

**GREENE COUNTY**  
**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

**January 9, 2025**

**(25-01-09)**

**6:30 p.m.**

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order and Guest Introduction ●
2. Consent Agenda ☼
  - a. December 7, 2024, minutes
  - b. Greene County Public Health Monthly Activity Report
3. Presentations
  - a. GuardCare
4. Executive Session ORC 121.22 (G)(3)
5. Finance Reports ☼
  - a. Income and Expenditure
  - b. Voucher Summary/Then and Now
  - c. Appropriation Transfers
6. Governance Reports
  - a. Governance Committee
  - b. Performance Evaluation Committee
  - c. Planning and Finance Committee
  - d. Approval to Authorize the Health Commissioner to do Adjustments
7. New Business
  - a. The City of Xenia Requests the release of delinquent and current taxes owed to GCPH on two residential properties. The estimated delinquent taxes owed to GCPH on these properties is less than \$100.00. ☼
    - 476 E. Second St. (M40000200120014200)
    - 251 S. Columbus (M40000200120041800)
8. Additional Business
  - a. Continuing education completion certificates

Next Meeting: February 6, 2025  
Time: 6:30 p.m.  
Place: Greene County Public Health

- ☼ Decision needed
- Information item
- Discussion Item



# GREENE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH MONTHLY ACTIVITY REPORT December 30, 2024

## 1. Foundational Capabilities

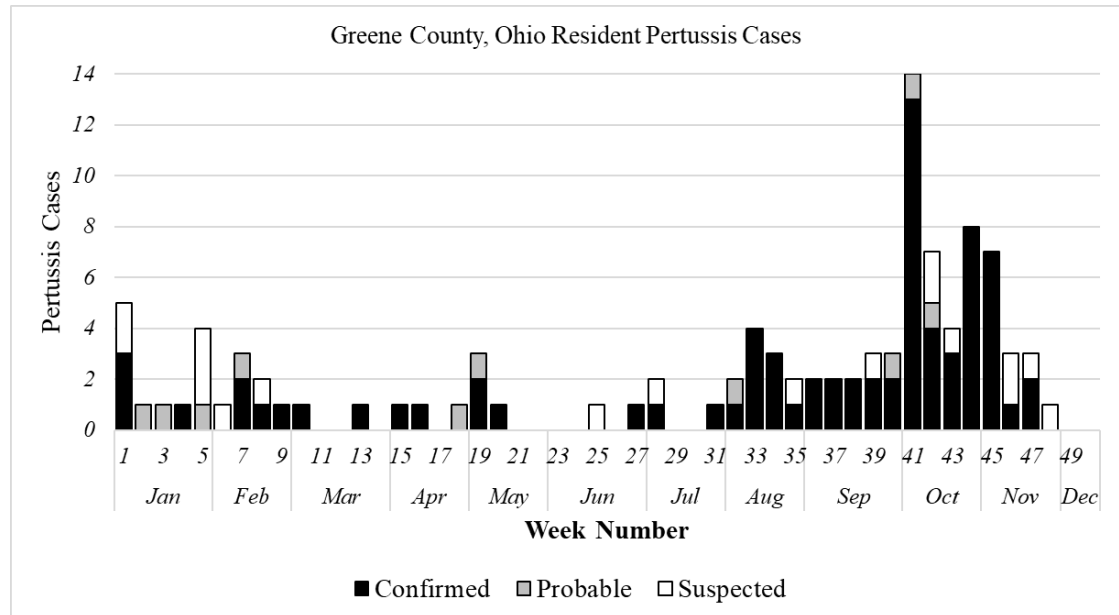
### a. Advocacy Corner

- Public health means protecting human health from harmful elements in the environment, such as our air, food, or water, promoting the health and well-being of all people in Greene County, and preventing diseases from proliferating during disease emergencies. Public health employees determine the health of a community by listening to the people who live here and offering solutions in cooperation with many other agencies and groups like the medical community, schools, daycares, businesses, and others. Greene County Public Health has a legal and moral obligation to use tools such as data collection, scientific-based research, and Ohio laws and regulations to provide solutions, information, and guidance to people negatively affected or potentially affected by a threat. In most cases, these efforts are unfunded or supported by local dollars. Specific threats for Greene County include:
  - i. Chronic Disease-Only ten states have higher rates of diabetes and heart disease than Ohio. Public health officials encourage proper diet and exercise and that you talk to your healthcare provider to obtain blood tests, a physical exam, or an EKG for early diagnosis.
  - ii. Infant Mortality-Through programs such as home visiting, complex medical help, and educating the community about safe sleep, nurses and home visitors support the health of families. Other support for child development comes from early intervention service coordinators and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program. Only California, Texas, and Florida have worse rates of infant mortality than Ohio.
  - iii. One in four Ohio adults had a mental illness, according to the Mental Health in America. One in thirteen struggle with addiction. To support our community, nurses and health educators help get adults back to work with support for recovery, educate them about the harmful effects of abuse, and provide healthy alternatives to managing stress.
  - iv. There is a need to keep homes safe from lead and nuisances. Environmental health specialists support a healthy community through investigation of complaints, referring families to resources for repairs or recommending best outcomes for rehabilitation of a property.
  - v. A trained, healthy and educated workforce helps to ensure a thriving economy. Workers who participate in wellness programs have a 28% reduction in coronary artery disease. Employers generally experience a 15-55% reduction in healthcare costs and 25% reduction in employee

