

# Clermont County Public Health



## Annual Report 2021

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CCPH vaccinators celebrating administering their 40,000th dose of COVID-19 vaccine in 2021.



# Letter from the Health Commissioner

After navigating through the largest pandemic of our lifetimes in 2020, we were looking forward to a bright beginning to 2021. After nine months of prevention measures, we finally had a highly effective vaccine to prevent severe illnesses.

In January, we started vaccinating healthcare workers. In February, we started vaccinating our residents 80 and older, and in May, we started vaccinating children as young as 12.

As the demand for the vaccine far surpassed the supply in early 2021, our waiting list of people wanting to get vaccinated grew to more than 30,000 names. People who had been at the highest risk of severe illness the previous year were now able to get a vaccine that could keep them safe.

Our staff members spent many evenings and weekends calling thousands of our residents, beginning with those 80 and older. Hearing the sense of joy and relief on the other end of the phone, as we told our most senior residents we had vaccines waiting for them, was the most rewarding part of my 26-year career in public health.

Our second year of the pandemic reinforced what we learned in 2020. We have many incredible community partners in Clermont County who are willing to lend a hand and help out when it's needed.

UC Clermont, schools, local businesses, police and fire departments, and libraries are just a few of the places that opened their doors to allow us to make it easier for our residents to find a vaccine.

Once again, the Clermont County Emergency Management Agency was with us at every step of our pandemic response. They coordinated volunteers for our call center as vaccines became widely available, they helped schedule appointments, volunteered at our mass vaccination clinic, and continued to deliver food and other consumables to families in quarantine or isolation.

As the year progressed, we thought we were nearing the end of the pandemic. Then the virus started to do what viruses do - mutate and change. New variants caused another surge in cases, hospitalizations, and sadly deaths at the end of 2021. But once again, we shifted and relied on our community partners to get us through the latest wave. By November, children as young as five years old were getting vaccinated.

As we move into 2022, we are eager to get back to some of our routine public health operations. We will be working on our reaccreditation process, updating our strategic plan, and following our recently updated community health improvement plan. The lessons learned from this pandemic will undoubtedly guide us in these processes and decisions in the future.



Julianne Nesbit  
Health Commissioner

# About Us



## Our Mission

Striving to improve Clermont County by preventing disease, promoting health, and protecting the environment.

## Our Vision

Healthy People  
Healthy Communities  
Healthy Clermont

## Our Values

Service  
Credibility  
Dependability  
Responsibility  
Respect

## Our Services

Backflow Prevention  
Beach Sampling  
Birth and Death Certificates  
Body Art Program  
Breastfeeding Support  
Campground Inspections  
Children with Medical Handicaps  
Coalition for Activity and Nutrition  
Communicable Disease Investigation  
Emergency Preparedness  
Epidemiology  
Food Protection Program

Harm Reduction  
Homeowner Mound Training  
Household Sewage Treatment Systems  
Immunizations  
Injury Prevention  
International Travel Vaccines  
Loan Inspections  
Ohio Buckles Buckeyes  
Operation Permit Assessments  
Physicals  
Plumbing Inspections  
Prevent Blindness Ohio

Private Water Systems  
Public Health Nuisance Complaints  
Rabies Prevention Program  
Resident Camp Program Inspections  
School Inspections  
Septic Rehab Program  
Sewer and Water Inspections  
Smoke-Free Ohio  
Solid Waste Inspections  
Swimming Pool/Spa Inspections  
Tobacco Cessation  
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

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## Board of Health



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President



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Vice President



Dennis Brown  
Member



Eric Heiser  
Member



Dr. Joseph Khan  
Member

## Our Leaders



Julianne Nesbit  
Health Commissioner



Dr. James Kaya  
Medical Director



Tim Kelly  
Assistant Health Commissioner of Environmental Health Services



Maalini Vijayan  
Assistant Health Commissioner of Community Health Services

## Performance Management



CCPH actively monitors and promotes performance management. We have tracked our performance management through the Vision, Mission, Services, Goals (VMSG) software program since 2016. During that time frame, staff monitored 33 quality assurance metrics and worked on 20 quality improvement projects. More than 500 program, project, and individual work plans were tracked as we worked toward the goals of our Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) and agency Strategic Plan. Those tasks focused on addressing health behaviors, modernizing fiscal management, increasing community outreach, increasing employee job satisfaction, updating policies, increasing staff professional development, evaluating program processes and efficiencies, implementing new software, and increasing communications.

Much of this work is the result of the national accreditation of our agency. As we get ready for reaccreditation, we are excited for the next chapter in performance management. We will be moving to the Clear Impact Performance Management System and using Results Based Accountability to implement our CHIP and an updated Strategic Plan in 2022.

