

BOARD OF HEALTH QUARTERLY REVIEW

ZANESVILLE-MUSKINGUM COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Spring 2025



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Resolutions/ Contracts/ Agreements

The Board of Health approved the following:

- Rental of Welcome Center for District Advisory Council meeting
- CIAG Drowning Prevention Pilot Project
- OneOhio Grant Agreement for Peer Recovery Support Person
- Hughes Office Equipment Printer Service Agreement
- Straker Foundation – Spring Grant Application
- Pathways Community HUB Contract – 3 year renewal
- IT Contract
- Access Tusc: Bridges to Wellness HUB MOU
- Marietta Plumbing Contract
- Stericycle Service Agreement
- ZCS Safe Routes to School
- Swimming Lesson MOU with Dresden, YMCA, and Philo
- MBH Service Contract for Certified Peer Support
- Muskingum MultiSport Agreement

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Celebrating World Plumbing Day on
March 11th



Professional Development

Sam Wantz, Registered Environmental Health Specialist, presented information on public health nuisances. ZMCHD will inspect verbal or written complaints within 5 business days. Follow up occurs as necessary, and if no progress or abatement occurs then the case is referred to prosecutor.

Sam shared the types of nuisance complaints consists of food, sewage, solid waste, rental housing, mosquitos, jail, and smoking.

Common food complaints are pests (cockroaches, mice), undercooked food, unclean conditions, and self-reported food poisoning. Sewage complaints must be a written complaint of the observed conditions or alleged complaint. Solid waste is the disposal or residual solid or semisolid material onto the ground outside longer than 10 days. The health department has a solid waste remediation program, or “dumpster program”.

Other complaints the health department does NOT have jurisdiction over include conditions inside the home that is owner occupied, bed bugs, burning trash, junk cars, scrap, day care, nursing home, other medical facilities, and OSHA violations.

Personnel Updates:

ZMCHD welcomed the following employees:

Tonya Stillion, *WIC Certifying Health Professional*
Ashley Davis, *Public Health Nurse 1*

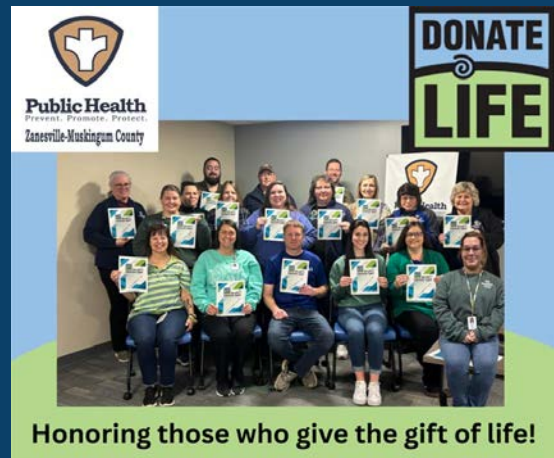
Reclassification:

Sam Wantz, *from Registered Environmental Health Specialist 2 to Community Health Planner 1*

Emilee Carter, *from WIC Breastfeeding Peer Helper 1 to WIC Breastfeeding Peer Helper 2*

Resignation:

Kassandra Settles, *Social Worker*
Lori Burnell, *Public Health Nurse 3*
Maybelle Shaw, *Contract Tracer*

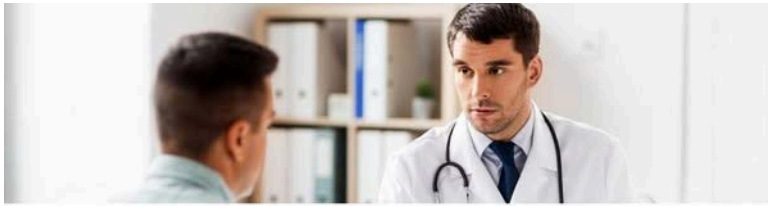


Honoring those who give the gift of life!

Photo of health department staff wearing Blue and Green for Donate Life Day.

Follow us:





Measles Protection for Adults

Generally, most adults who were vaccinated against measles as children do not need any additional doses as adults.

Adults who did not receive the MMR vaccine as children or those who are unsure about their vaccination status should talk to their healthcare provider for more information.

Those born prior to 1957 are likely protected by previous infection.



