

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Food Safety Programs	
Inspections.....	1825
Water Quality Programs	
Chemical and Bacterial Water Sampling	
Water Samples.....	207
Field Inspections.....	143
Site Evaluations.....	88
Home Sewage Treatment Systems (HSTS)	
Site and Soil Evaluations.....	453
Inspections.....	776
Installation Permit.....	87
Design Plans.....	254
Septic Correspondence & Consultations.....	583
Septic Records Requests & Reviews.....	306
Wastewater Nuisance Complaints	
Inspections/Reinspection/Consultations...	230
Data Collection/File Review/Reports.....	303
Semi-Public Commercial Wastewater (HB110)	
Inspections.....	437
Consultations.....	314
Storm Water Illicit Discharges (ID)	
Consultations & Correspondence.....	109
ID and Verification Inspections.....	241
Dry Weather Screenings.....	442
Solid Waste Programs	
Solid Waste, Construction, & Demolition Program	
Inspections.....	47
Nuisance Complaint Inspections.....	46
Infectious Waste	
Inspections.....	4
Consultations.....	1
General Environmental Health	
Recreational Camps	
Inspections.....	62
Swimming Pools & Spas	
Inspections.....	249
Schools	
Inspections.....	92
Tattoo/Body Art	
Inspections.....	22
Plumbing	
Residential Inspections.....	513
Commercial Inspections.....	177
Mosquito Program	
Trappings.....	293
Site Assessments.....	6

OUR MISSION

as a local public health district is to promote public health, prevent disease, and protect the environment, utilizing leadership and partnership to empower individuals and communities to achieve optimal health.

OUR VISION

for Portage County is:
Healthy People.
Healthy Environments.
Healthy Communities.

OUR CORE VALUES

to serve our residents are Accountability
 Communication, Dedication, Ethics, and
 Innovation.

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NURSING SERVICES

Immunizations	
Child and Adult.....	757
TB Tests	
TB Tests Administered.....	60
Seasonal Flu Shots	
Flu Shots Administered.....	426
Flu Shot Clinics.....	8
Communicable Disease	
Communicable Disease Investigations.....	9095
Children With Medical Handicaps Program	
Children Enrolled in Program.....	352
Animal Bites/Rabies Control	
Exposures/Bite Reports.....	154

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education Programs	
Child Passenger Program	
Car Seats Distributed.....	78
Project DAWN	
Kits Distributed.....	467
Residents Trained.....	361
Safe Sleep (Cribs for Kids) Program	
Pack n' Plays distributed.....	62
Safe Communities	
Educational Events	
Events Held.....	4
People Reached through Media.....	3,377,946
Motorcycle Ohio	
Motorcycle Ohio Classes	
Classes Held.....	16
Total Students.....	110
Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)	
MRC Volunteers.....	60

WOMEN, INFANT, CHILDREN (WIC)

WIC Program	
Average Monthly Caseload.....	3,542
Certifications/Recertifications.....	6,979
Midcertifications.....	7,269
Breastfeeding Program	
Breastfeeding Initiation Rate.....	55.5%
Total Breastfeeding Contacts.....	6,463

2020 ANNUAL REPORT

FINANCIALS

Sources of Revenue

Health Levy.....	\$1,252,662
Contract Fees.....	\$484,708
State Subsidy.....	\$65,682
Grants.....	\$2,830,329
Environmental Programs.....	\$997,615
Nursing/BCMh Programs.....	\$96,465
MAC Program.....	\$98,997
Miscellaneous.....	\$30,837
Total Revenue.....	\$5,857,295

Expenditures

Salaries.....	\$2,530,177
Benefits.....	\$989,882
Accreditation.....	\$67,812
Supplies/Equipment.....	\$298,938
Contracts.....	\$874,997
State Remittances.....	\$60,057
Travel (Mileage).....	\$35,141
Lab Testing.....	\$7,192
Rent & Utilities.....	\$128,667
Miscellaneous.....	\$246,119
Total Expenditures.....	\$5,238,982

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Serving the Cities of: Aurora, Ravenna, Streetsboro

2020: A YEAR NOT TO BE FORGOTTEN

2020 brought forth concepts such as “lockdowns,” “mask mandates,” and “social distancing”. Today these concepts are part of our everyday language as the COVID-19 pandemic continues to impact all aspects of our lives.

