

The Montgomery County Human Services Levy

The Montgomery County Human Services Levy Council has proposed that an 8-year renewal levy be placed on the November ballot. The levy, if approved, would continue to provide essential funding for Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County at the same rate as in previous years.

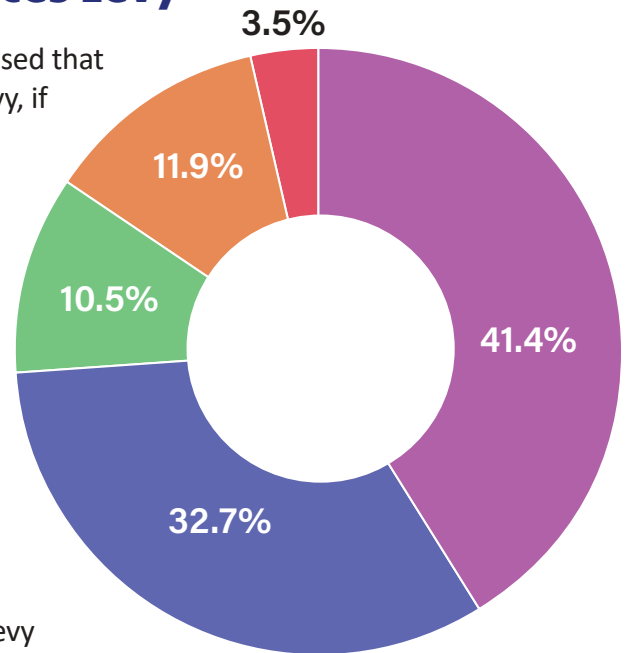
This renewal is not a tax increase, but rather a continuation of the current support our residents have already been providing.

Funding from two human services levies generate about \$138 million dollars which is then distributed by the [Human Services Levy Council](#) to Public Health and other local agencies including Job and Family Services, Montgomery County Developmental Disabilities Services, Montgomery County Alcohol Drug Addiction & Mental Health Services, Stillwater Center and others.

“It’s important for our community to understand that while this levy maintains the current level of funding, it does not account for rising operational costs or the decreasing availability of other sources of support, such as federal and state funding,” said Jennifer Wentzel, Health Commissioner, Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County. “As costs for critical services like immunizations, maternal and child health programs, and environmental health services continue to rise, our resources will be stretched further each year.”

For 2025, Public Health’s projected revenue budget is \$42.8 million, with \$17.7 million (or 41.4%) coming through the local Human Services Levy and \$14.0 million (32.7%) coming through grants and projects from federal, state, and local governmental sources.

Public Health thanks Montgomery County residents for their continued support, and we remain dedicated to transparency, accountability, and the well-being of all our residents.



2025 Projected Revenue \$42.8 Million

- \$17.7 - Human Services Levy
- \$14.0 - Grants
- \$4.5 - Charges for Services
- \$5.1 - Licenses, Permits, & Fees
- \$1.5 - Other Revenue





NATIONAL NURSES - WEEK -

The American Nurses Association is celebrating **National Nurses Week 2025**, May 6 - May 12. The week honors the incredible nurses who embody the spirit of compassion and care in every health care setting.

Public Health currently has a workforce of 39 nurses in the following programs, School Health, Outreach, Complex Medical Help, TB/Communicable Disease, Immunization Clinic, STD Clinic, Refugee Clinic, and a Director of Nursing.

Join us in recognizing the invaluable contributions of nurses worldwide. Whether you're a health care professional, a patient, or simply someone who appreciates nurses' dedication, this is your chance to express gratitude and support for their capability and fortitude. Let's come together to celebrate Nurses Week 2025 and show our appreciation for these extraordinary professionals!





Healthy & Safe Swimming Week Begins May 26

The month of May brings the start to the pool season. Swimming and other water-based activities are fun and healthy ways to be physically active. However, like any physical activity, there are potential risks involved. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) [Healthy Swimming website](#) provides information on how to have healthy and safe swimming experiences that maximize the benefits of swimming while minimizing the risk of illness and injury.

Germs in the water can make people sick if they swallow just a mouthful of contaminated water. Although most germs are killed within minutes by chlorine or bromine at the recommended levels, the germ *Cryptosporidium* (or Crypto) can survive in properly treated water for more than 7 days. Public Health's Environmental Health team inspects over 330 pools and splash pads in Montgomery County multiple times throughout the pool season to help keep them safe and germ free.

