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**LICKING COUNTY
TB SANATORIUM**

Tuberculosis, or TB, is a contagious disease that was responsible for the deaths of one out of every seven people in the U.S. in the early 20th century. The Licking County Tuberculosis Sanatorium, known as the TB San., was constructed in 1931-1932 at a cost of \$550,000. The facility kept TB patients separate from the general population, controlling the spread of disease. The location provided patients with rest, fresh air, food, and exercise, the main treatments for TB in the 19th through mid-20th centuries.

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2019 Annual Report: Licking County Health Department

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Licking County Health Department



2019 in Review - By Health Commissioner, Joe Ebel

It has been my pleasure to serve as your Health Commissioner for the past 20 years - I will be retiring in 2020. We have achieved many milestones over the years, but I am most proud of our team of dedicated public health professionals who work every day to protect the health of our residents by preventing disease, protecting the environment, and promoting healthy lifestyles.

Here are a few highlights from 2019 I am happy to share!

The new Child Injury Prevention grant focuses on preventing traumatic brain injury due to bicycle, skateboarding, and automobile accidents. The program distributes free bike helmets to children and works with policy makers, schools, and law enforcement to promote safe biking as well as proper seat belt and car seat use.

A mental health and addiction stigma reduction video was produced under our Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention program. It has been released on social media, cable television, movie theater ads, and YouTube. Our goal is to reduce the barrier to accessing mental health and addiction services that is created by the stigma attached to mental health disorders.

An Active Living/Recreational Resources map and a Healthy Food Access map were created and are available on our website. Both maps are designed to help people live healthier lives by being physically active and adopting healthy eating habits.

We are working to enhance our programs that serve pregnant women, infants, and families. We created a new Maternal and Child Health division to better coordinate our services that reduce infant mortality and promote healthy children and families. These programs include our Healthy Mom and Baby program, Newborn Nurse Home Visits, WIC, Early Head Start Home Visiting, Cribs for Kids safe sleep program, and the child car seat program. In 2020 we will also begin offering Help Me Grow home visiting, focusing on early childhood education and teaching effective parenting skills.

Thank you for your support!
R. Joeseeph Ebel, RS, MS, MBA




An Ohio Historical Marker was dedicated in April, recognizing the Health Department building, or the "Old TB San," for its role in serving the public health needs of the community since its construction in 1931-32.



In 2019, LCHD received a grant from the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) to increase the amount of larval mosquito control activities in Licking County. This, in turn, decreased the number of adult mosquitoes in some areas of the county.

2019 Board of Health -



First Row: John Wetmore, Jim Glover, Larry Friesel, Gary Wood. Second Row: Patrick Scarpitti, M.D., Mary Billy, Carole Wachtel, Nesiha Grubaugh. Third Row: Chicky Dyer, Shelly Ellis.

LCHD Leadership



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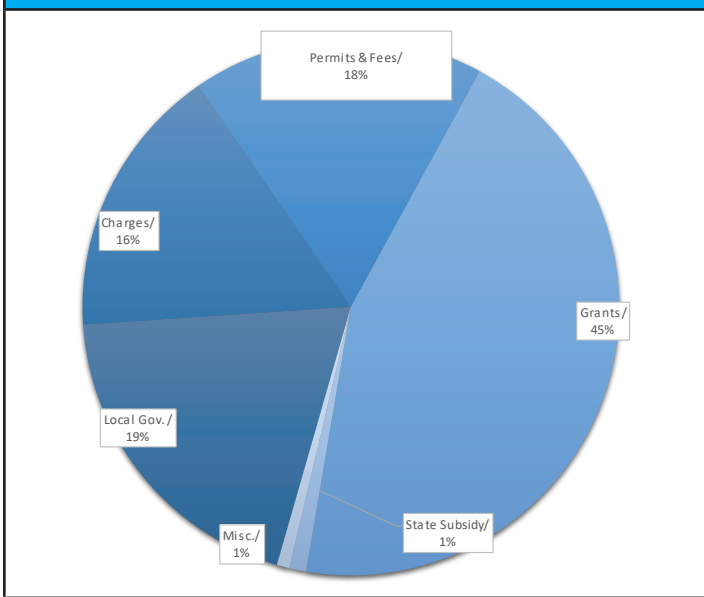
Todd Kirkpatrick, MS, RD, LD
Dir. of Maternal & Child Health



Ashley See, CHES, CPST
Dir. of Health Promotion

Finances & Vital Statistics -

2019 Income by Category



2019 Grants Report

January 1 - December 31	Number
Applications Submitted	29
Funded Applications	23
Grant Funded Programs	27
Total Active Grants	31
Continuing/Re-awarded Grants	26
New Grants	5
Number of Staff Involved in Grants	42
Percent of Staff Involved in Grants	63%



2019 Highlights - LCHD was awarded national re-accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board. This accreditation recognizes that LCHD continues to demonstrate the delivery of comprehensive, high quality, public health services to our residents.



