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Letter from the Health Commissioner

After a surge of COVID-19 cases in January 2022, we began getting back to the basics of public health. In addition to responding to infectious diseases, public health offers many other vital programs. We paused some of these programs when the pandemic began in early 2020.



We updated our Community Health Improvement Plan with input from our community stakeholders. The plan guides our actions to address the top health issues in Clermont County.

We also updated our Strategic Plan and defined four new strategic priority areas. These priorities are also incorporated into our Performance Management and Quality Improvement Plan, Workforce Development Plan, and Community Health Improvement Plan. These plans are essential to maintaining our status as an accredited public health agency.

Health equity was a focus of before the COVID-19 pandemic. But, the pandemic highlighted some health inequities and barriers to healthcare that some people face. In 2022, we expanded our home visit program to help some residents overcome inequities and provide them with routine vaccines in their homes. We've heard from many of our homebound residents about how much they appreciate this service in helping them overcome barriers to getting vaccinated.

We also expanded our harm reduction program in 2022 and started offering free HIV and hepatitis C testing. These tests are vital to public health and can help find treatment for people living with these diseases and reduce the spread in the community.

As we move into 2023, we look forward to offering many programs to help improve the health of Clermont County.

Julianne Nesbit,
Health Commissioner

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Administration

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Community Health Services

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- Household sewage treatment systems
- Loan inspections
- Plumbing
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- Septic rehabilitation program
- Solid waste

ADMINISTRATION

The Administration Branch is responsible for creating and maintaining the agency budget, writing grants, communicating with the public, providing information technology support, issuing birth and death certificates, and emergency preparedness.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

As the COVID-19 pandemic entered its third year, the focus of our emergency response shifted from vaccinations to testing. We partnered with the Clermont County Public Library, Clermont Family YMCA, and several fire departments to distribute approximately 15,000 at-home COVID-19 tests.

We also participated in two emergency preparedness exercises to ensure our staff stays prepared for the next public health emergency.



COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN

After input from our community partners, we updated our Community Health Improvement Plan in 2022. The plan sets priorities, objectives, strategies, and activities to address the top health issues in the community. The top five issues outlined in the plan are

- depression
- suicide deaths
- youth drug use
- drug overdose deaths
- tobacco/nicotine use



STRATEGIC PLAN

We updated our strategic plan in 2022. Our strategic planning committee used a strength, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) analysis to identify all impacts on the agency. After the SWOT analysis, the committee used a dual bottom-line matrix tool to determine the agency's priorities, how they fit into our mission, and how financially feasible those priorities are. We also surveyed community stakeholders about their knowledge of our services and programs and our overall value to the community. The four strategic priorities we identified are

- collaboration
- organizational capacity and infrastructure
- information management
- health and equity

We will use these four priorities to guide our actions over the next few years.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT

Our staff completed two quality improvement projects in 2022. The first project will address the increasing trend in sexually transmitted infections (STIs). The plan will ensure people with STIs and their partners receive treatment and education. It will also increase testing opportunities for people living with HIV and hepatitis C.

The second project aims to reduce youth tobacco and nicotine use by expanding our tobacco cessation program to include youth-centered programming resources.



4,462
Birth certificates issued

6,086
Death certificates issued

15,000
Covid-19 at-home tests distributed

191,911
Website visits

8,867
Facebook followers

280,661
Social media impressions

COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

Our Community Health Services Branch resumed many of its programs in 2022 after being paused for nearly two years. Tobacco cessation classes resumed, and we partnered with the Clermont County Alternative Sentencing Center to help participants quit tobacco. We also resumed our international travel vaccines, including typhoid and yellow fever.



Home Visits

Public health nurses expanded our home visit program in 2022 to provide an essential public health service and help people with limited mobility get vaccinated in their homes. Nurses made 232 home visits in 2022.



Ohio Buckles Buckeyes

The Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program provides child safety and booster seats to Clermont County families needing them. In 2022, we gave away 51 car seats.



Vaccinations

Our focus shifted to booster doses of COVID-19 vaccines for many residents. In June 2022, children as young as six months became eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine. We continued offering many off-site clinics at senior living facilities, nursing homes, the Clermont County Jail, and other congregate living facilities.



Women Infants & Children (WIC)

The WIC program resumed outstation clinics each month in Goshen and Felicity. The outstation clinics make it easier for our residents in the northern and southern parts of the county to have their benefit cards loaded and meet with WIC staff. Nurses started coming to the outstation clinics to offer COVID-19 vaccines to any families needing them.



Harm Reduction

The Harm Reduction Program completed its first full year in its new location inside the Mercy Health - Clermont Hospital. In 2022, 594 clients used the service. We distributed 959 doses of life-saving naloxone and exchanged 106,048 syringes, reducing the risk of accidental needle sticks and bloodborne disease in the community.