turnover. For every \$1.00 invested in prevention there is a \$2.73 reduction in healthcare costs.

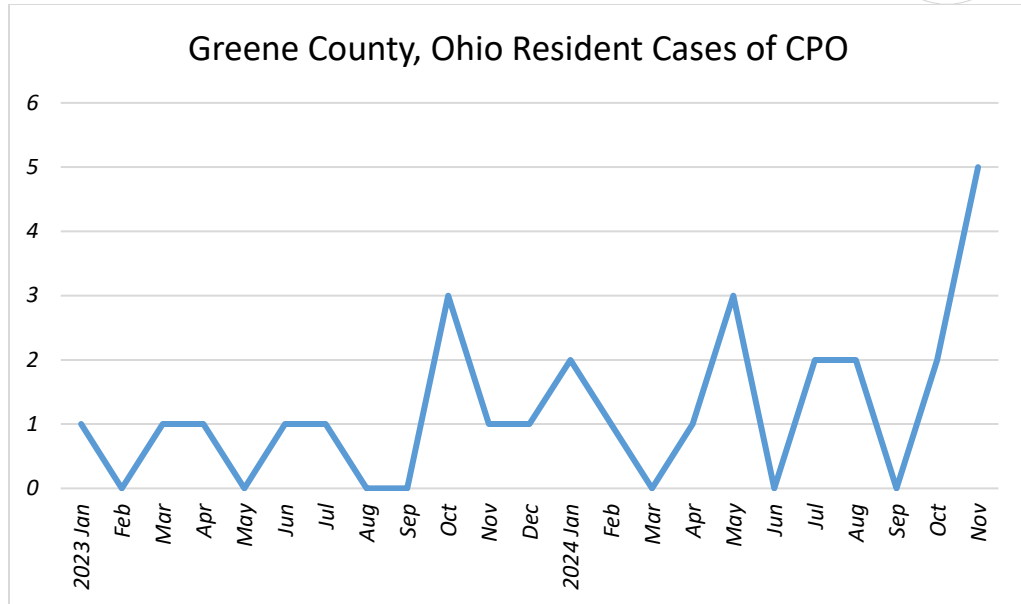
b. Epidemiology

- Pertussis (whooping cough) activity has increased in November in Greene County, but when the cases are graphed by onset, they are trending back down from the peak in October. Following your doctor’s advice on vaccination is the best way to prevent infections. Treating early with antibiotics may make the infection less serious

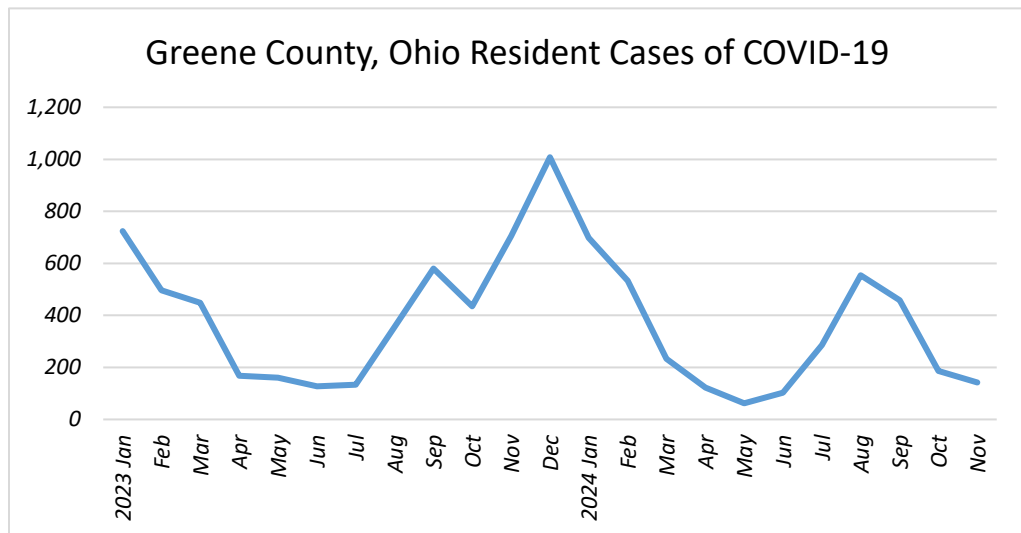


- A contagious viral influenza has been identified in Ohio bird populations, according to the [Ohio Department of Agriculture](#). A backyard poultry operation in Greene County was identified on December 19, 2024, as having H5N1. H5N1 is a high-path avian influenza (HPAI) capable of causing outbreaks in wild birds, poultry, and dairy cows. The current threat to human health is considered rare. However, the CDC recommends the use of personal protective equipment, testing, anti-viral treatment, and monitoring of people who have been exposed to sick or dead animals and livestock with suspected or confirmed infection with HPAI. Two people were monitored in Greene County.

