

HEALTH LINE

THE NEWSLETTER OF THE DARKE COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

MISSION STATEMENT

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.

VISION STATEMENT

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



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FALL TIME BRINGS MORE COVID CASES

AS THE MONTHS PASS BY, WE CONTINUE TO SEE INCREASED CASES OF COVID-19. FROM JULY 1, 2021, TO OCTOBER 14, 2021 DARKE COUNTY HAD 2,074 REPORTED CONFIRMED CASES. IN ADDITION, 52 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND 19 DEATHS IN THAT SAME PERIOD DUE TO COVID-19. THE SAME TIME FRAME IN THE YEAR 2020, THERE WERE 842 REPORTED CONFIRMED CASES WITH 71 HOSPITALIZATIONS AND 24 DEATHS.



NURSING DIVISION

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Michelle Mader is the Nursing Division Secretary here at DCGHD. Michelle has been with us for over 11 years. She has so many responsibilities and does so with a smile. We appreciate Michelle's work scheduling the offsite flu clinics, vaccination appointments, running our weekly immunization clinics, and more. Michelle has also taken on the role of billing insurance companies, a role added to her position since she was hired. She has done a wonderful job learning the billing piece and adjusting to constant changes.



Abby Griesdorn, CHES®, is a recent hire to the Darke County General Health District. Abby completed her internship here from May–July 2021 for her Bachelor of Science degree in Health Education and Promotion from Ball State University in Muncie, IN. After the internship, Abby was hired for the role of Health Promotion Specialist. She has taken over outreach for Help Me Grow and does marketing, promotion in the community, and social media content.

BUSY FEW MONTHS FOR IMMUNIZATION CLINICS

OUR IMMUNIZATION CLINIC HAS BEEN BUSY THE LAST FEW MONTHS WITH COVID-19, BACK TO SCHOOL, AND INFLUENZA IMMUNIZATIONS. ON AUGUST 11TH AND SEPTEMBER 1ST, THE DCGHD HOSTED THE BACK TO SCHOOL IMMUNIZATION CLINIC FOR INCOMING 7TH AND 12TH GRADERS. OUR STAFF GAVE A TOTAL OF 95 IMMUNIZATIONS. TO INCREASE THOSE VACCINATED IN DARKE COUNTY, ON SEPTEMBER 29TH AND 30TH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOSTED A COVID-19 VACCINE CLINIC. ALL THOSE WHO RECEIVED THEIR FIRST DOSE OF THE COVID-19 VACCINE WERE ELIGIBLE FOR A \$100 CASH CARD. DURING THE TWO DAY CLINIC, OUR STAFF ADMINISTERED 143 VACCINES. ON OCTOBER 6TH, OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT RAN A WALK-IN INFLUENZA VACCINATION CLINIC TO FIGHT THE FLU. OUR STAFF HAS ALSO DONE MULTIPLE FLU CLINICS OFF SITE AT BUSINESSES. OUR STAFF WAS ABLE TO VACCINATE 287 PATIENTS AT ALL CLINICS COMBINED.

ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Abby Ross is a new hire here at the Darke County Health Department. She was hired as the new sanitarian in training. When asked to give some information about herself she said, "Hi, I'm Abby! I am a new member of the environmental services division for the Darke County General Health District. I was born and raised in Darke county, Ohio and graduated from Arcanum High School in 2016. After graduating, I went to Wright State University where I graduated with a bachelor's in Environmental Health Science."

NEW FEES TO BE EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1ST, 2022

THE DARKE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH ESTABLISHES FEES FOR 2022. AUTHORIZED BY SENATE BILL 136 AND HOUSE BILL 700 AND SECTION 3709.09 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. A COMPLETE LISTING OF THE 2022 PROPOSED FEES, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2022, CAN BE FOUND ON THE DARKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT WEBSITE AT WWW.DARKECOUNTYHEALTH.ORG OR IN OUR OFFICE LOCATED AT 300 GARST AVENUE IN GREENVILLE, OH. THE FEES APPLY TO SEVERAL PROGRAMS INCLUDING FOOD SERVICE/FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS, HOME SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS, PLUMBING PERMITS, PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS, AND IMMUNIZATIONS.

INFRASTRUCTURE GRANT AWARDED

IN ORDER TO FIX THE MANY FAILING SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS IN THE VILLAGE OF WAYNE LAKES, A \$500,000 GRANT WAS AWARDED THROUGH THE H2OHIO WASTEWATER INFRASTRUCTURE GRANTS. THIS GRANT WILL BE USED BY THE VILLAGE TO SUPPORT THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW SANITARY SEWER COLLECTION SYSTEM. THIS WILL SERVE ABOUT 388 RESIDENTS AND OTHER STRUCTURES.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

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**OCT 23 - TRUNK OR
TREAT @ DARKE CO
FAIRGROUNDS**

**NOV 13 - BEAR'S
MILL CHRISTMAS
PREVIEW @ BEAR'S
MILL**

**NOV 20 -
HOMETOWN
HOLIDAY HORSE
PARADE @
DOWNTOWN
GREENVILLE**

**DEC 3 - BEAR'S
MILL CHRISTMAS
OPEN HOUSE AND
WALK @ BEAR'S
MILL**

**DEC 4 - WALKING
IN A WINTER
WONDERLAND @
SHAWNEE PRAIRIE
RESERVE**

COUNTY HEALTH FAIR

THE DARKE COUNTY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES WERE INVITED TO ATTEND THE COUNTY HEALTH FAIR ON TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19TH, 2021. THE HEALTH FAIR WAS HELD AT THE DARKE COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES. THE HEALTH FAIR RAN FROM 7 AM TO 12 PM. EMPLOYEES, AND THEIR SPOUSES INCLUDED ON THEIR INSURANCE, WERE ENCOURAGED TO GET BLOODWORK DRAWN. THIS BLOOD WORK WAS TAKEN FOR BIOMETRIC SCREENINGS. A FREE BREAKFAST WAS CATERED FOR EMPLOYEES AND ATTENDEES BY GLORIA HARPIST. ALSO OFFERED WERE CHAIR MASSAGES AND THAI YOGA CHAIR MASSAGES. SEVERAL VENDOR BOOTHS WERE SET UP FOR EMPLOYEES TO VISIT INCLUDING OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION, DARKE COUNTY FAIR HOUSING, AND MORE. OUR HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF WERE SET UP AT THE HEALTH FAIR ADMINISTERING FLU VACCINES FOR THOSE WHO CHOSE TO RECEIVE IT. OUR STAFF GAVE A TOTAL OF 65 FLU SHOTS. WE HOPE OUR DARKE COUNTY STAFF STAYS HEALTHY THIS FLU SEASON!