



Public Health
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Cambridge-Guernsey County



2023

Annual Report

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About Us

Vision

To be a healthy, safe, and thriving community.

Mission

To improve the quality of life for Guernsey County by promoting health, preventing disease, and assuring a safe environment.

Values

- ❖ **Respectful:** To be understanding of the individual's values and concerns.
- ❖ **Compassionate:** Serving the individual's needs with empathy and dignity.
- ❖ **Equality:** To treat everyone with fairness, without bias.
- ❖ **Confidential:** To maintain professional and discrete relationships with the community and staff.
- ❖ **Teamwork:** Working as a team and treating each other with respect.

BOARD OF HEALTH

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department is governed by a 5-person Board with members appointed by the District Advisory Council and the City of Cambridge. Each member serves a 5-year term and is eligible for reappointment.

Board of Health meetings are held on the 3rd Monday of each month at 5:30 pm, with special sessions called as needed.

Meetings are held at the Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department and are open to the public.

2023

Board of Health **Members**

Cliff Maximo, M.D.

Karen Enos

Marilyn Morehead

Mike Yanico

Rebecca Sudduth

From the Health Commissioner



During the last year, our health department has continued its mission to provide public health to our community in multiple areas. We are waiting to hear the status of our national public health accreditation later this spring. Due to the hard work and effort of our dedicated staff, I am confident this will be achieved. We continue to add staff to provide the essential services that our community requires. This is also made possible by working closely with our community health partners.

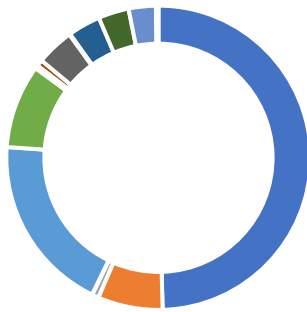
In addition, I cannot say enough about everyone working at the health department. They work with passion and dedication to our county. Thank you also to our community for their support. We are looking forward to a healthy and safe 2024.

Edward Colby, D.O.

Health Commissioner/Medical Director

Financial Report

2023 Expenditures

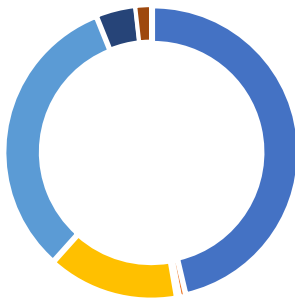


- Salaries
- Medicare Tax
- Health/Life Insurance
- Liability Insurance
- Supplies
- State Fee Remittances
- Other Expense
- Transfers
- PERS
- Social Security Tax
- Contract Services
- Travel / Car Expense
- Lab Fees
- Equipment
- Accreditation Fees

2023 Expenditures

Salaries	\$	1,041,721.07
PERS	\$	145,132.16
Medicare Tax	\$	15,104.94
Social Security Tax	\$	228.16
Health/Life Insurance	\$	397,929.00
Contract Services	\$	186,905.40
Liability Insurance	\$	7,501.28
Travel / Car Expense	\$	14,068.98
Supplies	\$	83,858.64
Lab Fees	\$	2,117.00
State Fee Remittances	\$	72,761.88
Equipment	\$	68,175.17
Other Expense	\$	60,712.93
Accreditation Fees	\$	5,600.00
Transfers		
Total:	\$	<u>2,101,816.61</u>

2023 Receipts



- Public Health Levy
- State Subsidy
- Clinic Services
- Vital Statistics
- Bank Fees
- Subdivisions
- Environmental Health Fees
- Transfers
- Miscellaneous

2023 Receipts

Public Health Levy	\$	874,197.00
Subdivisions	\$	11,200.00
State Subsidy	\$	7,033.08
Environmental Health Fees	\$	270,386.95
Clinic Services	\$	609,367.37
Transfers		
Vital Statistics	\$	81,168.00
Miscellaneous	\$	33,092.78
Bank Fees	\$	(647.73)
Total	\$	<u>1,885,797.45</u>

Financial Report and Human Resources

FUND BALANCE OR CARRYOVER

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Health Department budgets for revenue and expense for the current year and has cash that is carried over to the next year. Our goal is to keep cash available for any contingencies that may arise (disasters, loss of revenue, etc). By the end of 2023 operating period, the fund balance was \$1,562,436.98.

A detailed copy of the annual financial report is available by contacting Kylie Jones MPH, DTR, Deputy Health Commissioner: 740-439-3577 or kjones@guernseycountyhd.org

HUMAN RESOURCES

4 Hires

4 Departures

1 Position Open (as of 12/31/2023)

23 Employees on Payroll (12/31/2023)



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Environmental Health

The Cambridge-Guernsey County Environmental Health Division seeks to build upon the history of public health and to assist in maintaining a healthy environment in which is pleasant to live and work. Our department strives to respond to dynamics and growth in Guernsey County while maintaining core public health responsibilities. This is accomplished through development and implementation of programs designed to assist in the promotion of healthy living and the mitigation of environmental factors.

