



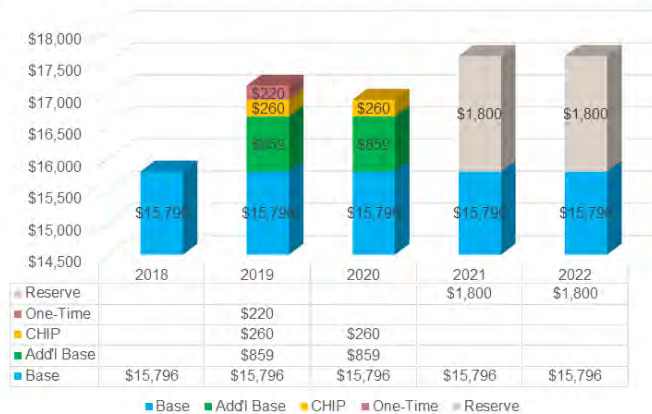
*Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.*



### Human Services Levy Allocation

At their July 31 meeting the Montgomery County Commission approved a 2 year funding allocation for Human Services Levy mandated agencies. Public health will receive an additional \$2.46 million over 2 years to fund current operations, and to expand Community Health Improvement Plan priorities including the work of the Community Overdose Action Team, the EveryOne Reach One Infant Mortality Task Force and the Food Access System. It will also provide incentives to encourage client participation in Infant Mortality initiatives. This funding is in addition to the current allocation of \$15.8 million annually.

### Public Health Funding Allocations



### Infant Mortality Conference Coming September 28

Public Health and the EveryOne Reach One Infant Mortality Task Force are hosting their 2nd Infant Mortality Conference on Friday, September 28 from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. at Sinclair Community College in Dayton.

This year's conference theme is Kasserian Ingera, "How are the Children?" which derives from the Masai tribe of Africa. The conference will consist of distinguished speakers, two concurrent sessions, and a panel on "Health in All Policies".

The objective of this conference is to provide the community with information about infant mortality as well as increase and affirm collective action to implement policies to address factors that increase the prevalence of infant mortality at the systems, community/environment and grassroots level. The conference is open for anyone to attend.

Registration, parking, breakfast and lunch are free for attendees. Please register by September 21, 2018. No CEUs will be available at this event.

**EveryOne Reach One: Infant Mortality Conference**  
**Friday, September 28, 2018**  
**8:00 am to 4:00 pm**  
**Sinclair College Conference Center – Building 12**  
**444 West Third Street, Dayton, OH 45402**

Register online at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2018-infant-mortality-conference-tickets-47213627230>

*For more information call 937-225-5700 or visit [www.phdmc.org](http://www.phdmc.org).*



### **First Human Case of West Nile Virus in Montgomery County**

The Ohio Department of Health has recorded Montgomery County's first case of West Nile Virus (WNV) in 2018. A 68-year-old female resident has been diagnosed with the disease. WNV is a potentially serious illness that is most commonly spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. As of August 27, there have been 8 human cases of WNV in Ohio and one death. Last year there were 34 cases and 5 deaths in Ohio but none in Montgomery County.

Approximately 80% of people infected with WNV will not show any symptoms. Up to 20% of those infected have mild symptoms such as fever, body aches, and swollen glands. Symptoms can last a few days, though in some cases, they may last for several weeks.

About one in 150 people infected with WNV will develop severe illness. Symptoms of severe illness can include high fever, headache, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness, vision loss, numbness and paralysis. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, seek medical attention immediately.

For more information on how to protect yourself against West Nile Virus and mosquito bites visit [Public Health's Fight the Bite - West Nile Virus page](#).



## Montgomery County Hepatitis A Response

[Hepatitis A](#) outbreaks have been occurring in multiple states across the U.S., including several bordering Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health declared a statewide community outbreak for Hepatitis A on June 22. As of August 27, Ohio had 286 confirmed cases. While anyone is at risk of getting Hepatitis A, priority groups for prevention include:

- Men who have sex with men
- People who use street drugs whether they are injected or not
- People who are incarcerated
- People experiencing homelessness
- People who have traveled to other areas of the U.S. currently experiencing outbreaks
- People having contact with individuals in the priority groups

Montgomery County saw its first case in April of this year. As of August 27, there were a total of 66 cases. Public Health formed an incident management team (IMT) at the end of May to plan a response to stop the spread of Hepatitis A within Montgomery County. IMT staff developed educational materials, informed medical response partners, updated the media, and held Hepatitis A vaccination clinics for high risk populations.