The program expanded in 2022 and began offering free hepatitis C and HIV testing to anyone in the community. During the first year, we performed 21 hepatitis C tests and 28 HIV tests. Anyone testing positive receives a referral to healthcare professionals for treatment.



106,048
Syringes distributed

594
Clients

28
HIV tests



959
Doses of narcan distributed

2,186

COVID-19 vaccines

566

Childhood vaccines

43

International travel vaccines

208

Flu vaccines

47

Tobacco cessation contacts

310

Children with medical handicaps contacts

7,982

WIC office visits

4,748

Breastfeeding texts sent

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

Our Environmental Health, Plumbing, and Water and Waste Divisions make up our Environmental Health Services Branch and provide many services. Our Plumbing Division issues permits and inspects commercial and residential plumbing projects. Our Environmental Health Division inspects restaurants, public swimming pools, campgrounds and investigates animal bites. The Water and Waste Division inspects septic systems, approves plans, inspects new household sewage treatment systems, and investigates nuisance complaints like sewage or illegal solid waste dumping.



Rabies Prevention

Our rabies prevention program investigates nearly 300 animal bite complaints each year. In some cases, specimens are sent to the Ohio Department of Health laboratory for testing. In 2022, we had 272 animal bite complaints.



Food Safety Program

Clermont County has more than 800 licensed food facilities. Each facility is inspected routinely to ensure they are practicing proper food safety protocols. Our inspectors work with managers to correct any violations.



Operation Permits

There are about 20,000 homes in the county with household sewage treatment systems. Each of those systems is inspected routinely to ensure they are working and not polluting the surrounding soil and water. In 2022, we did 5,738 inspections.



Beach Sampling

During the summer, we test bacteria levels in recreational waters throughout the county.

Sampling locations include East Fork State Park, Stonelick State Park, the Ohio River, and two sites along the Little Miami River.



Classes Resume

After a break during the pandemic, we resumed our food safety classes.

We also resumed our homeowner mound training classes to teach homeowners how to maintain their mound-style septic system so they can be their own service provider.



Plumbing Inspections

Our Plumbing Division inspects residential and commercial construction properties to ensure all plumbing is up to code to protect drinking water. In 2022 our Plumbing Division issued 856 commercial plumbing permits.

Pools & Spas

In 2022, our environmental health specialists inspected public pools and spas in the county 468 times. During each inspection, we check to ensure each pool has proper safety equipment, test the water chemistry, and ensure that the pool operators are routinely testing and treating the water.



2,125

Food service inspections

848

Food licenses issued

468

Pool & spa inspections

272

Animal bite complaints

5,247

Operation permits issued

5,738

Septic system inspections

856

Commercial plumbing permits issued

3,630

Backflow permits issued

Reportable Diseases

	2020	2021	2022
Campylobacteriosis	26	28	28
Chlamydia	486	517	492
COVID-19	12,781	23,868	27,139
Cryptosporidiosis	5	5	2
E.coli,shiga-toxin producing	7	7	7
Giardiasis	8	16	4
Gonorrhea	121	142	116
Group A Streptococcal Invasive Disease	12	6	20
Haemophilis Influenza (invasive)	5	3	9
Hepatitis A	3	3	2
Hepatitis B, acute	4	1	3
Hepatitis B, chronic	35	18	26
Hepatitis C, acute	4	1	0
Hepatitis C (non-perinatal)	272	237	144
Hepatitis C (perinatal)	1	3	3
Influenza-associated hospitalizations	99	9	167
Legionnaire's Disease	2	9	0
Lyme Disease	27	30	37
Meningitis-aseptic (viral)	6	7	9
Meningitis, bacterial (not N. meningitidis)	2	0	5
Mycobacterial Disease, TB (suspect)	0	0	0
Outbreaks, food/water/other	44	94	39
Pertussis	12	6	2
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	3	5	5
Salmonellosis	14	23	28
Shigellosis	1	2	1
Streptococcal Pneumoniae, Invasive Disease (resistance/intermediate)	12	13	15
Syphilis	18	7	8
Varicella	3	2	5
Vibrosis	1	1	0

Leading Causes of Death

	2020	2021
Malignant neoplasm (cancer)	444	459
Diseases of the heart	466	450
COVID-19	149	290
Cerebrovascular	124	160
Accidents	131	142
Chronic lower respiratory disease	109	113
Alzheimer's disease	105	79
Diabetes Mellitus	60	69
Nephritis, nephrotic syndrome (kidney)	46	43
Chronic liver disease and cirrhosis	31	30
Influenza and Pneumonia	44	28
Suicide	31	28
Septicemia	26	24
Parkinson's Disease	31	24

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.

