

Administration & Health Education

- The National Public Health Performance Standards Program is the nation's leading program to strengthen public health systems. The Health Department is conducting the performance standards assessment to determine where we can strengthen our performance.
- A state legislative initiative has effectively shutdown the Ohio Tobacco Prevention Foundation. The Health Department receives \$255,730 in Foundation funding for tobacco use prevention programs targeted at youth prevention and adult tobacco treatment programs. These programs

are coordinated through the Muskingum Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition. The Board of Health approved a six month continuation of the programs previously funded by the Foundation.

- The Muskingum Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition held the Bag the Butts Stuff the Snuff event in April. Tobacco trash was collected in a red dumpster in a parking lot between Colony Square Mall and Ruby Tuesdays. Incentives were given to contributors to raise



Stop germs from causing illness at the pool.

awareness about tobacco use and how prevalent it is in our area.

- The Health Department is pleased to welcome Heather Bennett as Help Me Grow Service Coordinator.

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Practice Healthy Swimming:

- Don't swim when you have diarrhea.
- Avoid getting water in your mouth.
- Practice good hygiene.
- Take kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers often.
- Change diapers in a bathroom and not at poolside.
- Wash your child thoroughly with soap and water before swimming.

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- The number of smoking complaints has been slowing to about 10 per month on average. Most of the businesses in the area are cooperating, but some places are still allowing smoking.

- Staff presented a pool safety program to 17 area public pool managers at the Dresden pool including information on how a swimming pool can spread disease.
- Fourteen temporary food services were inspected at

the Gus Macker Basketball Tournament.

- Sanitarians have investigated 83 incidents of animals biting people so far this year. Animals are required to be quarantined for a 10 day period.

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Community Health

- The Health Department now offers international travel immunizations. A public health nurse can determine the recommended vaccines for your travel location and provide vaccinations for safe travel.
- School nurses have been involved in kindergarten registration. Part of the process is hearing and vision screening and the review of immunization status.
- Senior health



Get your child immunized for school today!

screenings are now being provided to residents at the new Frank Cook Apartments on Baker Street.

- Congratulations to Carol Maddox who retired from ZMCHD with 20 years of service.
- The Board of Health approved funding of \$265,000 for dental equipment to expand dental services with \$100,000 coming from grant funds. The scope of the expansion/renovation project and bid specifications were reviewed with legal

counsel, and the Board is expected to release a bid for General Contractor services with a contract to be awarded by the end of July.

- Expansion of dental services will allow ZMCHD to renew its contract with the OSU College of Dentistry for the Oral Health Improvement Through Outreach (Ohio) Project. It allows their dental students to experience the oral health needs of underserved populations.
- ZMCHD welcomes Janet Brown, DDS as Part-time Dentist.



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