## Community Health Improvement Plan

The Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) sets priorities, objectives, strategies and activities to improve the health of all Clermont County residents. With help and input from our community partners, our CHIP was updated in 2021 to identify the most important health issues facing Clermont County. The top health issues identified are:

- Depression
- Suicide
- Youth drug use
- Drug overdose deaths
- Tobacco & nicotine use

[The full plan is on our website.](#)



Scan to view the CHIP



# COVID-19 Response

Our COVID-19 response entered its second year in 2021. The year started with hope and optimism as we finally had a vaccine for COVID-19. With the limited vaccine supply, healthcare workers were the first to get vaccinated in January. We soon began vaccinating residents in nursing homes and other congregate care facilities. By February, vaccine eligibility opened up to residents 80 and older, and we began vaccinating our most senior residents.

With demand for the vaccine very high, and the supply still very low, we created a waiting list of people who wanted to get vaccinated. That list soon grew to more than 30,000 names as we slowly worked our way through the list.

As more people were vaccinated, the demand lessened and we shifted from one mass vaccination site to many smaller community-based clinics.

The number of COVID-19 cases increased again in the early fall as the virus mutated and created new variants. When cases began to increase, so did the demand for testing. We teamed up with several community partners to help distribute at-home test kits to our residents.



# Mass Vaccination Site

In early 2021, the demand for vaccines far exceeded the supply. To help meet the increased demand, we partnered with UC Clermont College to open a mass vaccination site. The larger space and central location allowed us to double our capacity and vaccinate up to 750 people daily. From March 13 to May 21, we administered 20,744 doses at the UC Clermont College campus.



# Community Clinics

In May, we shifted from one mass vaccination site to many smaller clinics throughout the county to make the vaccine more accessible to all of our residents. We partnered with the Clermont County Public Library, local school districts, fire departments, a mobile home park, the Clermont County Fairgrounds, and several private businesses to host vaccine clinics.



# Home Visits

Our nursing staff hit the road to vaccinate many homebound residents to protect them from the virus. We made a total of 211 home visits.



# Volunteers

Community volunteers were instrumental in our pandemic response and our vaccination campaign. Volunteers staffed our call center inside the Emergency Operations Center to answer questions and help citizens find an appointment for their vaccine. When we opened our vaccine clinics and our mass vaccination site, volunteers assisted in many support roles, allowing us to accommodate more residents than we otherwise could.



# Community Partners

We were reminded what wonderful community partners we have in Clermont County for the second straight year. Our COVID defense team met regularly throughout the year to share information and resources related to the pandemic. The team consists of government agencies, first responders, schools, healthcare agencies, social service agencies, non-profits, and other community groups.

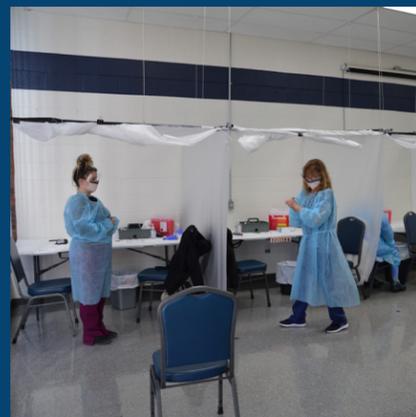
The Clermont County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) continued its support, assisting us in every phase of the pandemic response. In January, they helped manage our waiting list of more than 30,000 people wanting to get vaccinated. They opened the Emergency Operations Center to serve as a call center to answer questions about the vaccine. Once our vaccination clinics started, EMA staff members helped at our clinics in support roles. They continued to receive shipments of personal protective equipment and distribute those supplies when requested. EMA also provided food and other resources to families in need while in quarantine or isolation due to COVID-19.

When the COVID-19 vaccines were approved for high school-aged students, many of our local schools opened their doors for us to host vaccine clinics in their buildings and make it easier for their students to get vaccinated. We returned in the fall when kids five years old and older could get vaccinated.

In addition to schools, we also partnered with the Clermont County Public Library, fire departments, private businesses, the Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities, local churches, and several others to host vaccine clinics in the community.

The Clermont Family YMCA and the Clermont County Public Library also helped us distribute at-home test kits in late 2021 that we received from the Ohio Department of Health.

It has been a challenging two years, but it has brought out the best in people and the best of Clermont County. We are grateful for our community's support for the past two years to help us get through the pandemic.



# Syringe Services

The Bloodborne Infectious Disease Prevention Program (syringe services) which began in 2018, moved from a mobile van to the Clermont Clinic at Mercy Hospital Clermont in March 2021. The program offers a comprehensive approach to harm reduction that includes a one-for-one exchange of syringes, free naloxone, HIV and Hepatitis C testing, and referrals to treatment or other services. The program had its busiest year to date. It served 428 clients, exchanged 52,532 syringes, and distributed 594 doses of life-saving naloxone.