Public Health has conducted a total of 49 external vaccination clinics for Hepatitis A with 1290 individuals being vaccinated. These clinics targeted the Montgomery County jail, homeless populations, men who have sex with men and individuals abusing drugs. In addition, 394 vaccinations have been provided at the Public Health Clinic. There is also continued outreach and sharing of educational information to multiple partners across the county.

Call (937) 225-4550 to schedule an appointment to be vaccinated.



## Level II Food Service Training Locally Offered

Public Health in conjunction with Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH), hosted its first Level 2 food safety training class on July 30 and 31. A HCPH Supervisor instructed the class. All risk level 3 and 4 food operations are required by the food code of the State of Ohio to have at least one manager on staff undergo level 2 training. The training is a 15-hour, 2-day course. The course covers a broad range of [food safety](#) topics such as temperature control, food storage, cleaning and sanitizing, and employee health and hygiene. Each participant must pass a written exam to become certified in the State of Ohio. About 20 people were in attendance along with two Public Health employees. Public Health and HCPH will collaborate again for another level 2 class at the Reibold Building on December 5 and 6 of this year.



## National Preparedness Month

Disasters do not always occur when we are together with our family and friends, so it is important to plan what you will do before disaster strikes. There is no better time than September, which is recognized as National Preparedness Month (NPM). This year, NPM will focus on planning, with an overarching theme: [Disasters Happen. Prepare Now. Learn How.](#) The devastating hurricanes and wildfires of 2017/18 reminded the nation of the importance of preparing for disasters. Based on the scale of an incident, assistance could be hours or even days away before it arrives, so it is vitally important to prepare in advance to help yourself, family and community.

Preparedness 2018 Weekly Themes:

- **Week 1 (Sept 1-8) Make and practice your emergency plan** – sign up for alerts and warnings in your area and know your evacuation plan
- **Week 2 (Sept 9-15) Learn lifesaving skills** – basic home maintenance, CPR, first aid and put smoke alarms on every level of your home
- **Week 3 (Sept 16-22) Check your insurance policies and coverage** for the hazards you may face, such as flood, earthquakes, and tornados
- **Week 4 (Sept 23-30) Financial preparedness/save for an emergency** - Make sure to consider the costs associated with disaster and plan financially for a disaster

More information can be found at [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or #PrepareNow.



## National Recovery Month

Each September, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) sponsors **National Recovery Month (Recovery Month)** to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders, and celebrate the individuals living in recovery. The 2018 Recovery Month theme, ***“Join the Voices for Recovery: Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community,”*** explores how integrated care, a strong community, sense of purpose, and leadership contributes to effective treatments that sustain the recovery of persons with mental and substance use disorders.

The 2018 observance also aims to increase awareness and encourage audiences to take advantage of the increased dialogue around behavioral health needs and the increased emphasis on tackling our nation’s opioid crisis. The observance will work to highlight inspiring stories that help thousands of people from all walks of life find the path to hope, health, and wellness. In addition, the materials support SAMHSA’s message that prevention works, treatment is effective, and people can and do recover. For more information, visit [www.recoverymonth.gov](http://www.recoverymonth.gov).



## Fall Ragweed Season

Each year millions of Americans suffer from ragweed allergies. Public Health’s [Regional Air Pollution Control Agency \(RAPCA\)](#) wants you to know there are things you can do to reduce your exposure to ragweed pollen.

For many people in the Miami Valley, symptoms such as spasms of sneezing, a stuffed-up, runny, itchy nose, itchy and swollen eyes, and itching and mucus in the throat, start in mid-August. Ragweed levels usually peaks around Labor Day weekend and slowly taper off until the first significant frost kills the plant.

During this time RAPCA recommends that allergy sufferers minimize outdoor activities during peak pollen times between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., keep car and house windows closed and take a shower after spending time outside.