2019 Communicable Diseases Report

Flu	Cases	Threshold	Incidence
Flu	3,114	4,100	1,771
Hospitalized Cases	99	169	56
STDs	Cases	Threshold	Incidence
Chlamydia	678	710	385
Gonorrhea	280	300	159
Hepatitis (A-C)	Cases	Threshold	Incidence
Hepatitis A	68	7	38
Hepatitis B - chronic	36	46	20
Hepatitis C - chronic	148	200	84
Top 5 Diseases	Cases	Threshold	Incidence
Lyme Disease	61	24	34
Campylobacteriosis	55	39	31
Salmonellosis	26	30	14
Pertussis	19	63	10

Licking County: Number of Cases and Incidence Rate per 100,000.

Births and deaths are recorded by our Registrar. Birth certificates can be issued for any person born in Ohio. Death certificates are available only for persons who died in Licking County.

Births represent total births to Licking County residents. Deaths represent total deaths that occurred in Licking County.

*Data available as of report publication.

2019 Vitals Report

Births for Licking County Residents	2018	2019
Total Births	1,852	2,002
Mothers age under 18	25	19
Mothers age 18-20	143	133
Home Births	22	33
Deaths for Licking County Residents	2018	2019
Total Deaths	1,316	1,339
Deaths by Suicide	17	20
Deaths by Overdose	42	39*
Deaths by Accident	70	71
Deaths by Homicide	5	2
Top 5 Baby Names	2019	
Liam, Noah, William, James, Oliver	Boys	
Emma, Olivia, Ava, Isabella, Sophia	Girls	



Health Promotion Division -

Health Promotion Programs & Events

Child Passenger Safety Program	Prescription Drug Take Back Days
Partners in Wellness	Safe Communities
Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program	Radon Awareness
Community Cessation Initiative	Ohio Healthy Program
SASS for Breast Cancer & Pink Strides Event	Child Injury Prevention Program
Creating Healthy Communities	Project DAWN
Worksite Wellness Workshop	Kickin' Ash Splash Event
Licking County Wellness Coalition	Change Gears Event
Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention	Human Trafficking Awareness

2019 Highlights - Our Child Injury Prevention Program promoted Child Passenger Safety and Safe Active Transportation to local agencies, schools and businesses through toolkits, bicycle helmet distribution, and the HEADS UP concussion education curriculum. In 2019, free bicycle helmets were provided to 360 children, and 266 students received the HEADS UP curriculum.

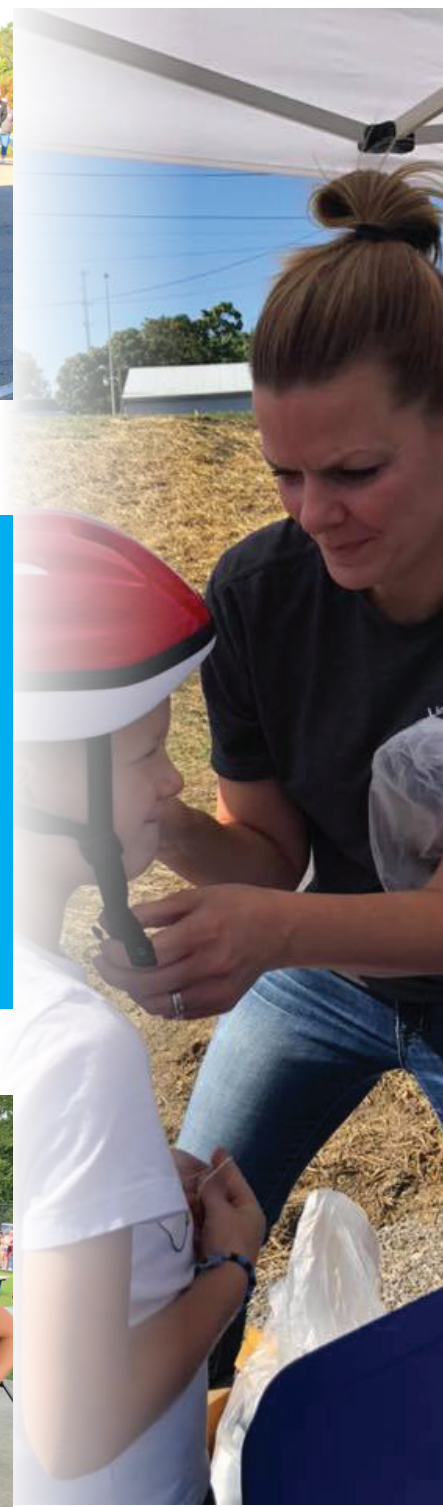
Our Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Program promoted smoke-free environments, tobacco cessation, and youth tobacco prevention. In 2019, LCHD completed 34 compliance checks with a compliance rate of 91% and served 141 individuals through the tobacco cessation program, Break Free From Nicotine. In September, LCHD accepted funds from the Ohio Department of Health to address vaping and e-cigarette use among youth.



Our 12th annual Pink Strides for Breast Cancer event was held at the LCHD campus in October, with over 100 attendees walking one-mile for breast cancer awareness in Licking County.



The Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) program provides free naloxone kits to Licking County residents. In 2019, the program expanded by adding new local partners as kit providers, in addition to LCHD's online mail-order program.



Kickin' Ash Splash Event -



Community & Personal Health -

Total Clients seen for Immunizations	3,866
Children provided immunizations	1,601
Adults provided immunizations	2,265
Travel immunization clients	331
TB Tests	264
BCMh children served	2,024
Flu Vaccines Provided to children	475
Flu Vaccines Provided to adults	1,016
Sexual Health Clients	378
HIV Tests	30
Women's Health Clients	19
Breast & Cervical Cancer Project Screenings	1,881
Dental Sealants Provided	3,090

2019 Highlights - In 2019, over 4,500 infectious diseases were reported in Licking County - many of which are classified as Class A reportable diseases. Our nursing staff provided client interviews, provider follow-ups, and education with clients who contracted Class A reportable diseases like Giardia, E. Coli, Legionella, Lyme disease, pertussis, and Chlamydia and gonococcal infections.

LCHD Nursing Staff -



Maternal & Child Health -



Our Newborn Home Visiting nurse, Jessica, made 95 visits to new mothers in Licking County to provide Healthy Mom & Baby checks.

Our LEADS Early Head Start program made weekly home visits to clients and hosted two socializations each month for 48 clients.

2019 Highlights - In April, the WICShopper app went live in Ohio. It offers a variety of features, including finding nearby grocery stores that accept the WIC card, providing the current Authorized Foods List, and allowing users to scan a food's barcode with their phone to determine if it is authorized.

In February, we started using text messaging to remind participants of their appointments. The new system is less expensive, more efficient, and more effective than the previous postcard reminders.

Women, Infants, & Children (WIC)

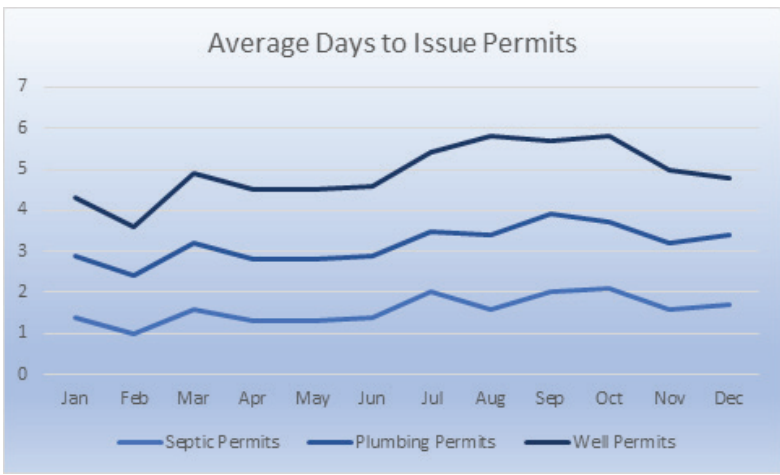
WIC Grocery Store Sales in Licking County	\$1,745,105
Safe Sleep Kits Distributed	98
WIC Pregnant & Post-Partum Consultations	829
WIC average monthly caseload for 2019:	
Main Clinic (At LCHD)	1,780
Buckeye Lake	83
Johnstown	70
Pataskala	225



Environmental Health Division -

2019 Highlights - In 2019, we emphasized ensuring that our permit applications were reviewed and processed in a timely and efficient manner. We specifically tracked how long it took us to issue plumbing, well, and septic permits. Our goal was to review and process the permit applications within 3 days, however we lowered the target to 2 days in order to better serve our customers. On average, we issued plumbing permits in 1.6 days, well permits in 1.7 days, and septic permits in 1.6 days. Our staff is dedicated to serving our customers in a timely and high quality manner, and we will continue to do so in 2020.

Our staff completed the initial phase of our Sewage Treatment System Operation and Maintenance Program. This involved implementing the state-mandated program and evaluating sewage treatment systems (STS) in 11 target areas in the county. Aeration treatment units (ATU) pose the biggest risk to public health and the environment if they are not working correctly – if failing, they discharge raw, untreated sewage to streams, creeks, and road ditches. Our staff conducted a total of 451 inspections. A total of 22% of ATUs were found to be failing.



In 2019, LCHD increased the amount of larval mosquito control activities which decreased the number of adult mosquitoes in some areas of the county that had historically high mosquito populations. We conducted adult mosquito control by conducting spraying throughout areas of the county based on data we receive from our surveillance network.

2019 Highlights - Our food safety team inspected nearly 1,400 facilities in 2019 - including restaurants, grocery stores, convenience stores, vending machines and food trucks. Overall, we conducted a total of 2,922 inspections, and we identified a total of 5,717 violations. The goal of our program is to educate operators to understand why violations occur and how to prevent the violations from occurring in the future. We introduced a newly updated inspection sticker that contains a QR code directing the public straight to our online inspection reports.

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King Road Litter Cleanup-



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