Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.

Tornado Response

Public Health has activated its Incident Management Team in response to the tornadoes that caused significant damage throughout Montgomery County. Over 125 Public Health staff have logged more than 2,300 hours to date in response to the tornado and storm damage that occurred May 27 and 28.

As part of the ongoing response Public Health has taken the following steps:

- Activated the Incident Management Team
- Coordinated with Montgomery County’s Emergency Operations Center
- Activated the Continuity of Operations Plan
- Provided recovery messages to the public via social media and website
- Notified the public about health concerns regarding water, asbestos and open burning.
- Provided guidance and inspections for local food service operations
- Conducted environmental health inspections of shelters
- Increased mosquito trapping in affected areas
- Inspected debris disposal sites
- Assisted with the Montgomery County information hotline
- Provided free birth certificates at select locations
- Provided free shot records
- Provided free Cribs at select locations
- Provided free Hep A vaccinations at select locations
Public Health, in coordination with ADAMHS, opened a Family Assistance Center at 1500 Shiloh Springs Road in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints. Over 1,300 families were served at this location. The Public Health Mobile Unit also provided services at 7 different locations throughout the county.

Members of the Ohio Crisis Response Team were on hand to act as guides for those affected. As they assisted the clients through the center they offered mental health triage and guidance as needed.

Public Health provided free birth certificates, cribs, vaccinations and shot records. Other service providers included: ADAMHS, the American Red Cross, St. Vincent de Paul, Ohio BMV, Community Action Partnership and more.

As the tornado recovery efforts continue Public Health will work to ensure the health and safety needs of Montgomery County residents continue to be met.

On Tuesday, June 11, Public Health provided post-tornado neighborhood canvassing in the Old North Dayton area. The services of a Turkish speaking certified language interpreter were used as our staff went from door to door to engage community members.

The use of certified language interpreter services helps to establish needs and to ensure proper care. The interpreter provided more than just communication assistance, she helped our Public Health staff, and Turkish families in Old North Dayton to culturally interface, by using culturally appropriate behaviors, and to recognize and address instances that require intercultural understanding.

Providing Turkish translation services enabled Public Health staff to bring care to the affected community clients in a way that they could understand and to gauge their needs in the recovery process.
COAT Earns National Recognition as a Model Program

Montgomery County’s Community Overdose Action Team (COAT) has been recognized by the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO), as a winner of the 2019 Model Practice Award.

The COAT, co-led by Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County and Alcohol, Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services (ADAMHS), works collaboratively with community partners using the Incident Command System structure to help reduce the number of people dying from overdoses in Montgomery County.

NACCHO’s Model Practice Awards is an annual recognition of programs demonstrating exemplary and replicable qualities in response to a critical local public health need. This year, 53 outstanding local health department programs have received this recognition, addressing a broad range of public health issues, including immunization, infectious diseases, environmental health, and emergency preparedness.

“Montgomery County recognized early on that the best way to combat the rise of overdose deaths in our community was to work collectively across multiple agencies,” said Montgomery County Commissioner Judy Dodge. “The commitment, cooperation and collaboration among participating agencies is truly a model example of how communities can work together to address public health concerns.”

“We are proud to be recognized by our peers as providing a Public Health response to a crisis that is judged to be used as a model for other health departments,” said Jeff Cooper, Health Commissioner, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County.

“Our partnership with Public Health in establishing and managing the COAT not only addresses the short-term goal of reducing the number of overdose deaths, but establishes programs and interventions to address the overall problem of addiction.” said Helen Jones-Kelly, Executive Director, ADAMHS.

Winning projects, as determined through a competitive, peer-reviewed process, will be added to NACCHO’s Model Practice searchable online database. There, other local health departments can review these best practices and adopt them for use in their local community.
Public Health Launches Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV

The Sexually Transmitted Disease Clinic (STD Clinic) has seen several dozen patients for Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) for Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) infection since the beginning of the year.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recently published its recommendations for PrEP after finding strong evidence for its effectiveness in preventing HIV infection in susceptible people. PrEP consists of a two-drug combination tablet to be taken daily by a person who is at high risk for acquiring HIV through sexual practices or intravenous drug use. PrEP can reduce the chance of HIV infection by more than 90%. Call the STD Clinic at (937) 225-4550 for more information about PrEP, or to schedule an evaluation and begin treatment with PrEP.

