CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



ANNUAL REPORT



WWW.CRAWFORDHEALTH.ORG

Board of Health

Bill Scott (through May 2021) **Scott Woodworth** Dean Sipe Zach Wolfe **Phyllis Crall** Dr. Stephen Novack Kurt Fankhauser Jodi Keller (beginning June 2021)

Medical Director

Dr. Chris Johnson, DO

Health Commissioner

Kate Siefert, MPH. RS



Jodi Keller, RN, a resident of Liberty Township, was appointed to the Board by the **District Advisory** Council in June

2021.



Crawford County Public Health's mission is to educate, empower, and improve the quality of life for the Crawford County Community. We do this by providing public health services that promote health and prevent disease.

Our 7-member governing body is the Crawford County Board of Health. **Elected officials within Crawford** County appoint our Board members. The township trustees and village mayors appoint four members. Two members are appointed by the City of Bucyrus. One member is appointed by the District Licensing Council. At least one Board member must be a physician. The Board of Health appoints the Health Commissioner.



Board President Zach Wolfe presented Bill Scott with a plaque in appreciation for serving on the Board from March 2008 to April 2021.

Board President Zach Wolfe was re-elected by the District Advisory Council in March 2021 to serve another 5-year term.

Board of Health Roles & Responsibilities

A local board of health is the policy-making, rule-making, and adjudicatory body for public health within its jurisdiction. The primary responsibilities for the board include:

- Set policy for strategic direction
- Enact resolutions to carry out day-to-day business of the organization
- Approve rules & regulations for department operations
- Employ & evaluate the health commissioner
- Review operational data for pattern & trends
- Approve health department programs
- Approve key financial actions for the department including the budget that is submitted to the the county budget commission.

2021 ATTENDANCE											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	December	% Attended
Zach Wolfe	х	х		х	х		х	х	х	х	80%
Bill Scott (term ended 5/21)	Х	x		х							60%
Jodi Keller (term began 6/21)						Х	х	Х	Х		80%
Scott Woodworth	х	х	х			х	х	х		х	70%
Dean Sipe	х	х	х	х	х	Х		х	х	х	90%
Phyllis Crall	х	х	х	х	Х		х		Х	х	80%
Kurt Fankhauser	х	х	х	х	х			х		х	70%
Dr. Stephen Novack	х	x	х	х	х	х	x	х	х		90%

2021 BOARD OF HEALTH ACTIONS											
	January	February	March	April	May	June	August	September	October	December	Total
Personnel Matters	1					2	2	2	2	4	13
Agency Policies			1						1		2
Financial Approvals	6	5	3	7	2	7	11	3	8	6	58
Approvals of Contracts	2			2	2	3		2			11
Approvals of Grant											
Applications	2	1	1	4			2		3		13
Issue Board of Health Orders											
(Nuisance or Licensing)	1								1		2
Approval of Septic System											
Variance Request											0

FINANCIAL REPORT

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) continued to recognize the need for public health to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and supported vaccination efforts through grants. The ODH grants were awarded one per county, with our agency then sub-awarding allocated amounts to the Galion City Health Department. ODH also continued free access to COVID-19 contact tracing support for health departments that requested it.

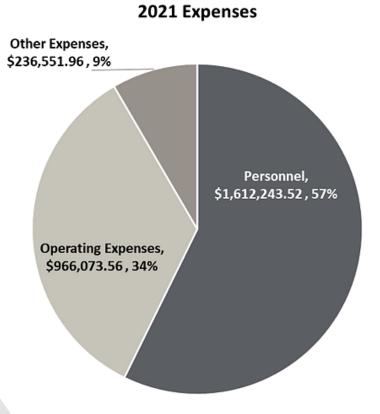
2021 Revenue									
Fees & Charges									
Clinical Services	\$	203,199.50							
Environmental Health Fees	\$	239,595.82							
Vital Statistics	\$	71,870.91							
Subtotal	\$	514,666.23							
Grants & Contracts									
Nursing Services	\$	196,332.59							
ODH Funded Grants	\$	1,456,920.45							
Subgrants	\$	138,374.01							
Subtotal	\$	1,791,627.05							
Local Support									
Bucyrus City	\$	226,178.04							
Townships/Villages	\$	163,000.00							
Other Local Government	\$	6,005.24							
Subtotal	\$	395,183.28							
State of	f Oł	nio							
State Subsidy	\$	6,245.38							
Subtotal	\$	6,245.38							
Miscellaneo	us F	Revenue							
Other Receipts	\$	62,514.26							
Donations	\$	5,202.00							
Subtotal	\$	67,716.26							
Total Revenue	\$	2,775,438.20							

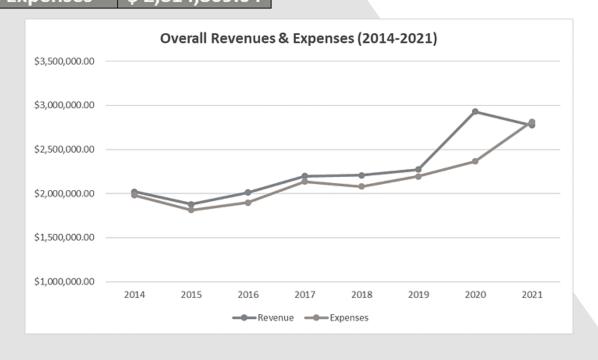




FINANCIAL REPORT (CONT.)