Environmental staff protect public health through preventative measures designed to identify and control the spread of disease. This is accomplished primarily by the promotion of environmental health through education and through enforcement of local and state public health regulations. Our department provides education, inspections, consultations and enforcement of local, state, and federal rules and regulations in accordance with proper policies and procedures.

For the first time in a long period, our division is fully staffed with credentialed environmental health specialists. In 2023, we welcomed Lindsay Gates and Andrea Geilinger. We have a staff that is dedicated to their job and improvement of public health in Guernsey County. Our unit now has aerial drones for surveillance and remote pilot licensure to operate them. Our county is committed to professional development and attends as many opportunities as possible, while also hosting several in our county. Trainings include: Pool and spa safety, continuing education class for those in the sewage business and epidemiological response trainings. Our staff is committed to looking out for the 39,000 of Guernsey County and its visitors, and quite often includes over 100,000 in the summer months.

Over 1700 inspections were conducted by Environmental Health staff in 2023.

Food Service

	2022	2023
Food Service Operations Licensed	203	184
FSO Inspections	360	381
FSO Mobile Licenses	26	28
Mobile Inspections	37	85
Vending Licenses	21	21
Vending Inspections	21	21
Retail Food Establishments Licensed	98	122
RFE Inspections	157	202
Temporary Food Licenses	43	44
Temporary Inspections	43	43

Private Water Systems

	2022	2023
Well Permits Issued	36	26
Average Depth	137	129
Average Gallons Per Minute	5.2	4.5
Registered Water Haulers	4	3

Environmental Health

Sewage Treatment Systems

	2022	2023
Installation Permits	99	86
Systems Approved	90	87
Site Reviews	99	90
Sewage System Installers Registered	31	36
Service Providers Registered	10	11
Septage Haulers Registered	15	16
Land Application Permits	2	2
Operation Permits Issued	99	86
Variances	8	1
CEU Class	150	206
		Participants

Plumbing

	2023
Commercial Permits Issued	32
Residential Permits	44
Master Plumbers Registered	24
Associate Plumbers Registered	13
Journeyman Plumbers	21

Solid Waste Haulers

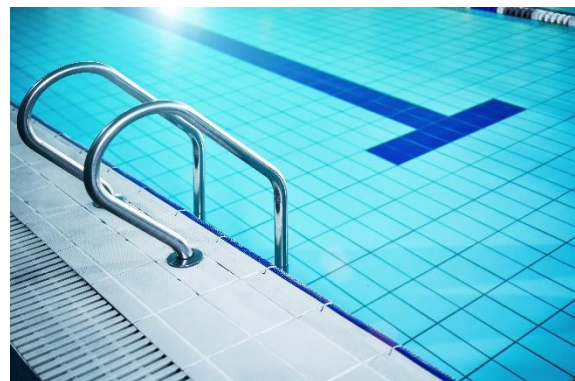
	2022	2023
Licensed Haulers	6	4
Total Vehicles	50	56

Body Art

	2022	2023
Licensed	4	6
Inspections	4	8

Public Swimming Pools and Spas

	2022	2023
Licensed Pools/Spas/Spray Grounds	28	26
Inspections	74	74
Operator Trainings	1	1



Environmental Health



School Inspections

	2022	2023
Schools	16	16
Inspections	32	32

Campgrounds/RV Parks

	2022	2023
Licensed	24	24
Inspections	72	72
Temporary Camp Licenses	2	2

Rabies Prevention/Animal Bites

	2022	2023
Animal Bites Investigated	102	127
Non-Bite Exposures	4	3
Persons Exposed	106	130
Specimens sent to ODH laboratory	7	8
Positive Cases	0	0
Vaccine Treatment	9	14



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WIC (Women, Infants and Children)

In 2023, the Guernsey County WIC Program was focused on growth. Our goals were to increase the number of participants utilizing the WIC program (caseload), increase our breastfeeding initiation rates and breastfeeding moms and increase our community outreach and partnerships.

The number of WIC participants has gradually increased over the last year. Our caseload average increased by 116 participants from the end of 2022 to the end of 2023. State WIC provides us with a projected caseload each year. We exceeded our caseload ceiling by at least 61 participants in every month of 2023. We are hoping to continue this trend in 2024.