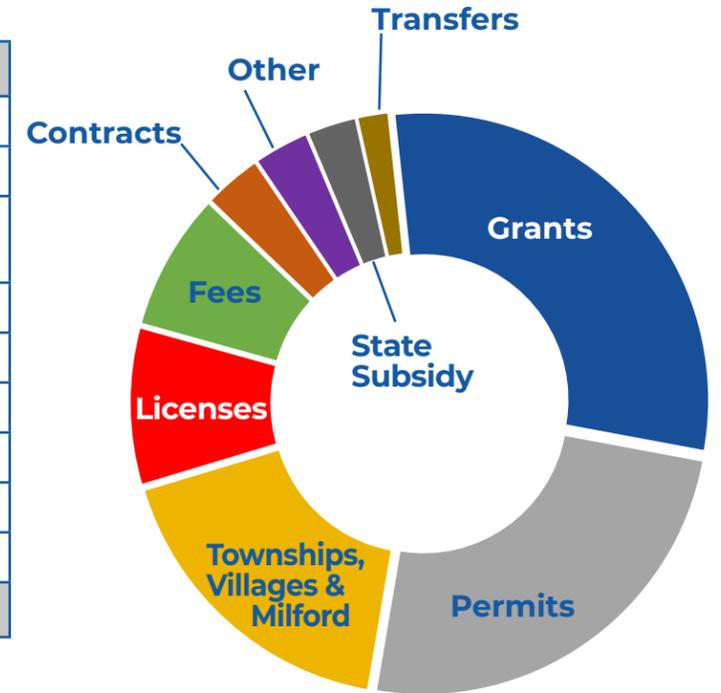
2022 Cause of death data totals are preliminary and are not yet available.

	2020	2021
Total Births	2,185	2,230
Total Deaths	2,233	2,409

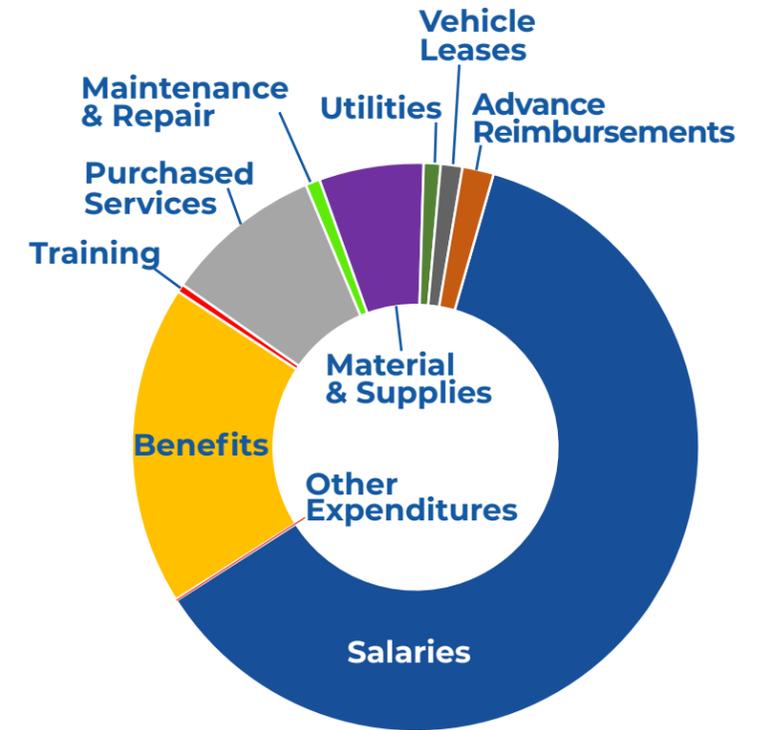
Disease table is not inclusive of all diseases reported in Clermont County, but those of most interest or highest incidence. Table includes suspect, probable, and confirmed cases. Case counts are considered provisional and are subject to change pending further investigation. Diseases included in the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

FINANCIALS

Revenue	Amount
Grants	\$1,302,449.64
Permits	\$1,091,922.83
Townships, Villages & City of Millford	\$777,178.19
Licenses	\$392,239.65
Fees for Services	\$344,658.05
Contracts	\$147,026.04
Other	\$140,430.92
State Subsidy	\$125,103.42
Transfers	\$80,000.00
Grand Total	\$4,401,008.74



Expenses	Amount
Salaries	\$2,760,479.72
Benefits	\$817,436.61
Purchased Services	\$404,234.96
Material & Supply	\$267,282.03
Advance Reimbursements	\$80,000.00
Vehicle Leases	\$55,909.56
Utilities	\$43,146.07
Maintenance & Repair	\$36,876.23
Training	\$20,584.97
Other Expenditures	\$2,589.55
Grand Total	\$4,488,539.70





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