

Board of Health Quarterly Review



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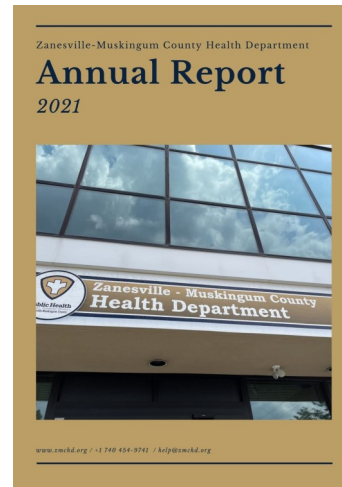
Resolutions/Contracts/Agreements

The Board of Health approved the following:

- Memorandum of Understanding with Portsmouth City Health Department
- Sewage Treatment System Variance Request for Academy Court, Norwich
- Ohio Department of Health Maternity Licensure Certificate of Approval
- Ohio Department of Health Healthy Homes and Lead Poisoning Prevention Program
- The Baldwin Group, Health Department Information System Software Agreement

The Health District Advisory Council meeting was scheduled

for March 17, 2022. Administrative staff worked very hard to coordinate the meeting with the Muskingum County Township Association. Still, we were unable to draw a quorum to conduct official business. Per Ohio Revised Code, an executive committee was formed and met on April 6th to review and approve the minutes from the 2021 meeting and to revise the definition of a quorum to 51% of those jurisdictions present at meetings. We anticipate that this will make it easier to conduct the business of the Health District Advisory Council each year. We will also look at opportunities to change the meeting time and structure so that more elected officials can attend.



The 2021 Annual Report is now available online at <http://www.zmchd.org/local-news/>

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New Muskingum County COVID-19 Dashboard

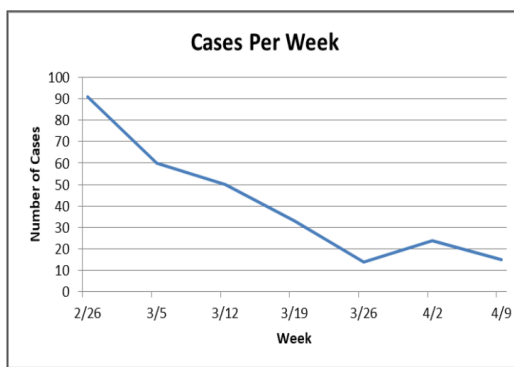
1.4%
7-Day COVID-19 Bed Utilization Rate*

2.2/100,000
7-Day Per Hospital Admission Rate**

18.56/100,000
7-Day Per Capita Case Rate***

31
Active Cases

53% / 50%
Vaccines Started / Completed



MUSKINGUM COUNTY

COVID-19 Community Levels and Indicators				
New COVID-19 Cases	Indicators	Low	Medium	High
Fewer than 200 per 100,000 pop in the past 7 days	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	< 10.0	10.0 - 19.9	≥ 20.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	< 10.0	10.0 - 14.9	≥ 15.0
200 per 100,000 pop in the past 7 days	New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population (7-day total)	N/a	< 10.0	< 10.0
	Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)	N/a	< 10.0	< 10.0

The COVID-19 community level is determined by the higher of the new admissions and inpatient beds metrics, based on the current level of new cases per 100,000 population in the past 7 days

[ODH COVID-19 DASHBOARD](#) [CDC COVID-19 COUNTY MAP](#)

New COVID-19 Dashboard

- A new COVID-19 Dashboard was created in March to fully reflect the burden of disease on our healthcare system.
- To view, visit www.zmchd.org/covid-19.

* Percent of staffed inpatient beds occupied by COVID-19 patients (7-day average)

** Rate of COVID-19 admissions (7-day total)

*** Rate per 100,000 pop in the past 7 days

Last Updated: 4/8/2022

ZMCHD Incident Command

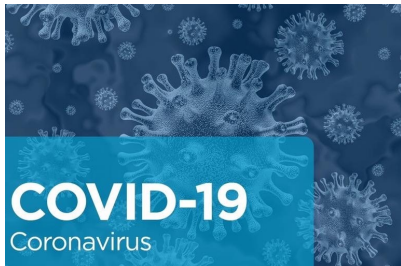
In January, Muskingum County reported 5,758 cases of COVID-19. This was the highest surge in cases since the pandemic began in 2020. The Omicron variant was identified as the most contagious form in January, but did not produce the severity of disease that the Delta variant had produced. Still, testing and hospitalizations were higher than ever. ZMCHD investigated 38 outbreaks in the community (long term care facilities, schools, and businesses). As the month closed, the number of cases was trending downward and the testing demand was subsiding.

Muskingum County reported 795 cases in February with 15 outbreaks in the community. The downward trend of COVID-19 cases that started late January continued through February until 5 of the last 7 days of the month the number of new positive cases was less than 8 each day. On the last day of February, we had 148 active cases. Until then, our active case count was not under 200 since mid-August 2021. The Omicron variant produced the highest number of positive cases during the pandemic. And, as fast and hard as it hit our community, February brought relief

from receiving hundreds of new cases each day. Also, the disease investigation, contact tracing, and community mitigation guidance from the CDC lessened during February, giving us all hope that we may have finally seen the worst of this virus.

