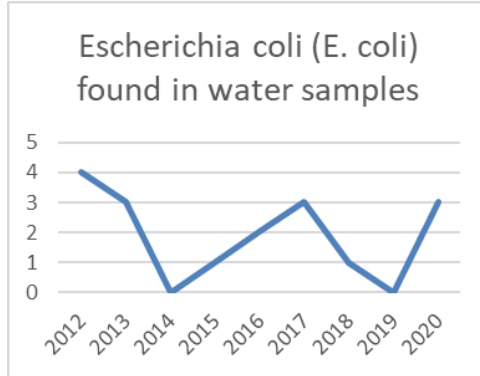
Darke County continues to see a decrease in bed bug reports. Bed bugs are not considered a public health threat, however, bed bugs are a nuisance and can be very costly to homeowners. If a home is badly infested, our Darke County Premise Regulations will require treatment. Also, a multi-family dwelling must be treated since the source of contamination is unknown. The 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.



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### 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 checked for total coliform (bacteria). If this test is positive the sample is automatically checked for Escherichia coli (E. Coli). The graph shows E. coli positive samples over the last 9 years in Darke County. Water can be tested for other parameters as needed or requested by the homeowner.



### Ticks

There are several diseases that can be spread by ticks, including Lyme Disease. The Ohio Department of Health's Zoonotic Disease Program has begun tracking the Black-Legged (Deer) tick. ODH provides active surveillance in several Ohio Counties but they are currently not monitoring Darke County. ODH will not test ticks for disease, but if you have a tick that you would like identified, you are able to take it to your local health department and they will ship it to ODH to identify.

## Some 2020 Priority Public Health Issues:

### Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone)

Project Dawn is a community-based drug Overdose Prevention Project. Naloxone is a medication that can reverse an overdose that is caused by an opioid drug. 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. In 2020, Health Department received 40 kits to be distributed.

### 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, school, and work. The coalition has helped implement a vivitrol program and a website full of resources for community members with upcoming programs and ways to get involved at [www.coalitiondarkecounty.com](http://www.coalitiondarkecounty.com).

## 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)



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