

Health Department Board Meetings Quarterly Review

Good Health Habits

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing or sneezing.
- Wash your hands often.

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Administration News

- Hamsters located at Mid-South Distributors tested positive for Lymphocytic Choriomeningitis (LCMV). This is the first time the virus has been identified in Muskingum County.
- More than 550 signatures were gathered for the Smoke-Free Ohio Campaign at the Muskingum County Fair. Smoke Free Ohio is a campaign by health organizations to create smoke free public places and workplaces in Ohio.
- School Wellness Policy Program will be held at the OUZ Campus October 18. Childhood obesity will be discussed and federal legislation will be introduced requiring schools to have a wellness policy and



The best way to prevent the flu is to get vaccinated each fall.

- team in place by 2006.
- Ed Shaffer and Bob Brems will make a presentation to the International Health Conference in Chicago on how the health department uses Geographical Information Systems (GIS) to manage septic systems.
- Jeff Michaels was welcomed as the new Bioterrorism Planning/ Emergency Response Coordinator replacing Judy King.
- A regional disaster drill was held. Muskingum County was the epicenter of the plague.
- Kay Hedges' retirement as Registrar effective December 31 was accepted with regret.

Environmental Health News

- The Board of Health approved the Stone Creek Subdivision Application in Washington Township for 21 lots.
- The third and final reading of Resolution 05-10 Food Protection Certification Course Fee was approved. This is an educational course offered to licensed food operators.
- Ohio Department of Agriculture Survey was conducted of our Food Program. Their survey concluded our program is meeting state standards.

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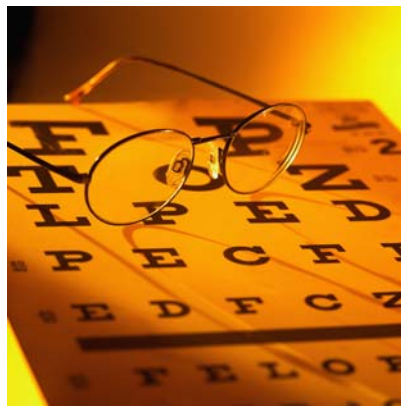


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Personal Health News

- The Board approved the second reading of Resolution 05-14 Tattoo & Body Piercing Service Fee.
- The Maysville & Tri-Valley School Health Contracts were approved.
- Vicki Whitacre, MD was a guest speaker at the Genesis Women's Health Expo. She spoke about obesity and changing childhood lifestyles.
- The health department and local eye doctors are sponsoring free vi-

sion screenings on November 4 & 5 in observance of Diabetes Awareness Month. Vision screenings are free to people who are uninsured and have diabe-



Diabetes is a major cause of blindness.

tes. However, it is necessary to schedule an appointment at 455-4949. Deadline for registration is October 15.

- Three dental clinic staff members were laid off until the search for a new dentist is complete. Staff is available part-time to assist with referrals. Dr. and Mrs. Waggle are volunteering in the Dental Clinic one day a month.
- Nearly 150 children received free dental screenings during Caring for Kids Dental Screening Day at the Health Department Dental Clinic in July.