- c. CPO infections are caused by a group of closely related bacteria known as Carbapenem-resistant Enterobacterales. These bacteria are resistant to antibiotics called carbapenems, making them harder to treat. About 1 in 13 cases die. Persons in long-term care are at higher risk. Good hygiene practices in the healthcare setting help prevent the spread of CPO infections, and doctors use various antibiotics to treat them.



d. COVID-19 is trending down



## 2. Communicable Disease

### a. Counts

Reportable Conditions	Nov 2024	YTD 2024
Amebiasis	0	1
Babesiosis	0	1
Botulism - infant	0	0
C. auris	0	2
C. auris - Colonization Screening	0	3
Campylobacteriosis	6	33

Reportable Conditions	Nov 2024	YTD 2024
Chlamydia infection	43	438
Coccidioidomycosis	0	1
COVID-19	142	3377
CPO	5	18
Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	0	5
Cyclosporiasis	0	0
Dengue	0	0
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing (O157:H7, Not O157, Unknown Serotype)	0	1
Ehrlichiosis-Ehrlichia chaffeensis	0	0
Giardiasis	0	3
Gonococcal infection	13	95
Haemophilus influenzae (invasive disease)	0	5
Hepatitis A	0	1
Hepatitis B - Investigation	0	0
Hepatitis B - Perinatal Infection	1	1
Hepatitis B (including delta) - acute	0	2
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	5	30
Hepatitis C - chronic	10	103
Hepatitis C - Perinatal Infection	0	1
Hepatitis E	0	0
Immigrant Investigation	0	1
Influenza - ODH Lab Results	0	0
Influenza-associated hospitalization	0	119
Legionellosis	2	6
Listeriosis	0	1
Lyme Disease	1	16
Malaria	0	0
Measles - indigenous to Ohio (call health department immediately)	0	0
Measles - indigenous/imported Status Not Determined (call health department immediately)	0	1
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	0	2
Meningitis - bacterial (Not N. meningitidis)	1	4
Meningococcal disease - Neisseria meningitidis (call health department immediately)	0	1
Mpox	0	0
Mumps	0	1
Pertussis	28	110
Q fever, acute	0	1
Salmonellosis	2	19
Shigellosis	0	1
Spotted Fever Rickettsiosis,including Rocky Mountain spotted fever (RMSF)	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A -invasive	1	15
Streptococcal - Group B - in newborn	0	0
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	0	8
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistant/intermediate	0	2
Syphilis - unknown duration or late	0	7
Tuberculosis	1	3
Varicella	1	1
Vibriosis (not cholera)	0	2
Yersiniosis	0	0

Reportable Conditions	Nov 2024	YTD 2024
<b>Total</b>	<b>262</b>	<b>4442</b>

### 3. Environmental Health

#### a. *Food Establishment/Food Service*

- i. R. Schairbaum has been working to update General Service webpages and associated program documents where changes were required due to code changes, fee changes, new educational forms for public access, etc. Some additional minor changes will occur in January 2025.
- ii. The 2025 food training schedule has been set and is posted on our webpage. R. Schairbaum has also submitted the required changes to the Person-in-Charge course (due to Food Code changes) and requested ServSafe information to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). ODH will review our course materials and reply if GCPHY needs to make any modifications.
- iii. The 2025 food license renewal applications and letters have been printed and mailed to our food brick-and-mortar and mobile operators the week of December 16, 2024.
- iv. Inspections were conducted for food temporaries and mobiles at various events. In 2024, 191 temporary food licenses have been processed to date.

#### b. *Body Art*

- i. Body Art license renewals are due by January 2, 2025, for the 2025 licensure year. To date, one establishment has renewed its license. Letters will be mailed out in January to delinquent establishments, and they will be assessed the appropriate penalty fee.

#### c. *Sewage*

- i. The 2024 Sewage System Contractor registration information was held on December 12, 2024. Forty-one (41) contractors attended and received 6.0 hours of continuing education credit. Special Services hosted a round table session to address issues or problems that we saw over the last year and allow for questions.
- ii. Sewage contractor registration renewals for the CY 2025 have been sent out for Installers, Service Providers, and Haulers.
- iii. Special Services staff have been busy writing SOG's for programs. SOG's for Private Water, Solid Waste, and Nuisance are complete. SOGs for Mosquitoes, Sewage, and Drone use are still being developed.