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Naloxone  
doses  
distributed

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Clients  
Served

**52,532**  
Syringes  
Exchanged

# Community Recognition

Our agency was recognized throughout the year for our pandemic response and vaccination campaign. We were honored to receive the Health Award at the Clermont County Salute to Leaders Award Ceremony in June. One of our Board members, Dennis Brown received the Community Award. Dennis spent several months volunteering to recruit, schedule, train and coordinate other volunteers for our mass vaccination clinics at UC Clermont.



The Clermont County Board of Developmental Disabilities honored CCPH with the Community Leader of the Year award at their annual Good Fortune Award Ceremony in October. The award was in recognition of our agency hosting several vaccination clinics at the Wildey School.

Our Communications Coordinator, Keith Robinson earned the Ohio Public Health Association Excellence in Public Health Award. This award was given to only 6 people in the State of Ohio who provided outstanding performance and leadership throughout the past year, by promoting and protecting public health.

# COVID-19 By the Numbers

**Ohio Totals**



Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths	Year
738,821	42,309	13,621	2020
1,349,996	54,719	17,909	2021
2,088,817	97,028	31,530	Total

**Clermont County Totals**



Cases	Hospitalizations	Deaths	Year
12,723	504	149	2020
23,746	613	274	2021
29,787	1,117	423	Total

## COVID-19 Vaccines

**Ohio Residents**

Fully Vaccinated	6,459,963	55.3%
Vaccine Started	7,021,992	60.0%

**Clermont County Residents**

Fully Vaccinated	110,291	53.4%
Vaccine Started	118,322	57.3%

As of 12/31/21

## COVID-19 VACCINES ADMINISTERED

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
2,556	4,475	11,184	14,164	4,253	1,329	231	267	215	772	1,276	1,802	42,254



# Reportable Diseases

	2019	2020	2021
Campylobacteriosis	23	26	
Chlamydia	607	486	517
COVID-19		12,723	23,746
Cryptosporidiosis	3	5	5
E.coli, shiga-toxin producing	12	7	7
Giardiasis	4	8	16
Gonorrhea	131	121	142
Group A Streptococcal Invasive Disease	14	12	6
Haemophilus Influenza (invasive)	4	5	3
Hepatitis A	89	3	3
Hepatitis B, acute	10	4	1
Hepatitis B, chronic	36	35	18
Hepatitis C, acute	8	4	1
Hepatitis C (non-perinatal)	382	272	237
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	0	1	3
Influenza - associated hospitalizations	165	99	9
Legionnaire's Disease	6	2	9
Lyme Disease	18	27	30
Malaria	1	0	0
Measles	0	0	0
Meningitis - aseptic (viral)	17	6	7
Meningitis, bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	4	2	0
Mycobacterial Disease, TB (confirmed)	0	0	0
Mycobacterial Disease, TB (suspect)	3	1	0
Outbreaks, food/water/other	6	44	94
Pertussis	63	12	6
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	1	3	5
Salmonellosis	33	14	23
Shigellosis	9	1	2
Streptococcal Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease (resistance/intermediate)	13	12	13
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Syphilis	16	18	0
Tularemia	0	0	0
Varicella	2	3	0
Vibrosis	0	1	0
West Nile Virus	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	2	0	0

## Leading Causes of Death

	2019	2020
Malignant Neoplasm (cancer)	430	444
Diseases of the heart	384	466
COVID-19		149
Accidents	134	131
Cerebrovascular	124	124
Chronic lower respiratory disease	121	109
Alzheimer's disease	71	105
Diabetes Mellitus	48	60
Suicide	43	31
Influenza and pneumonia	39	44
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome (kidney)	36	46
Chronic Liver Disease and cirrhosis	32	31
Septicemia	25	26

Vital statistics data is preliminary and subject to change pending final investigation. The data reported is for all Clermont County residents regardless of where the birth or death occurred.

2021 Cause of death totals are preliminary and are not yet available.

	2019	2020
<b>Total deaths</b>	<b>1,877</b>	<b>2,233</b>
<b>Total births</b>	<b>2,247</b>	<b>2,185</b>

Disease table is not inclusive of all diseases reported in Clermont County, but rather those of most interest or highest incidence. Table includes suspect, probable, and confirmed cases. Case counts are considered provisional and are subject to change pending further investigation. Diseases included in the table may not be exclusive to the category in which they are listed.