On March 1, ZMCHD lifted the indoor mask advisory issued on August 9, 2021. Muskingum County reported 164 cases with six outbreaks in the community in March. We extended a heartfelt thank you to our community for doing their part during this challenging time.

Muskingum County COVID-19 Unified Command



The COVID-19 Unified Command group reduced the frequency of Incident Command System briefings in January since the response shifted almost entirely to Genesis Healthcare System, local vaccination providers, and ZMCHD.

The full incident Command Service group met the 2nd Wednesday of the month with the Unified Command group meeting the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month.

While we continued to consult our community partners on any decisions that impacted them or required their assistance, we started to ready ourselves for the

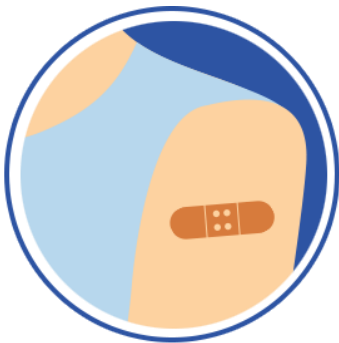
endemic phase of this pandemic.

On March 9th, the meeting frequency was changed to once a month as cases, hospitalizations, deaths, and community positivity rates were trending downward.

On April 13th, since COVID-19 had de-escalated, the Unified Command group demobilized the emergency response and discontinued monthly briefings with the group lead by ZMCHD and Genesis.

COVID activities can now be maintained within the day to day activities of the community partners.

COVID-19 Vaccination



In January, a vaccine booster was made available to adolescents and teens ages 12 to 18 years old who received a COVID-19 vaccine, but the demand for them was low.

We gave 350 COVID vaccinations, a decrease from 1,038 in December.

Vaccination numbers decreased in February with 101 doses given.

In March, vaccination numbers continued to decrease with 41 doses given.

A second vaccine booster was authorized

for older people and certain immunocompromised individuals.

On March 7, the CDC reported the gap in COVID-19 vaccination coverage between urban and rural areas has **more than doubled** since April 2021.

ZMCHD is addressing barriers to vaccination in rural areas to help achieve vaccine equity and decrease COVID-19 illness and death.

LOW COVID-19 Community Level

On February 25, 2022, the CDC updated community-level risk metrics and prevention recommendations.

At that time, Muskingum County was in the MEDIUM risk level.

On March 4, 2022, Muskingum County moved to a LOW risk level.

Although residents may choose to mask at any time, it is not required within the medium or low risk levels.

It is recommended that individuals talk with their doctor about the need to mask if at high risk for severe illness.

WHAT'S A COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL?

- It's a new tool to help communities decide what prevention measures to take based on the latest data
- Every community in the United States is classified as:

Low	Medium	High
Limited impact on healthcare system, low levels of severe illness	Some impact on healthcare system, more people with severe illness	High potential for healthcare system strain; high level of severe illness



cdc.gov/coronavirus

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REGARDLESS OF YOUR COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL, YOU SHOULD MASK IF YOU HAVE

 Symptoms of COVID-19

 Positive COVID-19 Test

 Exposure to someone with COVID-19



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Accreditation Update

Ann Hollingsworth, Accreditation Coordinator, met her goal of completing the follow-up documentation the Public Health Accreditation Board had requested from us.

We had a deadline of late June 2022, after it had been extended twice due to COVID; but, Ann's self-imposed deadline was April 1st.

The documentation was ready for leadership review on March 28th. Once

submitted, our accreditation specialist let us know that she had received the submission and would let us know about the anticipated review time frame in the next few weeks.



Helping raise the standard for public health.

Personnel Update

The Board of Health approved the following:

Resignations:

Kaitlynn Scheiderer, Public Health Nurse

Kylie Jones, Community Health Planner

ZMCHD welcomed the following employee:

Sharon Gibbs, Administrative Assistant





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Mission:

Prevent. Promote. Protect. Public Health is Our Passion!

Vision:

***For Our Agency:** One team, striving for excellence, educating and empowering with every encounter.*

***For Our Community:** Muskingum County is the healthiest place to live, learn, work and play.*

Values:

***Work Together:** We engage with our community to establish common goals and achieve desired results.*

***Help Others:** We are helpful, adaptive, and take pride in providing excellent service.*

***Do the Right Thing:** We are fair, honest, ethical, and accountable.*

***Improve:** We continually look for ways to improve our efficiency and effectiveness.*

***Respect:** We accept diversity and practice*



Upcoming Events



April Events

April 4-8: National Public Health Week

April 21: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

April 26: Staff Meeting/Office Closed, 3:00-4:30pm

April 28: Breastfeeding Café, 1:00pm

April 30: National Prescription Drug Take Back Day, 10am-2pm/Health Department parking lot, 205 N. 7th Street

May Events

May 19: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

May 26: Breastfeeding Café, 1:00pm

May 30: Memorial Day/Office Closed

June Events

June 16: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

June 23: Breastfeeding Café, 1:00pm

July Events

July 4: Independence Day/Office Closed

July 21: Board of Health Meeting, 6:00pm/Virtual Board of Health Meeting, Google Meet

July 28: Breastfeeding Café, 1:00pm