### 4. Health Education

#### a. *Safe Communities*

- i. The Greene County Safe Communities Coalition met on December 18, 2024, to discuss updates and review the county's fatalities.

#### b. *Harm Reduction*

- i. The HEP C Cure Squad provided HCV testing and linkage to treatments during SafeTrade on December 2, 2024.
- ii. The harm reduction team distributed naloxone, disseminated literature, and provided HIV, HCV, and Syphilis tests to residents at Bridges of Hope.
- iii. SmokeWorks Harm Reduction donated a \$350 gift card, which was used to buy safer use supplies for SafeTrade.

- c. *Tobacco*
  - i. Created Statement of Support cards for people to sign that state they support limiting tobacco/nicotine accessibility to youth in Greene County.
  - ii. Created letters of support limiting Tobacco/Nicotine Accessibility to Youth in Greene County to send to community partners.
  - iii. Tabled two basketball games at Beavercreek High School for Tobacco prevention.

## 5. **Maternal Child Health**

- a. *Early Intervention (EI)*
  - i. Greene County Received a “Meets Requirements” on the Annual Performance Report (APR) County Determination. The report includes a variety of program compliance for each county, such as meeting the 100% benchmark on the Federal Compliance requirement, parent’s responses gathered through an annual Family Survey and number of children served by age. For copies of the report, please contact Pam Hamer [at phamer@gcph.info](mailto:phamer@gcph.info). The results of the survey will be posted on the Ohio EI Website.
- b. *Help Me Grow (HMG) Home Visiting*
  - i. A peer review site visit occurred December 9-11, 2024. The peers conducting the site review complimented the HMG program, the HMG team, and the families that participated and were willing to be interviewed. A formal report will be provided six to eight weeks from the date of this visit with any recommendations. The HMG program was first accredited in December 2018. This site visit will allow the HMG program to be reaccredited for another five years. Thank you to the whole team for assisting in the preparation and to Jennifer Barga and Dr. Brannen for their support. A special thank you to Pam Hamer and Grace Schoessow from the ESC for their support in being interviewed as part of our Community Advisory Board.

## 6. **Approved External Meetings and Presentations (All)**

- a. 12/02/24 Family & Children First Steering Committee (P. Hamer)
- b. 12/03/24 Family Service Planning Committee – DJFS Board (P. Hamer)
- c. 12/09/24 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Response STLT Update Call (S. Wynn)
- d. 12/09/24 Emerge Testing Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) Presentation (S. Webb)
- e. 12/10/24 Minority Health Fair Planning Committee (S. Webb)
- f. 12/12/24 Her Story Testing STI Presentation (S. Webb)
- g. 12/15/24 Christopher House Testing STI Presentation (S. Webb)
- h. 12/16/24 Wright Patterson Air Force Base Health Fair (N. Kessinger)
- i. 12/16/24 Meeting with Kim Redd of the Greater Dayton Hospital Association (GDAHA) (P. Hamer and N. Kessinger)
- j. 12/17/24 Interview on Disability Inclusion in Public Health with Haleigh at East Tennessee State University (ETSU) (J. Drew and S. Wynn)
- k. 12/19/24 Government IT Management Services (GMIS) Town Hall Meeting (S. Wynn)



**7. Approved Workforce Development Training and Conferences (All)**

- a. 12/03/24 Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) Calls – Mpx Update: Clinical Management and Outbreaks (S. Webb)
- b. 12/05/24 B Informed Virtual Hep B Patient Conference (S. Webb)
- c. 12/05/24 Social Determinants of Health and Unconscious Bias (All Staff)
- d. 12/06/24 Rapid Testing for Syphilis in Pregnant People at Risk for Congenital Syphilis (S. Webb)
- e. 12/09/25 Zyn and Nicotine Pouches: What Local Tobacco Control Officials Need to Know (S. Wynn)
- f. 12/12/24 State Poison Control Overview & Discussion (S. Wynn)
- g. 12/12/24 Potential Changes in Federal Cannabis Policy and the Anticipated Public Health Impacts (S. Wynn)
- h. 12/17/24 The HIV-STI Nexus: Exploring the Hidden Connection (S. Webb)
- i. 12/17/24-12/18/24 Family Connects training (N. Kessinger)
- j. 12/19/24 NextRequest Public Records Training (S. Adams, O. Detty, S. Dodds, J. Moon, and M. Saunders)

**8. Personnel**

- a. Emily Lynch started with GCPH on December 16, 2024, as the newest dietitian for WIC. We are excited to welcome Emily to the team!