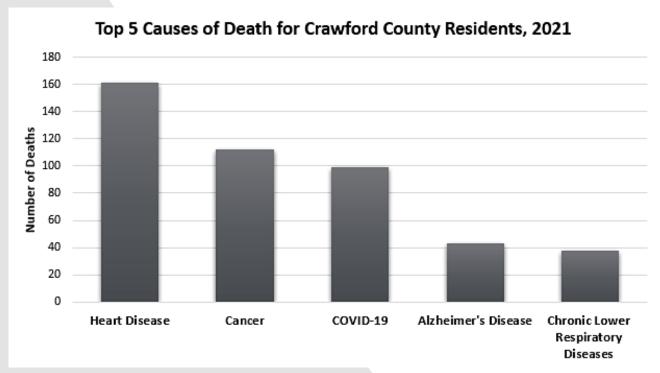
2021 Expenses									
Personnel									
Salaries	\$	1,201,547.22							
Fringe Benefits	\$	410,696.30							
Subtotal	\$	1,612,243.52							
Operating Expenses									
Travel	\$	15,537.28							
Contract Services	\$	654,102.89							
Vaccine Supplies	\$	148,547.57							
Office Supplies	\$	95,279.36							
Printing/Advertising	\$	3,588.00							
Equipment	\$	36,059.76							
Water Testing	\$	1,943.70							
PHAB Expenses	\$	10,600.00							
Repairs	\$	-							
Training	\$	100.00							
Website	\$	315.00							
Subtotal	\$	966,073.56							
Other Ex	pens	es							
State Fee Remittances	\$	139,590.09							
Other	\$	73,612.81							
Health Ins ADM	\$	491.00							
Anthem Rebate	\$	2,021.60							
Unemployment	\$	259.53							
HSTS Grant Admin Fees	\$	1,000.00							
2020 Grant Reimbursement	\$ \$	19,576.93							
Subtotal	\$	236,551.96							
Total Expenses	\$ 2	2.814.869.04							





VITAL STATISTICS - DEATHS

There were 722 Crawford County resident deaths in 2021 (compared to 680 in 2020 and 570 in 2019). The top 3 causes of death were heart disease, cancer, and COVID-19. The youngest death was 5 hours old and the oldest death was 104 years old. The average age for deaths in 2021 was 74 years. Our office issued a total of 239 burial permits, 1,344 certified copies of death certificates and 1,361 certified copies of birth certificates.



29

Number of deaths from Diabetes

7

Number of deaths from Unintentional Drug Overdose

3

Number of deaths from Alcoholic Cirrhosis/Liver Disease Number of deaths from a Motor Vehicle Accident

4

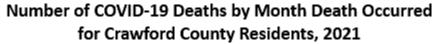
Number of deaths from an Accidental Fall

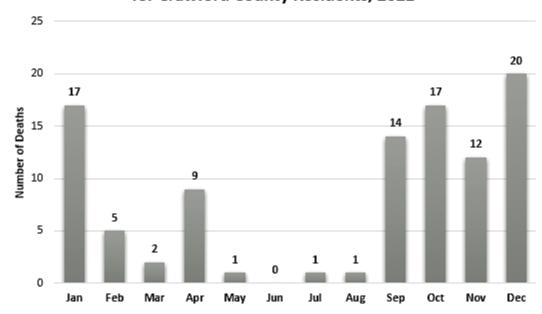
1

Number of deaths from Homicide

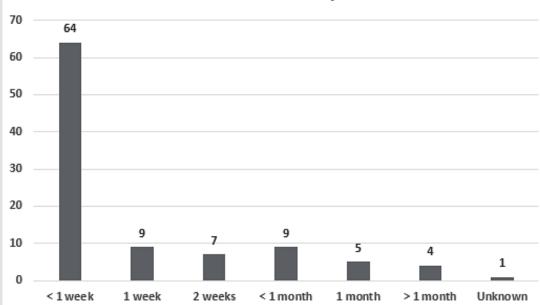
VITAL STATISTICS - DEATHS

There were 99 Crawford County resident COVID-19 deaths in 2021 (compared to 74 in 2020). The youngest was 28 years old and the oldest death was 98 years old. The average age for COVID-19 deaths in 2021 was 71 years. The majority of the COVID-19 deaths had an interval of less than 1 week between death and disease onset.



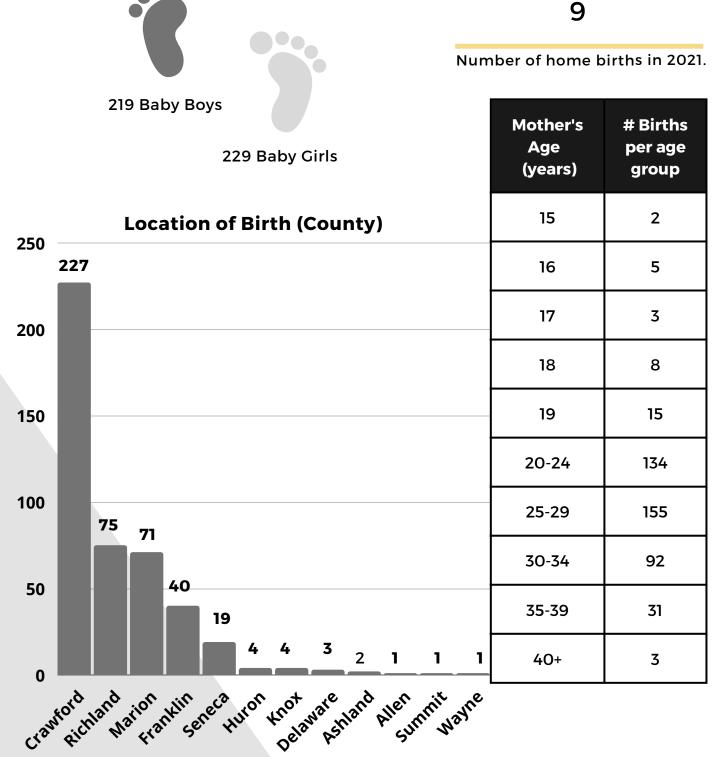






VITAL STATISTICS - BIRTHS

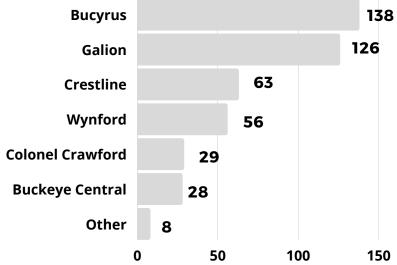
There were 448 babies born to Crawford County residents in 2021. The minimum mother's age was 15 years old, the maximum mother's age was 41 years old, and the average mother's age was 26 years old. Half of the resident births occurred in Crawford County.

