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Board of Health

QUARTERLY REVIEW

Fall 2026

Welcome Kylie Jones!

The Zanesville-Muskingum County Board of Health is pleased to announce the appointment of Kylie Jones, MPH, as the next Health Commissioner for the Zanesville-Muskingum County Health Department.

Kylie will serve as the Deputy Health Commissioner until the retirement of current Health Commissioner Corey Hamilton on December 1st.



Resolutions/ Contracts/ Agreements

- Kane Learning ZMCHD Leadership 2026 Contract
- Vital Stats M.O.M. Contract
- Every Baby Sleeps Safe MOU
- Public Health Emergency Preparedness Consultant Agreement
- Muskingum Multisports Contract
- Redemption Through the Lens Service Agreement
- Approval to Auction Fleet Vehicle
- Kane Learning Employee Engagement and In-Person Focus Group
- Resolution 26-09-02 Food Service and Retail Food License Fees -1st Reading
- Ohio Healthcare Disaster Preparedness - COTS
- Spectrum Agreement
- Vaccines for Children Deputization MOU
- Leah Nairn Photography Contract
- Brittco Agreement

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Personnel Updates:

ZMCHD Welcomes:

Keisha Haren, Early Intervention Service Coordinator
Kelley Colyer, Help Me Grow Home Visitor
Leshia Alexander, Community Health Worker

Reclassifications:

Emilee Carter, from Full-Time to Part-Time

Resignations:

Ann Hollingsworth, Director of Community Engagement Performance Management
Katrina Bishop, Administrative Assistant/Customer Service Representative
Lucille Rucker, Epidemiologist
Shelbi Van Meter, Human Resource Coordinator

Retirements:

Karen Jacolenne, Administrative Assistant (August 31st)
Corey Hamilton, Health Commissioner (December 1st)

Professional Development

In August, Medical Director Dr. Butterfield provided updates to the Board of Health members on Measles, COVID-19, Influenza and Cyclospora.

Cyclosporiasis was a major concern for many over the summer as we watched what we ate and the cause was looked into. Muskingum County had seven documented cases though there were likely more unreported cases. As of September 11th, the CDC has declared this outbreak over. While the outbreak is over, the FDA continues the outbreak investigation of cyclospora infections linked to iceberg lettuce sources from Central Mexico and recalled by Taylor Farms de Mexico.

West Nile Virus in Mosquitoes

ZMCHD routinely conducts trapping of mosquitoes throughout Muskingum County during mosquito season. These mosquitoes are sent off to the Ohio Department of Health lab for testing.

On August 4th, we were notified that one of these traps tested positive for West Nile Virus. After confirming the location of the trap we increased treatment in the impacted region and alerted the public.

Help prevent mosquitoes in your yard by removing standing water. Look in these common breeding grounds:

- Bird Baths
- Rain Barrels
- Roof Gutters
- Tires
- Toys
- Anything that holds water



Sail into a New School Year

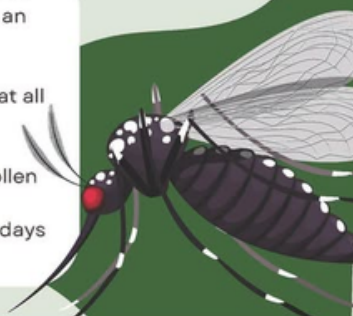
This summer ZMCHD hosted the Back to School Bash– Sail into a New School Year. It was a fun pirate-themed event where preschool aged children and their families could learn about being healthy at school. There were a wide variety of health education stations including some that demonstrated how to cross the street, and teaching how to sneeze into your elbow. The main focus however was providing information on routine childhood immunizations to families of young children with an overall goal of keeping children healthy and in school.



KNOW THE SYMPTOMS: WEST NILE VIRUS



- Symptoms may develop 2-14 days following a bite from an infected mosquito
- 70-80% of people will experience no symptoms at all
- Symptoms include fever, headache, body aches, nausea, vomiting, and swollen lymph nodes
- Symptoms may last a few days or up to several weeks



Contact your healthcare provider if you are experiencing these symptoms.