Take these steps every time you enjoy the water to keep yourself and others safe from germs:

The DO's

- ▶ **DO** stay out of the water if you are sick with diarrhea.
- ▶ **DO** shower before getting in the water.
 - When chlorine mixes with dirt, sweat, pee, and poop, there is less chlorine available to kill germs.
- ▶ **DO** take kids on bathroom breaks or check diapers every hour.
 - Change diapers away from the water to keep germs from getting in.
- ▶ **DO** dry ears thoroughly with a towel when you get out of the water.

The DON'Ts

- ▶ **DON'T** swallow the water.
- ▶ **DON'T** poop or pee in the water.
- ▶ **DON'T** sit or stand on the jets at splash pads. Sitting or standing on jets can cause injuries or rinse poop off butts.



Public Health encourages you to help keep our children safe this summer. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 to 4 years old, and the second leading cause of unintentional injury death for children 5 to 14 years old. Drowning can happen in seconds and is often silent. It can happen to anyone, any time there is access to water. This includes pools, lakes, and smaller bodies of water like bathtubs and water-filled buckets. However, drowning is preventable.

The following prevention steps can help prevent drowning:

- ▶ Properly fence home swimming pools.
- ▶ Learn how to swim and teach children how to swim.
- ▶ Supervise children closely and constantly when they are in or near water.
- ▶ Wear a properly fitted life jacket - all these steps can all reduce the risk of drowning.
- ▶ "Floaties," arm bands, or water wings do not prevent children from drowning.

STAY SAFE



May is Mental Health Awareness Month



May is [Mental Health Awareness Month](#). Since its inception in 1949, Mental Health Awareness Month has been dedicated to ending stigma, extending support, fostering public education, and advocating for policies that prioritize the well-being of individuals and families struggling with mental health.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) 22.8% of U.S. adults experienced mental illness in 2021 (57.8 million people). This represents 1 in 5 adults. In addition, 5.5% of U.S. adults experienced serious mental illness in 2021 (14.1 million people). This represents 1 in 20 adults.

Public Health encourages you to join us in fostering open dialogues, cultivating empathy and understanding. We also urge you to share our resources to support individuals and families on their journey towards mental wellness.

Through "Take the Moment," we shine a spotlight on the National Alliance on Mental Illness' array of signature programs including: [NAMI Basics](#), [NAMI Family-to-Family](#), [NAMI Family & Friends](#), [NAMI Homefront](#), [NAMI In Our Own Voice](#), [NAMI Peer-to-Peer](#), [NAMI Support Groups](#) and our invaluable [NAMI HelpLine](#), which is a free nationwide peer-support service providing information, resource referrals and support to people living with a

mental health condition, their family members and caregivers, mental health providers and the public. Mental health disorders are common and help is available for you and others who are suffering. Call the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline 24/7.

For additional help with issues regarding drugs, alcohol or gambling call Public Health's Recovery Services program at (937) 461-5223, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.