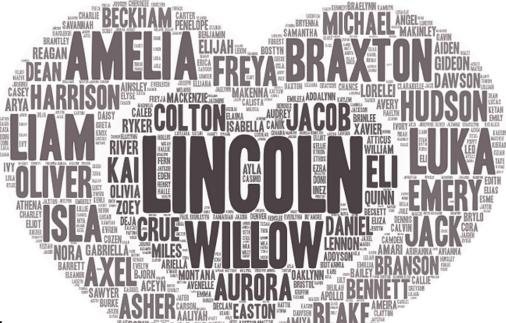


VITAL STATISTICS - BIRTHS

Month Prenatal Care Began	#
1	18
2	178
3	141
4	35
5	13
6	4
7	2
8	6
9	3
Unknown	3







Popular Girl Names: Willow Amelia

Aurora

Popular Boy Names: Lincoln Braxton

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

While COVID-19 is the communicable disease that drew attention to public health reporting and contact tracing, it certainly was the not the first disease our nurses and epidemiologists have investigated. Nor is it the only disease we investigate and conduct contact tracing interviews. Below is a breakdown of the diseases investigated each month along with a monthly total at the bottom. The far right column references the critical indicators (threshold) for each (there is not an established C.I. for COVID-19, yet). Overall, we experienced 2,273 more cases during this year than we had in the previous 12 months.

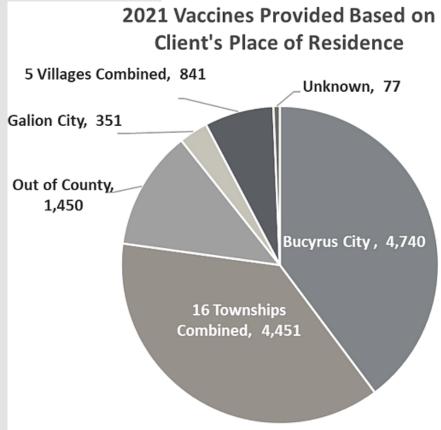
Table 1. Communicable Disease Cases ¹ in Crawford County ² from December 2020 through December 2021														
	2020	2020 2021												
	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	C.I.
Class A														
COVID-19	813	471	139	155	133	56	26	70	412	817	418	602	1,015	N/A
Class B														
Campylobacteriosis				1					1	1				2
Carbapenemase- producing carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae (CP-CRE)					1						I			1
Chlamydia	5	5	9	9	5	8	7	8	8	8		13		19
Cyclosporiasis								1	1					1
E. coli	1													1
Gonorrhea	1	2	2	1	1		3	5	4	1		1		6
Hepatitis A														3
Hepatitis B			1		1		1	1	1	1				4
Hepatitis C	4		1	3	3	2	1	3	1	2		1		9
Hepatitis E	1													1
Influenza- Associated Hospitalization					1							1		9
Legionnaires' Disease						1								1
Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome Associated with COVID-19	1		1								-			N/A
Salmonella										1				2
Streptococcal Disease Group A, invasive	1													1
Streptococcal Disease Group B, Newborn												1		1
Varicella		1												1
Yersiniosis				1			1	1						1
Total	827	482	153	170	145	67	40	89	427	831	418	619	1,015	N/A

¹Case counts include confirmed, probable, and suspected disease classifications. Only probable and confirmed COVID-19 cases are displayed in this table.

²Critical indicators (CI) or thresholds were calculated using the interquartile range method [3rd quartile + 1.5*(3rd quartile-1st quartile) + 1]

NURSING DIVISION

The public health nursing division focuses on population dynamics with the goal of promoting health and preventing disease. Our nursing programs include: immunization clinics for all ages, communicable disease investigation, Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH), STD/HIV testing, case management for elevated blood lead levels, blood pressure checks, head/lice checks, and providing services to three (3) local schools, the county jail, and Council on Aging.



Top 5 Vaccines Administered in 2021:

- 1. COVID-19 9,179
- 2. Flu 695
- 3. Meningococcal 260
- 4. PCV 13 (pneumococcal bacteria) 177
- 5. Tdap (tetanus, diphtheria & pertussis) 171





This is Dorothy, 102 years old, holding her COVID-19 Vaccination Card.

Dorothy was born in 1918, during the Spanish Flu Pandemic.

NURSING DIVISION

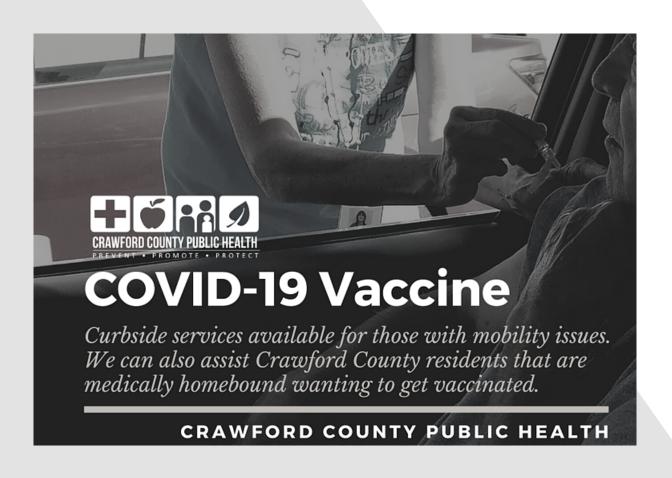
Drive-thru shot clinics allow persons to be quickly vaccinated in a convenient location without having to get out of their vehicle. These clinics are perfect for anyone with mobility issues or little ones in car seats!