Services Provided to International Travelers

Public Health’s immunization clinic has expanded the services it provides to travelers. In addition to immunizations, the Clinic now offers recommended prescriptions for international travel, malaria prevention medicine when indicated, and counseling on foodborne illness, vector borne diseases, sun exposure, altitude and motion sickness, and animal safety, among others. Care, education, and recommendations are based upon the international travel plans.

Two new vaccines including cholera and oral typhoid are now available in addition to other common vaccinations recommended for travel including hepatitis A, hepatitis B, Tdap, meningitis, and yellow fever.

International travel can be an exciting experience and our goal is to ensure that it is both enjoyable and safe. It is a convenience for travelers to offer the additional services when they are in the clinic for travel-related vaccines. The clinic is currently open on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons and appointments are available by calling the clinic at 937-225-4550.

LGBTQ+ Her/History Project

To mark the 50th anniversary of the Stonewall Inn riots that gave rise to the modern LGBTQ+ rights movement, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County is collaborating with local groups that are gathering personal stories, photos, newspaper articles and other memorabilia to acknowledge and preserve pivotal history of the local greater Dayton LGBTQ+ history.

Participating organizations include: Public Health, the Greater Dayton LGBT Center, Rainbow Elder Care of Greater Dayton, the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, and the Dayton Metro Library.

Anyone with memorabilia to share, including stories about pivotal individuals and events in the LGBTQ community, can contact the group through its Facebook page, Greater Dayton LGBTQ+ Her/History, or by email at lgbtdaytonhistory@gmail.com.
**Dayton Air Show**
Environmental Health staff were out early in the morning inspecting the setup and operation of various temporary food vendors at the 45th Annual Vectren Dayton Air Show ensuring food was safe for 49,000 attendees on the last weekend in June.

Despite being a sunny weekend for the most part, rains created problems for the organizers, vendors, and visitors alike. Various food booths and mobile food vendors were placed on higher ground or blacktop to lessen the potential for standing water and/or muddy situations creating issues.

Sanitarions spent extra time this year educating operators and safeguarding food preparations. Hand washing stations were asked to be set up for use by food preparers and food needed to be up off the ground and held at proper temperatures. The extra time spent by sanitarians this year will help ensure safe food service operations for the coming years.

**Upcoming Events**

**Healthy Recovery Celebration**  
**Saturday, July 27, 2019 - 11:00 am to 3:00 pm**  
Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. - Dayton  
For more info call (937) 225-5700  
Learn about clean and sober activities for children and families at Five Rivers MetroParks. Activities include: Free food and soft drinks, DJ, door prizes, bike giveaway, face painting and interactive stations.

**Media Opportunities:**

Spectrum News for **Birth Certificates** (6/2/19)  
Dayton Daily News for **Hep A Vaccinations** (6/3/19)  
WDTN for **Birth Certificates** (6/4/19)  
WLWT for **River Advisory** (6/4/19)  
Dayton Daily News for **River Advisory** (6/4/19)  
WYSO for **Tornado Cleanup** (6/10/19)  
WHIO, WDTN for **Mobile Unit Locations** (6/12/19)  
WHIO for **Mosquitoes** (6/12/19)  
WKEF for **Mobile Unit Locations** (6/18/19)  
WDTN for **LGBTQ+ History Project** (6/28/19)
Outreach Opportunities:
African American Wellness Walk at University of Dayton (6/8/19)
Juneteenth Celebration at McIntosh Memorial Park (6/8/19)
Healthy Start to Summer the Wright Way at Wright State (6/21/19)
Ziks Community Day at Wright Dunbar Village (6/21/19)
Foster Connect Resource Fair at Dayton Metro Library (6/27/19)

Stats of the Month...

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