

# 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.




## QUALITY IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



The overall theme in the development of an improvement theory is the need to be consistent and persistent. Therefore, the Darke County General Health District staff determined that there was a need to complete a Quality Improvement Project that would implement a standardized e-mail signature line for all Health Department employees.

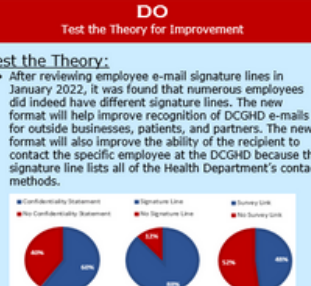
Prior to the implementation of the revised e-mail signature line, employees designed their own e-mail signature lines (i.e., color, font, and contact information), although there had been an effort to ensure all employees have a confidentiality statement and DCGHD survey within their signature line.

With the implementation of the new format, there is a belief that it will help improve recognition of DCGHD e-mails for outside businesses, patients, and partners. The new format will also improve the ability of the recipient to contact the specific employee at the DCGHD because the signature line lists all of the Health Department's contact methods.



### Consistent DCGHD E-mail Signature Line

PLAN	DO	CHECK	ACT
Identify an Opportunity and Plan for Improvement	Test the Theory for Improvement	Use Data to Study Results of the Test	Standardize the Improvement and Establish Future Plans
<p><b>Aim Statement:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>In an effort to improve consistency of DCGHD documents, a newly created e-mail signature line for the DCGHD will be implemented by all employees before February 2022.</li> </ul> <p><b>Assemble the Team:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quality Improvement team came together and decided that the following members would be part of the team to implement a consistent DCGHD e-mail signature line:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Terrence Holman</li> <li>Jody Hocker</li> <li>Brittany Weltzel</li> <li>Emily Hoisington</li> <li>Ginger Magoto</li> <li>Abby Griesdorn</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Examine the Current Approach:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There is not a current approach for a consistent DCGHD e-mail signature line. Employees currently design their own e-mail signature lines (i.e., color, font, and contact information). There has been an effort to ensure that all employees have a confidentiality statement in their signature line, as well as the link to the DCGHD survey.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Identify Potential Solutions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Develop a DCGHD e-mail signature line format that is to be used by all employees. This signature line will contain the following items:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>DCGHD, PHAB, Facebook, and Twitter logos</li> <li>Confidentiality statement</li> <li>DCGHD address, phone number, fax number, and website address</li> <li>Employee's title and extension number</li> <li>Link to the DCGHD survey</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Develop an Improvement Theory:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The overall theme in the development of an improvement theory is the need to be consistent and persistent. To be consistent and persistent, the DCGHD must have a standard e-mail signature line for all employees. This e-mail signature line will also highlight our accomplishment in obtaining accreditation.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Check the Results:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Both Division Directors and the Administrative Team have confirmed that all employees now have implemented the new DCGHD e-mail signature line. Division Directors and the Administrative Team have all stated that the consistency of the new e-mail signature line has been well received by the employees.</li> </ul> 	<p><b>Standardize the Improvement or Develop a New Theory:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Quality Improvement project team agreed unanimously to continue using the newly created DCGHD e-mail signature line.</li> </ul> <p><b>Establish Future Plan and Process Owner:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Moving forward, it will be the responsibility of the division directors to inform all new employees to use the DCGHD e-mail signature line when setting up their e-mails. At this time, the division directors will need to let the employee know that this template should not be altered.</li> </ul>



# NURSING DIVISION

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

The Darke County Health Department's Early Intervention (EI) team provides coordinated services to parents of eligible children under the age of 3 with developmental delays, disabilities, or a medical condition likely to result in a delay or disability.

The Darke County Early Intervention team consists of three Early Intervention service coordinators who are employed by Darke County Health Department. Also included in the team are two Developmental Specialists, a Physical Therapist, Occupational Therapist, and Speech Therapist who are provided by Darke County Board of DD. Additional supports that are provided by the state include hearing, vision and infant mental health.



## BACK TO SCHOOL CLINICS

To prepare for the next school year, the Darke County Health Department located at 300 Garst Avenue, Greenville, will be hosting two vaccine clinics from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, August 2nd and Tuesday, August 9th, while supplies last.

These walk-in (no appointment) clinics are for students who will be 7th and 12th graders in the fall. Students will have the opportunity to receive Tdap, Menveo, Meningitis B, and HPV vaccines. Those going into the 7th grade can receive Tdap (Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Acellular Pertussis) and Menveo (Meningococcal) vaccines. Those going into the 12th grade can receive Menveo, Meningitis B, and HPV vaccines.

For billing purposes, those who have medical coverage should bring a copy of their insurance card. A copy of the card will be made onsite and then the insurance company will be billed.