95

Number of participants during the drive-thru flu clinic held at the end of September. 25

Number of medically homebound individuals throughout the county provided with COVID-19 vaccines at their home by one of our nurses.



NURSING DIVISION

Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) is a financial assistance program for families with children with special health care needs. Our nurses help families with their CMH applications and provide case management for those approved. In 2021 we served 73 CMH clients.

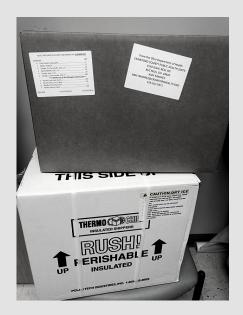
Lead management services are provided by our public health nurses. Every zip code in Crawford County is considered high risk for elevated blood lead levels. Lead poisoning is a serious environmental health risk to children in Ohio. Crawford County Public Health contracts with the Crawford County Jail to provide daily nursing services for the inmates.

8

Number of children in lead case management.

73

Number of Children with Medical Handicaps served.



A shipment of Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine (packed in dry ice).

2021 Jail Nursing Services	
Total # Booked In	1,240
# Completed Physicals	889
# Sick Calls	1,990
# Drug/Alcohol Treatment	210
# Suicide Watch	61
Total Hours Provided	1,705.25





COVID-19 IN 2021

The first half of 2021 was focused on providing COVID-19 vaccinations and supporting the Nursing Division at the clinics. Ohio's Vaccination Program began with ages 80 and older on January 19th, ages 75 and older on January 25th, ages 70 and older February 1st, and then ages 65 and older on February 9th. Vaccine was still scarce during those first 2 months of the year and demand was high. The CCPH staff provided daily clinics, often 10-12 hours each day and frequently working 7 days per week. In March, local school employees were eligible and our staff provided on-site clinics for the schools in our jurisdiction. By April, vaccine supplies had increased and we were able to provide larger clinics at the fairgrounds and Ohio provided mass vaccination clinics at larger universities and convention centers. There is still much misinformation circulating regarding the vaccines and our office continues to answer questions and address concerns regarding safety and efficacy of the vaccines.





Cinco de Mayo Clinic at Crestline



Walk-in COVID-19 Vaccine Clinic at the Fairgrounds





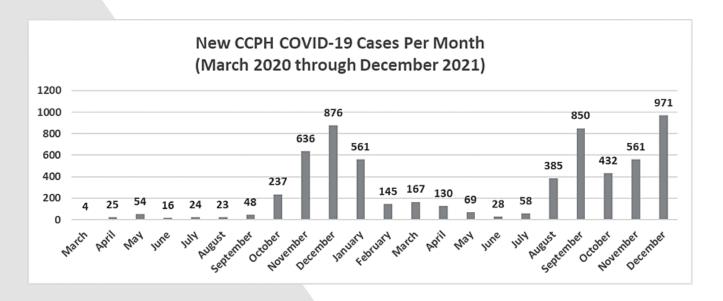


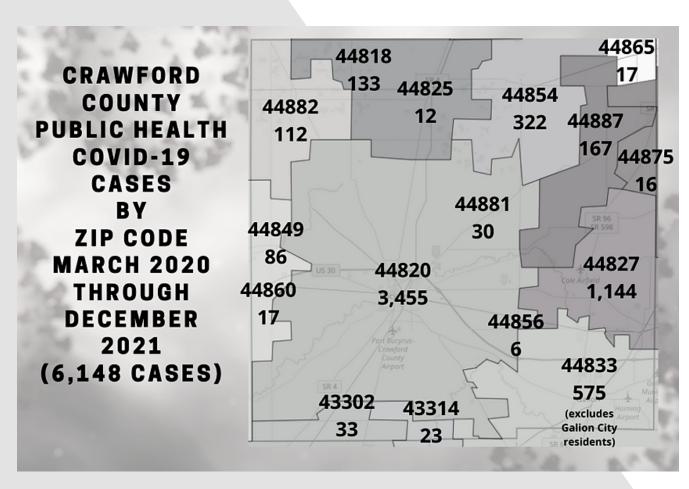


Kelly, a volunteer helping with a clinic. We were fortunate to have many volunteers assisting us during 2021. Some were from other county agencies (thank you Jenny Burton from Board of DD and Jette Cander from Crawford EMA for repeatedly helping), some were first responders, and many were nursing school students. ALL were greatly appreciated for providing their time, skills, and most importantly, their kindness towards others.

COVID-19 IN 2021

By the end of December 2021, a total number of 6,148 residents from our jurisdiction (all of Crawford County excluding Galion City residents) were reported as positive COVID-19 cases between March 2020 and December 2021.





COVID-19 IN 2021

1/8/2021 Restaurants & bars allowed to operate at 65% capacity, with a total limit of 200 patrons 1/22/2021 ODH extended Ohio's 10pm to 5am curfew until January 31st. 3/5/2021 Governor DeWine opens up 15 mass vaccination sites across the state. 4/13/2021
A pause in the use of the Johnson & Johnson vaccines is announced while CDC reviews data.

4/27/2021
Guidance released that those fully vaccinated are no longer required to quarantine.

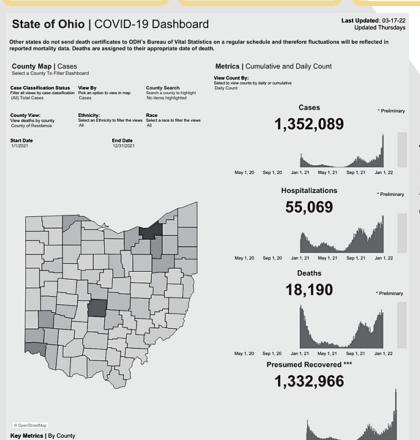
5/6/2021
The Vax-a-Million lottery announced for those having received at least 1 dose of vaccine.

6/2/2021
Most statewide
restrictions ended,
including capacity
limits and
masking.

7/30/2021
Due to rising
numbers, indoor
masking was
recommended for
everyone.