RAPCA also recommends working with an allergist/immunologist, who will determine a treatment plan that’s best for you. Treatment for ragweed allergy may include allergy shots, which are effective in up to 90% of patients. If you need help finding an allergist visit the American Academy of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology at <http://www.aaaai.org>.



## Media Opportunities:

- WHIO on **Dog Bites** (8/1/18)
- DDN on **Back to School Health** (8/1/18)
- DDN on **Opportunity Maps** (8/1/18)
- WHIO on **Addiction Outreach** (8/1/18)
- WDAO on **Immunizations & Health Promotion** (8/1/18)
- WDTN on **Living Dayton - Breastfeeding** (8/1/18)
- DDN on **Food Inspections** (8/1/18)
- DDN on **Human Services Levy** (8/1/18)
- Fox 45 on **Fentanyl Test Strips** (8/1/18)
- Fox 45 and WDTN on **West Nile Virus** (8/3/18)
- WHIO on **Back to School Health** (8/7/18)
- WDTN on **5 on 2 - Immunizations** (8/9/18)
- DDN on **West Nile Virus** (8/10/18)
- WDTN on **Living Dayton - Mosquitoes** (8/13/18)
- DDN on **Overdose Deaths** (8/14/18)
- New York Times on **Overdose Deaths** (8/15/18)
- WDTN on **Mosquitoes** (8/17/18)
- WDTN on **Infant Mortality** (8/20/18)
- New York Times on **Overdose Deaths** (8/22/18)
- WDTN on **Living Dayton - Secondhand Smoke** (8/24/18)
- WHIO, WDTN and Fox 45 on **West Nile Virus** (8/30/18)
- Fox 45 on **STDs** (8/30/18)
- Fox 45 on **STDs** (8/31/18)



## Outreach Opportunities:

- Front Street Friday** at Front Street (8/3/2018)
- Trotwood-Madison City Schools** at SAY Soccer field (8/4/2018)
- Faith Deliverance Church Health Fair** at Faith Deliverance Church (8/4/2018)

**GDRC block party** at Greater Dayton Recreation Center (8/4/2018)  
**Dayton Metro Library: Party in the Park** at Cooper Park (8/4/2018)  
**STI testing with LGBT Center** at LGBT Center of Dayton (8/4/2018)  
**Trail Discovery Ride and Walk Event** at Stuart Patterson Park (8/7/2018)  
**National Night Out Against Crime** at Residence Park (8/7/2018)  
**DUPPS Company Employees Health Fair** at DUPPS (8/8/2018)  
**Montgomery County Community Career Fair** at Central State University - West Campus (8/10/2018)  
**National Night Out Against Crime** at Meadowlark Apartments and Asbury Apartments (8/10/2018)  
**Agape Community Health Fair** at Fairview United Methodist Church (8/11/2018)  
**4th Annual Jefferson Township Community Day** at Judge Arthur O. Fisher Park (8/11/2018)  
**Victory In Power (VIP) Ministries Back to School Fair** at VIP Ministries (8/11/2018)  
**Back To School Fair: Dayton Public** at Ponitz Career Technology Center (8/12/2018)  
**Back To School Fair: Saville Elementary** at Saville Elementary School (8/13/2018)  
**Back To School Fair: Virginia Stevenson** at Virginia Stevenson Elementary School (8/14/2018)  
**Montgomery County Celebrate Fatherhood** at Island Metropark (8/16/2018)  
**Yellow Cab Food Truck Rally** at Yellow Cab Building (8/17/2018)  
**African American Cultural Festival** at Island Metropark (8/18/2018)  
**HGMBC Community Health Fair / Back to School Event** at Harvest Grove Missionary Baptist Church (8/18/2018)  
**Community Health Fair** at St. Benedict the Moor Catholic Church (8/18/2018)  
**Five Rivers Community Health Fair** at Five Rivers Family Health Center (8/18/2018)  
**National Night Out** at Bancroft Apartments (8/29/2018)  
**Sinclair Community College "Join us"** at Sinclair Community College (8/30/2018)

## **Stat of the Month...**

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*On average, 19 babies born in Ohio die every week before reaching their first birthday.*

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