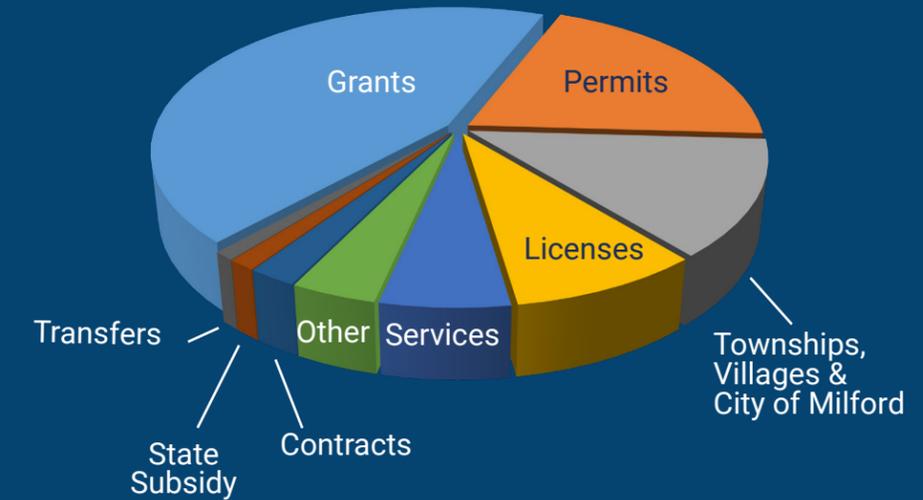
# By The Numbers



# Financials

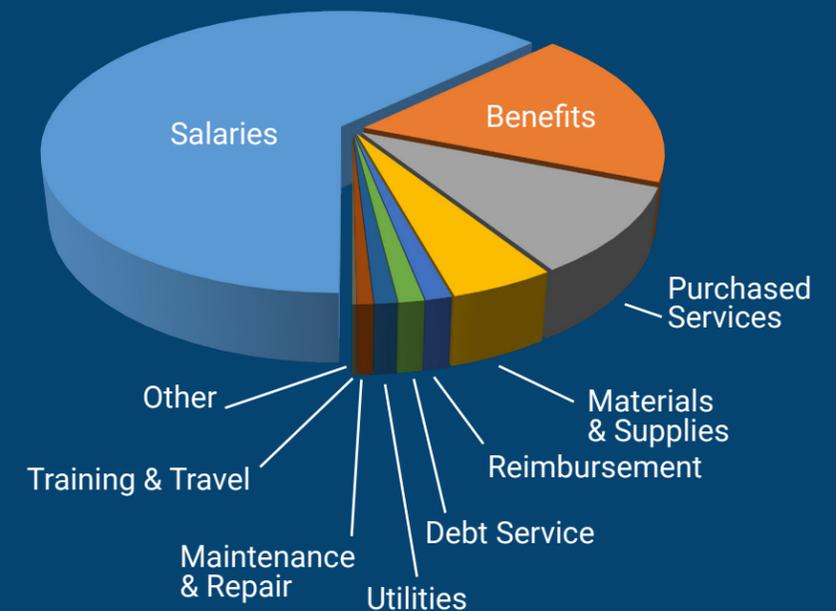
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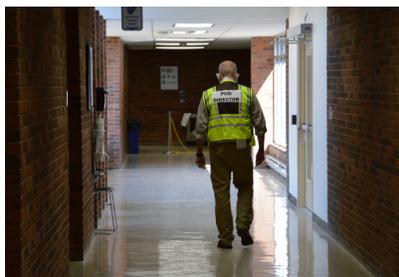
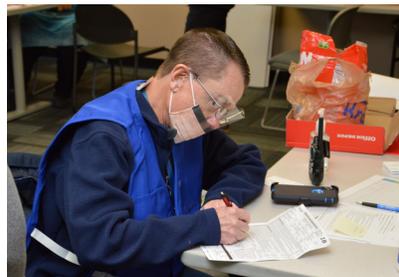
Grants	\$2,541,994.54
Permits	\$1,139,003.03
Townships, Villages & Milford	\$743,785.93
Licenses	\$505,584.37
Services	\$340,924.28
Other	\$225,826.86
Contracts	\$128,071.49
State Subsidy	\$73,541.51
Transfers	\$57,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,755,732.01</b>



## Expenses

Salaries	\$2,963,959.33
Fringe Benefits	\$858,735.92
Purchased Services	\$465,300.41
Materials and Supplies	\$223,930.75
Reimbursement	\$57,000.00
Debt Service	\$54,423.01
Utilities	\$48,562.57
Maintenance & Repair	\$33,959.80
Training and Travel	\$7,148.76
Other Expenditures	\$2,227.10
Capital Outlay	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,755,732.01</b>





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