10/21/2021 CDC endorsed all three booster vaccines for all eligible Americans. 11/3/2021 COVID-19 vaccine for children ages 5-11 received emergency use authorization. 12/22/2021
FDA issued an
emergency use
authorization for
Pfizer's oral COVID19 treatment.

12/27/2021 CDC shortens the isolation time for people who test positive from 10 day to 5 days.



From January 1 - December 31, 2021, 1,352,089 cases of COVID-19 were reported statewide, along with 55,069 hospitalizations and 13,190 deaths.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Environmental Health (EH) Division is comprised of the staff sanitarians (health inspectors) that focus on environmental factors that can affect our health. The EH Division's primary role of preventing human illness or injury is mainly done though the inspection, regulation, and enforcement of food facilities, septic systems, private water systems, public swimming pools, campgrounds, mobile home parks, solid waste nuisances, and animal bites.

192

Food Licenses Issued

92

Animal Bites/Exposures

\$121,605

Spent out of the 2020 HSTS Grant for 10 septic system repairs/replacements \$150,000

Fully utilized the 2021 HSTS Grant for 6 septic system repairs/replacements

2

Nuisances referred to the County
Prosecutor
(4727 Brokensword Rd. &
3604 Chatfield-Center Rd.)

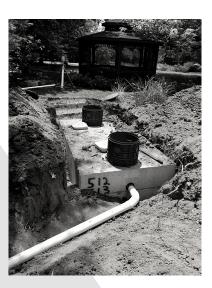
Types of Animal Bites/Exposures Investigated:



- Dog (68)
- Cat (28)
- Raccoon (1)
- Bat (1)
- Other Wildlife (2)







ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Food Safety Program provides the largest number of licensed facilities and inspections for the Environmental Health Division. Critical violations are those that could pose a significant threat to food safety and public health. Examples include: incorrect temperatures, improper food storage, hand wash sink inaccessible, operating without running water, and more. Non-critical violations have more minimal effects on food safety and limited threat to public health. Examples of non-critical violations include: general cleaning is not adequate, floors are damaged, improper lighting, lights missing shields, and more.

Top 5 Food Safety Violations

- Not Correctly Date Marking Ready-To-Eat Foods
- Improper Prevention of Contamination for Packaged & Unpackaged Foods
- Improper Cleaning of Non-food Contact Surfaces
- Improper Chemical Sanitizing in Manual & Mechanical Warewashing Equipment
- **Improper Hot & Cold Holding of Foods**

2021 FOOD SAFETY AWARDS

Superior Awards (No violations at all)

- Bucyrus Area Youth Soccer
- *Buckeye Central Schools
- Bucyrus Elementary
- Bucyrus High School
- Carolyn's Kitchen
- Crawford County Council on Aging *Wynford Elementary
- Crestline Child Care
- Crestline High School

- Dairy Crest
- Dutchtown Dairy Bar
- *Little Athens
- Pelican Coffee House
- Tim Hortons (Bucyrus)
- Wynford High School

(*) Denotes 9th straight year of winning an award for no violations at all!

Excellent Awards

(No critical violations and no more than 3 non-critical violations)

Altercare

- American Legion Post 181 Fit, Fab, Fun
- Aumiller Park Avita (Bucyrus Hospital)
 Frank's Treat Time
- Burger King (Bucyrus)
- Carlisle Place
- Center St. Meat Company Hannah & William
- · Cooper's Mill
- Crestline Rehabilitation & Holiday Inn Express Subway (Bucyrus) **Nursing Center**

- Depot Deli

- Freezer Fresh
- Gionino's Pizzeria
- Crawford School

- Just Jokin'
- Katering Kountry Style
- Flour & Whisk Bakery Mark's Homemade Ice Cream
 - The Market at Pickwick
 - St. Joseph Convocation Center

 - Taco Bell (Bucyrus)

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

Inspections Completed		Septic System	Private Water Supply	Public Pool/Spa	•	Manufactured Home Park	Solid Waste
Auburn Twp.	8	5	1	6	2		
Bucyrus Twp.	8	12	5		1		
Chatfield Twp.		4	1				4
Cranberry Twp.	1	3	3				
Dallas Twp.		6	5				
Holmes Twp.	7	8	12				1
Jackson Twp.		5	2				
Jefferson Twp.	7	9	3				
Liberty Twp.	2	17	6				5
Lykens Twp.	2	4	1				
Polk Twp.	5	33	4			1	3
Sandusky Twp.	1	3	5				
Texas Twp.	1	5	4		1		
Tod Twp.	1	4	8	2	2		
Vernon Twp.		6	6				
Whetstone Twp.	1	8	17			1	21
Bucyrus City	307			9		10	2
Chatfield Village							
Crestline Village	81	1		2		5	1
New Washington	26			4		1	1
North Robinson	1			1			
Tiro	2	2					
TOTAL	461	132	83	24	6	18	38

WIC DIVISION

WIC is a special nutrition program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) that provides public health nutrition supports under the USDA providing nutrition education, nutritious foods, breastfeeding support, and healthcare referrals for income-eligible women who are pregnant or post-partum, infants, and children up to age 5 who are at nutritional risk.

\$310,946

968

Total Grant Award Spent FFY19

Average # of Participants per

Month

\$527,768,66

Total WIC Dollars Redeemed at Crawford County Stores

5,978

1,364

Ounces of donor breast milk shipped to the OhioHealth Mothers' Milk Bank in 2021 Average # of WIC Store Transactions per Month

WIC has been able to add extra fruit and vegetable benefits, which allows our participants to increase their daily consumption of healthy fruits and vegetables. We continue to provide nutrition education classes while promoting healthy habits. Our community garden produce was harvested and distributed to any WIC participants or anyone coming into the building to encourage people to try new recipes with vegetables.





Story-time during WIC appointments - with assistance from the public libraries.