Students under the age of 18 need to be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Those 18 and over must wait 15 minutes after the vaccine if they are driving themselves. For any questions or additional information on this clinic or state vaccine requirements, please contact the Health Department at 937-548-4196 Ext. 224.



Shown above is the Darke County Early Intervention Team

# ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT

Recently several Environmental Health staff have received or will be receiving specialized training in various programs.

Ginger and Cassidy recently completed the Certified Pool/Spa Operator Training. This training is designed to further knowledge for the safe operation of swimming pools and spas. Topics include pool and spa chemistry, testing, treatment, filtration, maintenance, automatic feeding equipment, and government requirements.

Cassidy, Cody, Zachary, and Abby will be completing the ServSafe Training. This training is designed to detail how to implement vital food safety practices in all types of food establishments, as well as how to reduce the risk of foodborne illness.

Congratulations to Abby for obtaining her Commercial Pesticide License and to Nathan for taking and passing ServSafe!

## OHIO EPA MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANT

The Darke County General Health District was recently notified that we have received the 2022 Ohio Environmental Protection Agency's Mosquito Control Grant, totaling \$25,000.00. Environmental staff began trapping for mosquitoes in June and will send all Culex sp. to the Ohio Department of Health who will test for West Nile Virus.

This year the Health Department plans to spray for adult mosquitoes on some township roads that have been pre-identified by Township Trustees. We will also be trapping in these locations to help determine when to spray. The Health Department is fortunate to have a mosquito fogger and two licensed commercial pesticide applicators on staff to be able to spray these areas. A 24-hour notice will be given to the residents in these areas so they are aware. We ask the residents of Darke County to please be patient and keep a safe distance from the sprayers while out on the roads.

Some villages are also benefitting from the grant, as we will contract with Bug-A-Boo to provide fogging services.

We continue to ask the public's help to control mosquito breeding areas by regularly emptying out containers with standing water. If residents have small areas that are not able to be drained, please contact the Health Department for some larvicide. For more information, please contact the Health Department at 937-548-4196 Ext. 225.



Shown above are Abby and Caitlin with the Darke County Health Department, as well as Brian with Clarke Mosquito Control. Brian is performing the yearly calibration on the sprayer owned by the Health Department.

# PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE NEWS

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Steam Threshers Reunion**
  - June 30- July 3
- **Ansonia 4th of July Celebration**
  - July 2-4
- **New Madison 4th of July Celebration**
  - July 4
- **Arcanum 4th of July Picnic**
  - July 4
- **Farm Power of the Past**
  - July 7-10
- **Kings Royal**
  - July 13-16
- **North Star Community Picnic**
  - July 15-17
- **Annie Oakley Festival**
  - July 29-31
- **Gathering at the Garst**
  - July 29-31
- **127 Yard Sales**
  - August 4-7
- **Arcanum Brick Street Block Party**
  - August 12-13
- **Versailles FareFest**
  - August 20
- **The Great Darke County Fair**
  - August 19-27
- **World 100**
  - September 8-10
- **Rolling 50's Classic Fall Cruise-In**
  - September 10
- **Illumination Festival**
  - September 17
- **4-Crown Nationals**
  - September 23-24
- **Prairie Days**
  - September 24-25

## A LOOK AT SUICIDE RATES AHEAD OF 988 LAUNCH—A NATIONAL THREE-DIGIT SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE

Nearly half a million lives (480,622) were lost to suicide from 2010 to 2020. During the same period, the suicide death rate increased by 12% and as of 2009, the number of suicides outnumbered those caused by motor vehicle accidents. On July 16, 2022, the federally mandated crisis number, 988, will be available to all landline and cell phone users, providing a single three-digit number to access a network of over 200 local and state funded crisis centers. 988 callers who are suicidal or experiencing a mental health crisis will be routed to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and connected to a crisis counselor where they may receive crisis counseling, resources and referrals, and in some cases and where available, mobile crisis units may be dispatched. While 988 is intended to help fill gaps in the behavioral health crisis continuum, there is concern about the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline's readiness to handle the increased volume, which is expected to triple from 4 to 12 million calls in the first year alone.

The federal government mandates 988, but states are responsible for most of the funding and implementation. Almost one month before 988 launches, many crisis counselor hotline positions remain unfilled, a long-term funding strategy is unclear, and the community crisis infrastructure varies greatly across states and localities. While 988 is expected to improve the delivery of mental health crisis care, it is unknown how well it will address the needs of those who are most vulnerable, including some people of color, males, younger individuals, and individuals living in rural areas.

For the complete article, please visit <https://www.kff.org/other/issue-brief/a-look-a-suicide-rates-ahead-of-988-launch-a-national-three-digit-suicide-prevention-hotline/>