Break
THE
Stigma

Be kind
TO YOUR MIND

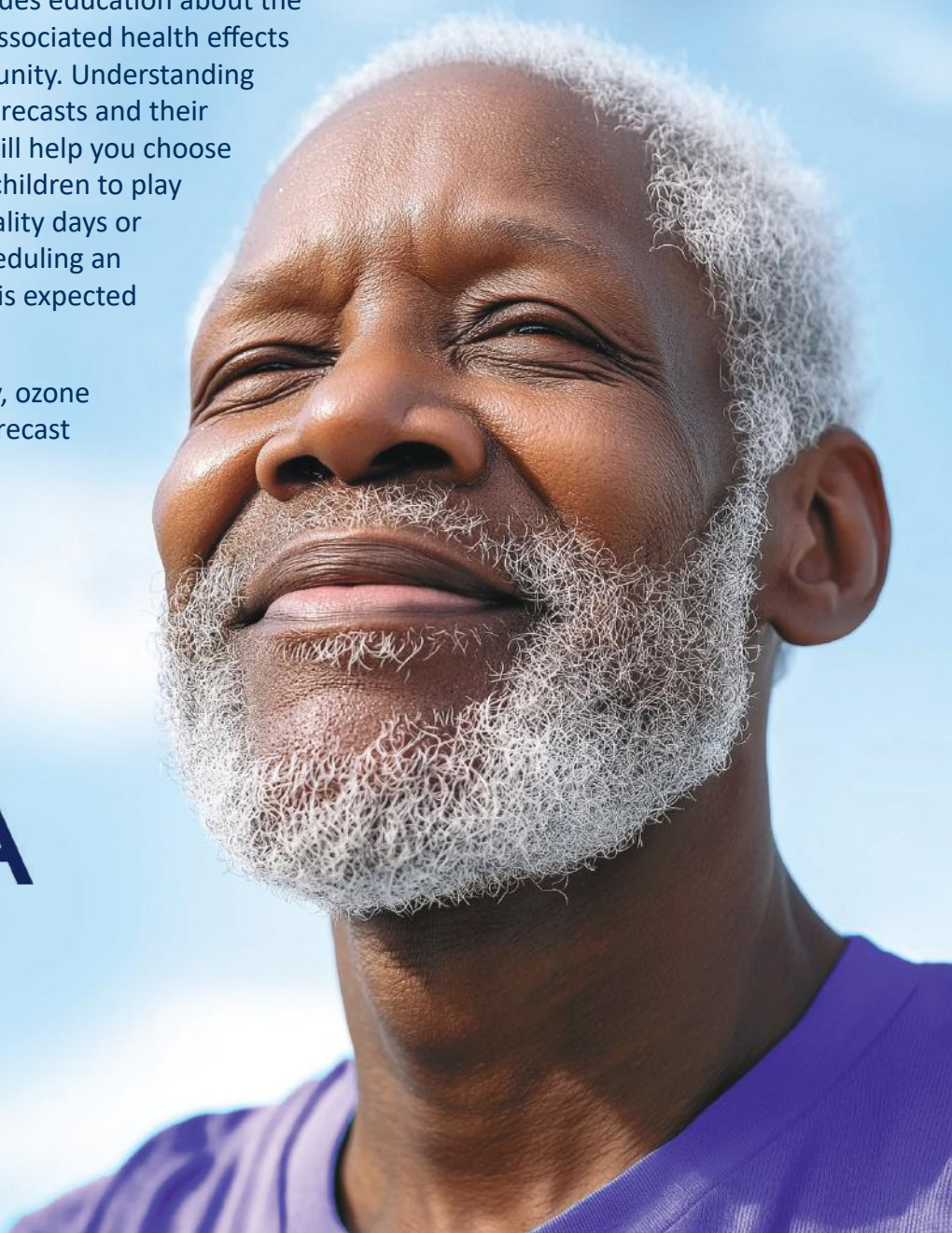
Air Quality Awareness Week

Public Health's [Regional Air Pollution Control Agency \(RAPCA\)](#) is highlighting [Air Quality Awareness Week 2025](#), which is May 5 – May 9. This time frame corresponds with the beginning of ozone season, wildfire season, and World Asthma Day.

The theme this year is, ***“Stay Air Aware.”*** Air Quality Awareness Week is designed to increase air quality awareness and encourages people to take action and incorporate air quality knowledge into their daily living.

Air quality awareness is more than just understanding the Air Quality Index (AQI) forecast that utilizes the color code system. Air quality awareness includes education about the air in your specific area and what associated health effects might be a concern for your community. Understanding the importance of the air quality forecasts and their direct relation to health impacts, will help you choose between finding the best time for children to play outside during Code Orange air quality days or reducing exposure by simply rescheduling an activity for a time when air quality is expected to be better.

For more information on air quality, ozone data, pollen levels, and the local forecast visit the [RAPCA website](#).



Mosquito Season is Here

Mosquito season in Montgomery County typically runs from April to September, with peak activity during the summer months. Mosquitoes become active when temperatures consistently reach 50 degrees Fahrenheit or above.

Seasonal Mosquito Pattern

- Spring (April): Mosquitoes start emerging and becoming more active as temperatures warm.
- Summer (May-August): This is the peak of mosquito season, with the highest number of mosquitoes and activity.
- Fall (September): Mosquito populations begin to decline as temperatures drop.

Although most types of mosquitoes are just nuisance mosquitoes, some types of mosquitoes spread germs (viruses and parasites) that can cause disease.

Mosquitoes bite during the day and night, live indoors and outdoors, and search for warm places as temperatures begin to drop. Some mosquitoes hibernate in enclosed spaces, like garages, sheds, and under (or inside) homes, to survive cold temperatures. Except for the southernmost U.S. states, mosquito season starts in the summer and continues into fall.



The best way to prevent illnesses from mosquito bites is to protect yourself and your family from bites.

Public Health's Mosquito Control program monitors and traps mosquitoes and sends collected specimens to the Ohio Department of Health for identification, provides education about how to protect yourself from mosquitoes, and spray selected locations to reduce the mosquito population.