WIC DIVISION

We continue to partner with Avita Health System to provide an annual Baby Shower, SPROUTS (breastfeeding support) and learning group meetings (held virtually). New this year for WIC was a Breastfeeding in the Workplace Expansion Grant in which we helped businesses provide accommodations for breastfeeding and/or pumping for their employees returning to work after having a baby.



The Baby Shower attendees were able to interact and receive information from 10 different vendors that participated. All attendees also received goody bags and donated, hand-made quilts.



Breastfeeding Class
Meetings are 6pm - 8pm



2021 BRATWURST FESTIVAL BREASTFEEDING STATIONS

The City of Bucyrus welcomes all breastfeeding families to enjoy the Bratwurst Festival. If you would like to use an air-conditioned room while feeding your baby, please feel free to visit any of these locations:

Bucyrus City Hall (room beside Council Chambers) - open 9am - 8pm
Bucyrus Fire Department (upstairs room, but no elevator) - open 11am - 7pm
Bucyrus Public Library - open Thursday & Friday 9am - 6pm, closed Saturday

Breastfeeding learning groups were still offered in 2021 - but switched to virtual methods instead.

2021 Class Schedule

August 19' September 2 October 7 November 4

January 7

March 4 April 1 May 6 June 3



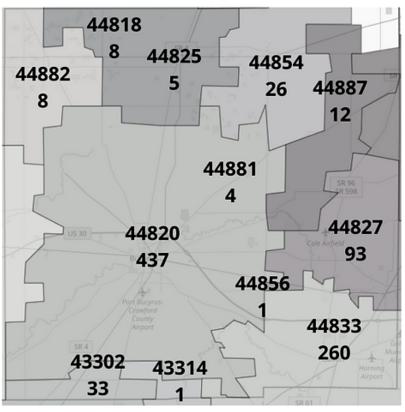
Kudos to the City of Bucyrus for offering breastfeeding moms attending the Bratwurst Festival 3 different locations to breastfeed. This Facebook post reach was 10,457 people with 345 reactions, 95 shares & 24 comments.

WIC DIVISION



CRAWFORD
COUNTY
WIC
PARTICIPANTS
BY
ZIP CODE





2021 WIC Income Guidelines

Family Size	Annual	Monthly	Weekly	Hourly
1	\$23,828	\$1,986	\$459	\$11.48
2	\$32,227	\$2,686	\$620	\$15.50
3	\$40,626	\$3,386	\$782	\$19.55
4	\$49,025	\$4,086	\$943	\$23.58
5	\$57,424	\$4,786	\$1,105	\$27.63
6	\$65,823	\$5,486	\$1,266	\$31.65
7	\$74,222	\$6,186	\$1,428	\$35.70
8	\$82,621	\$6,886	\$1,589	\$39.73

HELP ME GROW DIVISION

Help Me Grow (HMG) is comprised of both the Home Visiting Program and Early Intervention. The HMG Home Visiting Program is a Healthy Families America accredited, voluntary, evidenced-based family support program that encourages early prenatal and well-baby care, as well as parenting education. Early Intervention is an evidence-based program that provides coordinated services to parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays.

\$134,904.69

FY21 Part C Early Intervention
Total Grant Award

\$193,423.05

FY21 Home Visiting Reimbursements

113

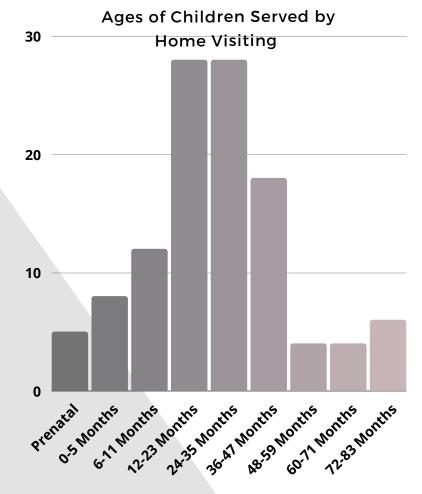
HMG Children Served by Home Visiting

101

HMG Children Served by Early Intervention

58

Pack-N-Plays Distributed to Families without a Safe Place for Baby to Sleep





HELP ME GROW DIVISION

Location of Home Visit	Number of Home Visits	Location of Home Visit	Number of Home Visits
Auburn Twp.	1	Texas Twp.	0
Bucyrus Twp.	15	Tod Twp.	0
Chatfield Twp.	12	Vernon Twp.	8
Cranberry Twp.	2	Whetstone Twp.	7
Dallas Twp.	0	Bucyrus City	951
Holmes Twp.	32	Chatfield Village	1
Jackson Twp.	0	Crestline Village	129
Jefferson Twp.	4	Galion City	749
Liberty Twp.	42	New Washington	20
Lykens Twp.	8	North Robinson	0
Polk Twp.	17	Tiro Village	1
Sandusky Twp.	3	Conducted at CCPH Office	110

7

51

of Home Visiting Participants that are Grandparents as primary caregiver # of Home Visiting Participants that are 1st time parents

SUICIDE PREVENTION

Crawford County Public Health is a member of the Crawford County Suicide
Prevention Coalition. In 2018, suicide was the 11th leading cause of death in Ohio
among all ages and the 2nd leading cause of death among Ohioans 10-34 years of age.
Crawford County experienced more suicide completions in 2019 than any other year.