Measles Outbreak

Measles cases are in Ohio with Ashtabula and Knox County reporting outbreaks. Measles is a highly contagious virus that spreads through the air when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Children normally get their first dose of the MMR (measles-mumps-rubella) vaccine at 12-15 months, and their second dose between 4-6 years old. Muskingum County reports a 97.2% vaccination rate for Kindergarten students for the 24/25 School Year.

Trail Tuesday Posts

The Creating Healthy Communities Coalition launched Trail Tuesdays. Each Tuesday on our social media you'll find a different trail featured including its location, things to do, and access points. Safety tips such as hiking with a buddy, and bringing more water than you think you need are shared as well as trail etiquette. Be aware of your surroundings, be mindful and respectful on the trail, and leave it better than you found it.

Trail Tuesday!

MCGRAW EDISON RECREATION AREA

ABOUT THE TRAIL

McGraw Edison Recreation Area is an 80-acre park located nine miles east of Zanesville in Perry Township. The site is a pleasing mixture of gently rolling grasslands and steeper wooded hillsides. Water features include Little Salt Creek and an unnamed tributary, a wetland, and a small pond. An exceptional feature of the park is a hemlock grove located near the confluence of the unnamed tributary and Little Salt Creek. This mosaic of rock outcrops and tall, graceful hemlocks provides a stark contrast to the rest of the park's rolling fields and hardwood forests.

THINGS TO DO

MERA provides a beautiful landscape for spring wildflowers and fall prairie plants, mountain biking trails, walk, hike, catch and release fishing, birdwatching, explore the creeks and wetlands areas. An exceptional feature is the Hemlock Grove with rock outcrops. Be sure to use bug spray to repel ticks when visiting this property.

TRAIL ACCESS

Located at 6165 Park Lane. Take 70 East of Zanesville to the Airport Exit. Turn right onto Airport Road, then left at the 4-way stoplight. Turn right onto Spry Road. Then turn right onto Park Lane. MERA is located at the bottom of the long hill on the right. Enter and the parking lot is on the right.

www.MVParkDistrict.org

Female, Male, Nymph, Larva

A. Lone star tick, female
B. American dog tick, female
C. Blacklegged tick, female
D. Blacklegged tick, nymph

Actual Size Comparison Ohio Tick ID Card

Blacklegged (deer) tick

American dog (wood) tick

Lone star tick

Female, Male, Nymph, Larva

Tick, Ticks, and more Ticks

It's getting warmer which means more people are outdoors. Don't forget to check yourself over after being in tall grasses, woodland areas, or any potentially tick-infested areas. Ticks in Ohio can carry Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. #BeTickSmart

Tobacco Clean Up Days

Three local high schools participated in the annual Take Down Tobacco Cleanup Event. Local high school students joined ZMCHD staff to clean up designated areas of any tobacco products.

West M High School: *Riesbeck's on Howard Street, & Zane's Landing Trail*

Mid-East Career: *Downtown Zanesville*

Zanesville High School: *Zanesville High School Campus*





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Mission:

To use best practices to prevent illness, protect our health, and promote well-being.

Vision:

Muskingum County is the healthiest place to live, learn, work, and play.

Values:

Respect diversity and practice inclusion.

Be accountable, ethical, and equitable.

Practice continuous process improvement.

Be helpful, adaptive, and take pride in providing excellent service.

Engage with our communities and work as a team to achieve desired results.



**FRIENDS IN ACTION
MUSKINGUM**

4 easy steps to start volunteering!
Find ways to volunteer at
zmfriends.voly.org

1. Create your volunteer account
2. Complete your profile
3. Select causes you want to help
4. Become a fan of your favorite agency

Save the Date

What: Zanesville City
Half Marathon and 5K

Where: Downtown
Zanesville

When: September 27th, 2025

Register: RunSignUp.com



Upcoming Events:

May Events

May 15: Board of Health Meeting,
6:00 PM, 205 N. 7th Street

May 26: Closed for Memorial Day

May 27: Closed for Staff Meeting,
3:00 -4:30 PM

June Events

June 18: Board of Health Meeting,
6:00 PM, 205 N. 7th Street

June 19: Closed for Juneteenth
Day

June 24: Closed for Staff Meeting,
3:00 -4:30 PM

July Events

July 4: Closed for Independence
Day

July 17: Board of Health Meeting,
6:00 PM, 205 N. 7th Street

July 29: Closed for Staff Meeting,
3:00 -4:30 PM