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Help Us Make a Difference

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, is dedicated to public service and committed to quality relationships with one another and the community we serve.

Current Job Openings

Disease Prevention Specialist
Receiving & Distribution Technician I
Air Pollution Control Specialist I
Substance Use Mental Health Counselor
PH Communicable Disease Clinic Senior Manager
Senior Programmer/Sys Administrator
Director Administration
Accounting Specialist
Director Health Services



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EVENTS

May 2025 Events

Public Health's many programs and services host a variety of community-wide events throughout the year. To register for an event or learn more, call (937) 225-5700 or [click here](#).

MAY 1 THU



Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
7 WEEK SERIES

RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Elizabeth Place

MAY 6 TUE



Tai Chi™ ARTHRITIS
WORKSHOP

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
Tai Chi for Arthritis

🕒 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

📍 Kettering Health Years Ahead

MAY 7 WED



Eating Healthy & You

🕒 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

REGISTER

MAY 7 WED



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🕒 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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MAY 8 THU



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MAY 8 THU



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
How Smoking & Vaping Impact Chronic Diseases

🕒 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM

📍 Dayton Metro Library - Miami ...

MAY 13 TUE



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MAY 13 TUE



Nourish Your Newborn Classes

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

🕒 2:00 PM

📍 Drew Health Center

MAY 14 WED



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🕒 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

📍 Sunrise Center

MAY 14 WED



Tai Chi™ ARTHRITIS
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📍 Kettering Health Years Ahead

MAY 15 THU



Strengthening Families
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📍 Elizabeth Place

MAY 15 THU



QUEEN'S VILLAGE DAYTON
Public Health
Black Maternal Health

AS PART OF BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK
SAFE SLEEP AMBASSADOR TRAINING & PACK 'N' PLAY GIVEAWAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
The Wesley Center, 3730 Delphos Ave., Dayton, OH 45417
1:00 - 3:30 pm (training begins at 1:00 pm)

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Safe Sleep Ambassador Training

🕒 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

📍 Wesley Center

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MAY 15 THU

Pumping 101 Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Pumping Class 101

- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Sunrise Center

MAY 19 MON

Monthly Fatherhood Club



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Monthly Fatherhood Club

- 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
- Goodwill Eastseals West Ca...

[REGISTER HERE](#)

MAY 20 TUE

Tai Chi for Arthritis WORKSHOP



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
Tai Chi for Arthritis

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Kettering Health Years Ahead

MAY 20 TUE

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

- 2:00 PM
- Drew Health Center

MAY 21 WED

Person In Charge (PIC) Training



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
Person In Charge (PIC) Certification in Food Protection

- 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Reibold Building - Environme...

[CALL TO REGISTER \(937\) 225-4460](#)

MAY 21 WED

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

- 2:00 PM
- Sunrise Center

MAY 21 WED

Tai Chi for Arthritis WORKSHOP



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
Tai Chi for Arthritis

- 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM
- Kettering Health Years Ahead

MAY 22 THU

Strengthening Families PARENTING CLASSES 7 WEEK SERIES



RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Elizabeth Place

MAY 22 THU

MOMMY MEET-UP



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Mommy Meet-Up

- 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
- Sunrise Center

[REGISTER](#)

MAY 23 FRI

Family Safety Fest



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Family Safety Fest

- 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
- Goodwill Easter Seals Miami V...

MAY 27 TUE

Tai Chi for Arthritis WORKSHOP



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
Tai Chi for Arthritis

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Kettering Health Years Ahead

MAY 28 WED

Tai Chi for Arthritis WORKSHOP



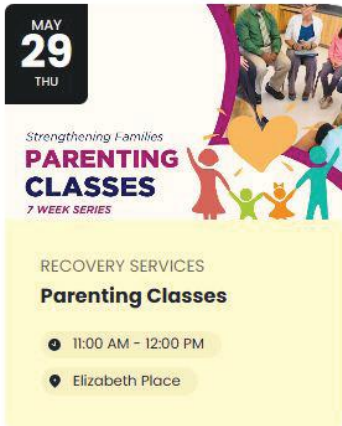
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Pool Inspections

Host, Dan Suffoletto, Public Information Manager, speaks with Andrew Evans, a Supervisor in Public Health's Office of Environmental Health, about [Public Health's pool inspection process](#) and how you can stay safe while swimming this summer.

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Andrew Evans
Office of Environmental Health

Hosted by Dan Suffoletto
Public Information Manager

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4/30/25	DDN	Violence Prevention



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