Mid-Summer Storms & Severe Weather



A statewide Air Quality Advisory was issued for July 16th and continued through the 17th as smoke from Canadian wildfires greatly impacted our area.

Two tornadoes were confirmed to have touchdown in Muskingum County on July 21st. Both tornadoes hit in the southern area of the county about 20 minutes apart.

Severe flash flooding hit East Fultonham, Roseville, White Cottage, and other areas overnight on August 10th into the 11th. The National Guard was deployed to help in neighboring Crooksville. Flooding continued in our area throughout August and into September.

ZMCHD worked hard to support our community throughout the severe weather storms. We provided N95 masks to area organizations and handed them out to the general public during the wildfires. Staff inspected four shelters so they could open for those displaced during the storm, evaluated sewage treatment system conditions at several manufactured home parks and checked on contaminated water wells from the flooding. We inspected food service operations that were under water to get them back to business, and much more.

Mosquitoes were a big problem with all the standing water left after the flooding. Our mosquito intern increased spraying to keep up with the complaints, and additional larvicide was purchased. His last day was October 1st.

Staff participated in a Tri-County Multi-Agency Resource Center held at the Roseville Community Center from August 24 through September 2nd. We provided resource information to residents impacted by the flooding.

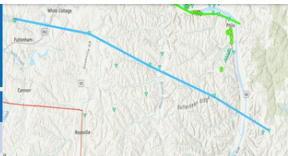
Additionally staff worked with the EMA to support damage assessments and determine impact severity. They documented damage and spoke to residents impacted by the flooding.





**Preliminary
Damage Survey Results**

Fultonham OH EF0 Tornado	
Date	July 21, 2026
Time (Local)	2:27 PM – 2:47 PM
Est. Peak Winds	75 mph
Path Length	15.80 miles (blue line) (intermittent)
Max Width	75 yards
Injuries/Deaths	0 Injuries / 0 Deaths

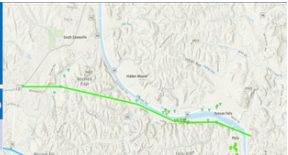


National Weather Service posts on the July 21st tornadoes.



**Preliminary
Damage Survey Results**

South Zanesville OH EF1 Tornado	
Date	July 21, 2026
Time (Local)	3:10 PM – 3:21 PM
Est. Peak Winds	105 mph
Path Length	8.70 miles
Max Width	400 yards
Injuries/Deaths	0 Injuries / 0 Deaths





Above: Flooding seen at Lake Isabella in East Fultonham.



Damage to homes in South Zanesville.

Left: Damage at Chateau Estates Manufactured Home Park
Right: Flooding off of Jonathon Creek near Colonial Valley Manufactured Home Park on Kensington Ave.

Overdose Awareness Day

The Zanesville–Muskingum County Health Department observed Overdose Awareness Week August 24th through the 28th. Themes for the week included Paint Muskingum Purple Monday, and Rescue Ready Thursday. Staff distributed purple lapel pins to community partners, and encouraged people to post on social media to raise awareness of prevention, and carry Narcan.

Muskingum County August 24th through August 28th

Overdose Awareness Theme Week 2026

Please join other organizations across the county to raise awareness for overdose prevention and recovery in our community.

- Monday 8/24** **Paint Muskingum Purple Monday**
Decorate your workplace, desk, or home office PURPLE, then take a picture and post it to social media. #KNOTaloneOAD2026
- Tuesday 8/25** **Lapel Pin Tuesday**
Wear a purple, Overdose Awareness lapel pin to show your support for this cause in Muskingum County. Post pics to: #KNOTaloneOAD2026
- Wednesday 8/26** **Wear Purple Wednesday**
Wear PURPLE!!! Shirts, hats, socks, pants... we don't care what-- just show your love for this cause. Post pics to: #KNOTaloneOAD2026
- Thursday 8/27** **Rescue Ready Thursday**
Post about how you carry Narcan, offer education about it, and direct people to Project DAWN for their Narcan needs. Post pics to: #KNOTaloneOAD2026
<https://www.zmchd.org/Services/Project-DAWN-Safe-Print/>
- Friday 8/28** **Photo Booth Friday**
Create a prop or poster about overdose awareness and pose with it (or create a virtual one on Canva). Post pics to: #KNOTaloneOAD2026



On August 31st, ZMCHD held our 2026 Overdose Awareness & Prevention Event on Overdose Awareness Day. The event reinforced our KNOT Alone message that individuals impacted by substance use are not alone, families are not alone, recovery is possible, and those we have lost are not forgotten.