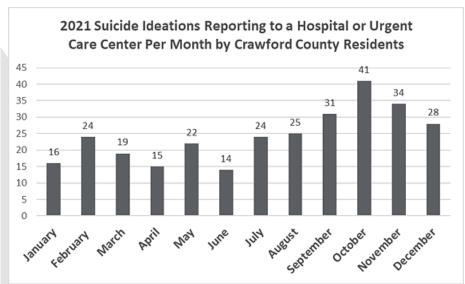
Crawford County 2021 Suicide							
Ideations *							
	YTD						
Total #	293						
Minimum Age	9						
Maximum Age	79						
Average Age	29						
#Male	121						
# Female	172						
Age Groups (2021)	YTD						
0-9 yrs	6						
10-19 yrs	113						
20-29 yrs	49						
30-39 yrs	56						
40-49 yrs	28						
50-59 yrs	17						
60-69 yrs	17						
70-79 yrs	5						
80-89 yrs	0						
90-99 yrs	0						
100+	0						
Unknown	2						
Zip Codes	YTD						
Bucyrus (44820)	128						
Galion (44833)	107						
Crestline (44827)	40						
Tiro (44887)	7						

New Washington (44854)

Bloomville (44818)

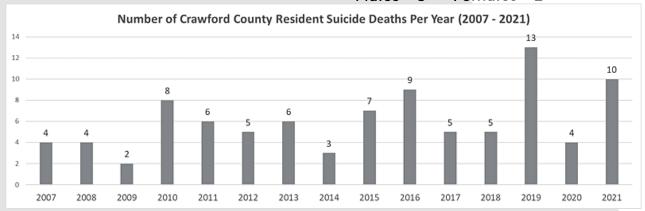
CRAWFORD COUNTY	
SUICIDE PREVENTION COALITION	
COALITION	\

All are welcome to help join in efforts to fulfill the mission of providing resources, support, and hope to all affected by suicide.



10

of SuicideDeaths in 2021 Minimum Age = 19 years Maximum Age = 70 years Average Age = 43 years Males = 8 Females = 2



SUICIDE PREVENTION

Are you struggling with suicidal thoughts? Are you worried about a friend or loved one and need support? You are not alone.





Get Support by Phone

The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline is free, confidential, and available 24/7.

How to help someone who is considering suicide:

- 1. **Ask, "Are you thinking about suicide?"** If you suspect someone you know if considering suicide, it's okay to ask them directly.
- 2. **Show the person you care**. Showing you care may help a person open up about how they are feeling.
- 3. **Listen with zero judgement**. Take some time and really listen and allow them to speak freely without interruption.
- 4. **Refer them to appropriate resources.** Encourage them and do not leave them alone. Call the Lifeline with them or be there when they call to make an appointment with a therapist.

5. **Don't be afraid to check-in.** - Continue to check in on them by meeting them for coffee, sending an encouraging text, or calling them to make sure they're getting the help they need.

Pictured to the left: Some of our staff that participated in the 2021 Annual Suicide Prevention Walk in September.



The 2022 Suicide Prevention Walk will be Saturday, September 24th! Walks will take place in Bucyrus, Galion & Crestline.

DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION

Crawford County Public Health is a member of the Crawford County Prevention Coalition whose mission is to improve the quality of life in our community through action, education and prevention.



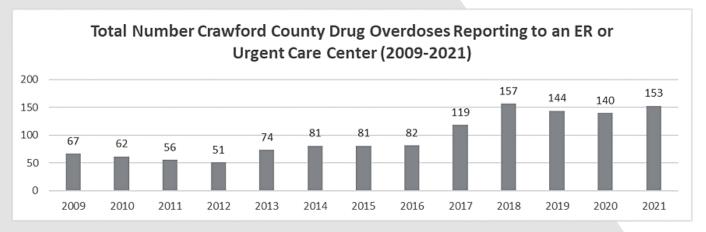
2021	YTD
Total Number of Visits:	153
Minimum Age:	0
Maximum Age:	102
Average Age:	38
# Male:	87
# Female:	65
Bucyrus City Zip Code:	64
Galion City Zip Code:	50
Crestline Zip Code:	21
Bloomville Zip Code:	4
New Washington Zip Code:	6
Tiro Zip Code:	8
North Robinson	1

Ages of Overdoses	
(2021)	YTD
0-9 years	8
10-19 years	16
20-29 years	22
30-39 years	51
40-49 years	24
50-59 years	13
60-69 years	8
70-79 years	2
80-89 years	3
90+ years	2
Unlisted	4

7

Number of 2021 Crawford County resident unintentional overdose deaths (5 females and 2 males). Ages ranged from 34 to 66 years with an average age of 41 years. 7

Number of Crawford County children that experienced loss of a parent to unintentional overdose death in 2021.



DRUG OVERDOSE PREVENTION

CCPH holds a grant from the Ohio Dept. of Health to support local drug overdose prevention coalition efforts. Creation of an Overdose Fatality Review Team, utilizing media & social media to increase education and awareness, creating guidance documents for the local coalition, monitoring overdose activities, and dissemination of data are efforts funded by the grant.



8

Number of Crawford County children age 3 or younger that reported to an ER for possible drug overdose in 2021. Each incident was due to prescription or OTC medication not being stored safely and securely. None of the incidents were fatal.

AWARD WINNING YEAR!

We were both surprised and humbled to receive awards from different community partners throughout 2021. We were honored to receive the Community Development Award from the Crawford Partnership, the Spirit of Philanthropy Award from the Community Foundation for Crawford County, and the 2021 CARES Award from the Ohio Association of County Behavioral Health Authorities on behalf of a nomination from the Crawford-Marion ADAMH Board.

Additionally, the BGSU Public Health Program sent a Certificate of Outstanding Public Service award



PARTNER(S) OF THE YEAR

The Crawford County Board of Health voted unanimously to honor both the Bucyrus Public Library and the Crestline Public Library as a 2021 Public Health Partner of the Year for assisting with the distribution of a total of 14,766 at-home COVID-19 test kits during 2021.

The Board of Health annually reviews collaborative activities Crawford County Public Health conducted with community partners during the past calendar year to select a Public Health Partner of the Year.

This was the fourth year of honoring a community partner for their efforts that help Crawford County Public Health fulfill its mission to educate, empower, and improve the quality of life for the Crawford County Community. Past awards were presented to Sheriff Scott Kent (2018), Avita Health System (2019) and Crawford County EMA (2020).

Additionally, the Bucyrus Public Library in collaboration with Crawford Reads 20, provided books we mailed to all children ages 12 and younger that tested positive for COVID-19 beginning September 1st.