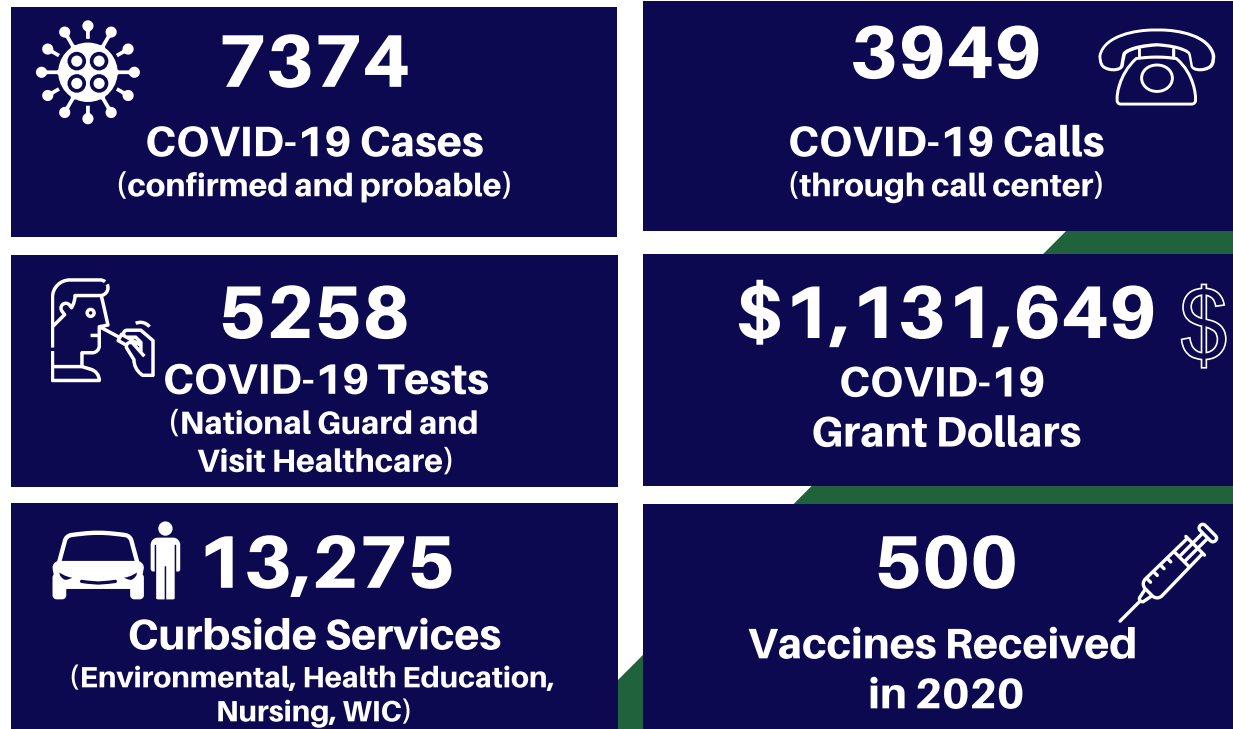
Portage County saw its first case of COVID-19 on March 13th and was saddened by its first death March 29th. Each day brought a new challenge to public health, and PCHD staff rose up to the challenge in response to this public health pandemic while also continuing to meet the essential functions of the Health District.

COVID-19 response included communicable disease investigations, contact tracing, outreach investigations, public information, enforcement, testing, and distribution of vaccine.

Portage County had a total of 7,374 COVID-19 cases and saw its highest 7- day average of 142 cases in December. By the end of 2020, there was a total of 390 hospitalizations and 128 deaths due to COVID-19.

Public information was another key component in the response efforts of PCHD. PCHD received and responded to over 6,000 COVID-19 calls and over 1,500 compliance complaints.

Vaccines provide the “light at the end of the tunnel” out of this pandemic, a path to our “new normal”. Following the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health, PCHD was able to provide vaccinations to 233 first responders the last week of 2020. This started the mass vaccination campaign for Portage County, that will continue through 2021.



ACCREDITATION UPDATES

PCHD continued its journey of maintaining national public health accreditation in 2020. With the completion of the Community Health Assessment (CHA) and Improvement Plan (CHIP) in 2019, PCHD worked with community partners and stakeholders to address the health problems identified in the 2020-2022 CHIP.

CHIP Priority Areas:

- Mental Health, Substance Use, & Addiction
- Chronic Disease
- Maternal, Infant, & Child Health

CHIP Cross-Cutting Factors:

- Access to Care
- Social Determinants of Health
- Health Equity

PCHD must complete a yearly report to maintain national accreditation. The yearly report addresses the four measures that were “slightly demonstrated” in the final PHAB report. Section I and II of the yearly PHAB report were completed, submitted and approved.

Quality Improvement

Quality Improvement (QI) is a key component to the Health Districts performance management plan. Each year, PCHD has a goal of completing two QI projects. In 2020, PCHD completed two QI Projects:

- Project DAWN Curbside
- Private Water Systems Permits