The event which brought together 27 community partners provided an opportunity to bring prevention, harm reduction, treatment, recovery, behavioral health, and other community resources together in one location.



KNOT Alone Community Line

The KNOT Alone Community Line was started at the Overdose Awareness Day event, but will continue throughout the rest of the year. The line will be traveling throughout Muskingum County spending a week at a time at various community partners where community members can add onto the growing line. Each knot reinforces the messages: **You are KNOT Alone. Do KNOT Give Up. Your loved one is KNOT Forgotten.** Eventually the line will make it's way back to the health department to be displayed.

Tie your strip(s) onto the community line to help create a shared symbol of hope, remembrance, and support.
Every knot is a story.
Every knot is a commitment.
And every knot reminds us that we are **KNOT alone**.

Purple =

I have lost someone to overdose.

Teal =

I am in recovery.

Grey/Silver =

I know someone who struggles.

Red =

I support prevention efforts in our community.



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Flu/COVID Vaccine Clinic Tour 2026



<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
10/7/2026	10 am - 12 pm	Duncan Falls Library
10/8/2026	9 am - 11 am	Timber Run Grange Building West Pike
10/13/2026	10 am - 12 pm	New Concord Fire Department
10/15/2026	9 am - 11 am	William Barker Roseville Community Center
10/19/2026	10 am - 12 pm	Washington Township Fire Department
10/20/2026	9 am - 11 am	Chandlersville School/Community Bldg
10/22/2026	9 am - 11 am	Tri-Valley Fire District
10/26/2026	9 am - 11 am	IBEW Hall
10/27/2026	9 am - 11 am	Licking Township Fire Department
10/29/2026	10 am- 12 pm	Meadow View Church Frazesburg
Or call 740-454-9741 to schedule your appointment at the health department.		

MUSKINGUM COUNTY RESIDENTS ONLY

Walk-ins are welcome.

**Pre-registration for the clinic
of your choice is preferred.**



We do NOT accept

- GEHA
- Medigold
- OhioHealthy
- The Health Plan
- TriCare

**We apologize for any
inconvenience.**

Visit zmchd.org/news for more information and to pre-register

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.

DATES TO REMEMBER

October Events

October 12: Closed for Columbus Day

October 15: Board of Health Meeting
6pm, 205 N. 7th Street

October 27: Closed for Staff Meeting, 3-4:00pm

October 31: Halloween

November Events

November 17: Closed for Staff Meeting, 11am -1pm

November 19: Board of Health Meeting
6pm, 205 N. 7th Street

November 26th & 27th: Closed for Thanksgiving

December Events

December 17: Board of Health Meeting
6pm, 205 N. 7th Street

December 24th & 25th: Closed for Christmas

December 31st & January 1st: Closed for New Year's



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IT'S NOT A GOODBYE

Retirement Party Honoring

Corey Hamilton

October 27th, 2026
12 - 2 pm & 4:30 - 6 pm
630 Main St., Zanesville



740-454-9741
help@zmchd.org
www.zmchd.org
205 N 7th Street,
Zanesville, OH

FOLLOW US



Got Drugs?

Turn in your unused or expired medication for safe disposal

Saturday, October 24
10 a.m.—2 p.m.



Saturday, October 24

10am-12pm

Don't miss out on the opportunity to clear out your medicine cabinet:

- Old prescriptions
- Expired over the counter meds
- Inhalers
- Sharps – needles, diabetic sticks
- Medical equipment
- We take it all!

Don't just dump your old cold medicine down the drain. Bring it in to us to dispose of safely.