Kate Siefert with Stephanie Buchanan, Bucyrus Public Library Director (holding the plaque), and Erin Rhoades,

Assistant Director.



Kate Siefert with Cheryl Swihart, Crestline Pubic Library Director (holding the plaque), Board of Health member Sis Love (far left) and the Crestline Library Board members.



14.766

Number of free rapid at-home COVID-19 test kits distributed by the Bucyrus & Crestline Public Libraries in 2021.

DONORS

The following were recognized as a 2021 Donor of Excellence for helping Crawford County Public Health fulfill its mission to educate, empower, and improve the quality of life for the Crawford County Community:

Amvets Post 27

Benton General Store

Bucyrus Dental Solutions

Crawford County Senior Fair Board

Crawford County Family & Children First Council

Dzugan Real Estate Services

Galion LLC

GE Lighting

GE IUE-CWA Local 84704

Gloria Nelson

Janice Auck

John Roop & Family

New Washington Community Quilters

Park National Bank

Plankton United Methodist Church

Woodlawn UMC





STAFF

Kate Siefert, MPH, Health Commissioner Dr. Christopher Johnson, DO, Medical Director Krista Whitmeyer, Director of Administrative Services Barb Roberts, Deputy Director of Administrative Servies/IT Ginger George, Registrar/Billing Clerk

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Amy Ramirez, RN, Director Rae Johnson, RN, Public Health Nurse Lisa Stine, RN, Public Health Nurse Erin Barnett, RN, Public Health Nurse Crystal Marks, RN, (Crestline) Beth Hiler, RN, (Buckeye Central) Ashley Siesel, RN (Buckeye Central) Whitney Long, RN (Colonel Crawford) Cassie Powers, RN, PRN Nurse Becky Kirgis, RN, PRN Nurse Erica Finnan, RN, PRN Nurse

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Steve Jozwiak, RS, Director Michael Graves, RS, Staff Sanitarian Blythe Buurma, RS, Emergency Preparedness Planner/Staff Sanitarian Heather Rowland, Early Intervention

WIC

Kathy Bushey, Director Mary Coleman, RDLD, Nutritionist Melissa Freeman, RDLD, Nutritionist Vicki Hartschuh, Clerk Deanna Grube, IBCLC Lactation Consultant Holly Kozinski, Breastfeeding Peer Helper Brittiny Harrand, Clerk Kymber Sand, Clerk

HELP ME GROW

Pam Kalb, MSW, Contract Manager Dawn Stuckert, LSW, Service Coordinator Christy Holman, RSWA, Home Visitor Mary Lear, RSWA, Home Visitor Ashley Morey, Home Visitor

2021 REFLECTIONS

We entered 2021 full of hope as highly effective vaccines were released that could help prevent severe illnesses and hospitalizations. The months of January and February found us working at a frenzied pace to vaccinate healthcare workers and the older members of our community. While the days were very long and we often found ourselves working 6-7 days per week, this time flew by as we welcomed many that had never been to our office before. The senior population of Crawford County arrived in style, dressed in their Sunday best, with hearts full of gratitude and expressions of kindness for our

Sunday best, with hearts full of gratitude and expressions of kindness for our staff. We absolutely adored serving them and helping them through the COVID-19 vaccination process. We could all take a lesson from them on how to treat one another during trying times.

Daily vaccination efforts continued for more than half of the year. When demand declined, we shifted back to our weekly clinic schedule and incorporated COVID-19 vaccines into our usual offerings of tetanus, chickenpox, measles, mumps, shingles, and other vaccines.

The year 2021 helped us remember how amazing our community partners are at providing support. Once again, the Crawford County EMA office was a constant companion and with us every step of our pandemic response. As we needed to reach out to people, the Crawford County Board of Developmental Disabilities, the Crawford County Council on Aging, the Bucyrus Area Chamber of Commerce, the schools, and the local media outlets all became valuable partners in supporting our efforts to share information and make connections. While in the midst of high demands to offer vaccination clinics, the Bucyrus & Crestline Public Libraries stepped up to become the distribution centers for the free at-home test kits. There are too many partners to name, but we were grateful for all of the support from each and every one of them.

The staff at CCPH continue to demonstrate their dedication to the Crawford County community. We are eager to get back to some of our routine public health operations while also seeking out new ways to serve and improve the health of our county. We thank you for continuously supporting us through these years.

With gratitude.

Kate M. Siefert

Health Commissioner

SERVICES

CRAWFORD COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 1520 Isaac Beal Rd., Bucyrus, OH 44820



HOURS OF SERVICE

Regular Hours (Open to the Public): Monday through Friday, 8:00am-4:30pm

CONTACT US:

Nursing Division: (419)562-5871 ext. 1209

Environmental Health: (419)562-5871 ext. 1207

Vital Statistics: (419)562-5871 ext. 1201

WIC: (419)562-5859

Help Me Grow: (419)562-4667

Health Commissioner: (419)562-5871 ext. 1213

Website: www.crawfordhealth.org Email: cchd@crawfordhealth.org

NURSING CLINICS

Vaccination Clinics Every Thursday 2nd & 3rd Thursdays - 9-11:30am & 3-6:30pm All other Thursdays - 9-11:30am & 1-4:00pm New Washington Clinics - Every 3rd Wednesday - 9-11:30am HIV/STD Testing - by appointment

WIC CLINICS

BUCYRUS
2nd, 3rd, & 4th Tuesdays - 8am-5:00pm
1st, 3rd, & 4th Thursdays - 8am - 5:00pm
2nd Thursdays - 9:30am - 6:30pm
2nd Fridays - 8am - 5:00pm
GALION (First United Church of Christ - 248 Harding Way W.)
1st Tuesdays - 9:30am - 6:30pm
Every Wednesday - 8am - 5:00pm
1st, 3rd, & 4th Fridays - 8am - 5:00pm