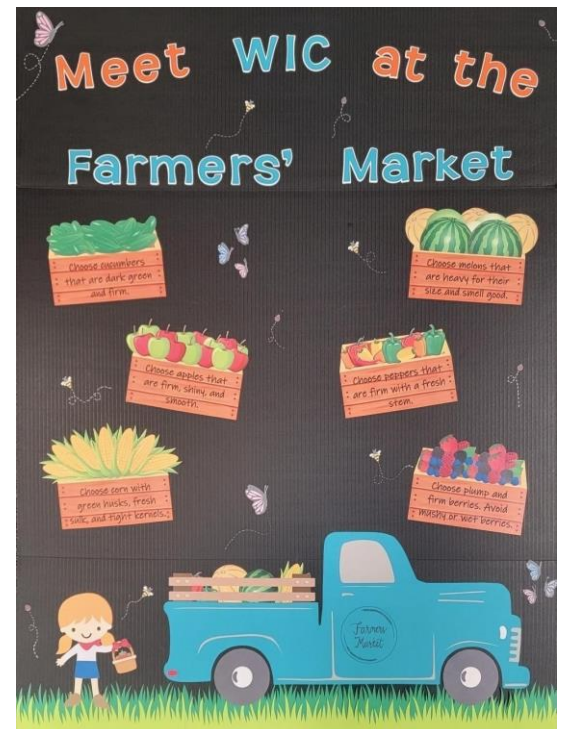
Guernsey County WIC continues to increase breastfeeding rates. We have seen an incline of 3.9% over the past year. WIC staff is excited about this because it is a visual representation of our success. Our staff work hand-in-hand to educate each participant about the benefits of breastfeeding. We have created educational packets that build with each prenatal visit. Therefore, by the end of their pregnancies each woman has a good foundation and resources at her disposal when baby arrives, and she can initiate breastfeeding. Along with our education, our staff strides to be available and welcoming to any participant to meet their needs, whether it be a weight check, offering breastfeeding supplies or just a phone call to check in. We are excited to add a breastfeeding peer to our staff to build even more of a relationship with our participants and have even more success with our program.

Increasing outreach and community partnerships is something that we needed to improve after the COVID shutdown. One way we have increased outreach is by providing education at the two local head start programs. Our community dietitian creates lesson plans ranging from “Eat the Rainbow” to “Sugar Bugs and Brushing Your Teeth.” She incorporates fun activities into the education lessons to make sure the children enjoy the classes. The children look forward to the monthly lessons. Guernsey County WIC has also had multiple opportunities to promote the WIC Program in the community. WIC staff participated in the Community Baby Shower sponsored by Guernsey County Children’s

Services and also promoted the WIC Program at an EPIC Head Start Parent Meeting. We also have a Memorandum of Understanding for SNAP-Ed through the OSU Extension office in Belmont County. They provide education that is tailored to the needs of our population and encourage them to invest in their overall well-being. Our first program was scheduled November 29th, 2023.

2023 was a successful year in terms of growth for the Guernsey County WIC Program. We are hoping to continue to increase our caseload and breastfeeding rates and develop new partnerships with community organizations in 2024.

WIC STATS	2023
Average Guernsey County participants	917
Average Breastfeeding initiation rate among all WIC moms	72.22%
Average Number of breastfeeding moms active on WIC	67
Breast pumps distributed to support breastfeeding	19
Participation increase from 2022-2023	116
Head Start classes given education	40



Family & Community Health & Wellness

CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS

The Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program is a health care program of the Ohio Department of Health. CMH links families of children with special health care needs to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services that their children need. The health department deploys two registered nurses to make home visits to families of children with special health care needs and assist physicians and other medical care providers. CMH will pay for diagnostic services for children, regardless of family income.

2023 Caseload: 246

Home Visits/Office Visits: 47

CRIBS FOR KIDS

The Health Department, in partnership with the Perry County Health Department and the Ohio Department of Health, offers a Cribs for Kids program to help prevent the number of sleep related infant deaths in Guernsey County. The Health Department provided education to parents and caregivers on the importance of practicing safe sleep for their babies and by providing portable cribs to families who, otherwise, cannot afford a safe place for their babies to sleep.

Cribs Distributed in 2023: 8

BRIDGES TO WELLNESS

Bridges to Wellness is a program of Access Tusc which links individuals who have medical, social, and educational barriers to local resources to help them become stronger and healthier. Through Bridges to Wellness, individuals and families can access all the services they need in one place by working with an experienced Community Health Worker who will come to their homes, listen to their needs, and work with them to create a plan to make sure their needs are met.

Total Participants Served in 2023: 22

Total Visits Completed in 2023: 101



Ohio Buckles Buckeyes

The overall goal of this program is to increase the availability of child safety seats for families who could not otherwise afford them and to increase correct installation and proper use of child safety seats.

Car seats distributed in 2023: 35

Family & Community Health & Wellness



GENERAL MEDICAL CLINIC

The Health Department offers a General Medical Clinic for residents of Guernsey County who do not have a primary care physician and who are unable to pay the full cost to see a primary care physician. The clinic is held every Wednesday afternoon. Health Commissioner/Medical Director, Dr. Edward Colby, serves patients by appointment. Sick patients are scheduled as well as those seeking physicals for work, school, etc.

Number of 2023 visits: 75

REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Reproductive Health and Wellness program provides women's health exams including pap tests, sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and treatment, clinical breast and pelvic exams, routine lab testing, family planning supplies, education, counseling, and referral services. Male services include: STI testing and treatment, treatment for HPV, education, referral services, and issuing supplies such as condoms.

Number of Clinics: 44

Unduplicated clients served: 296

Total duplicated encounters: 716



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Communicable Disease Prevention

IMMUNIZATIONS

The health department's immunization program provides services to prevent and protect the public against vaccine preventable disease. Adult and childhood vaccines were available by scheduled appointment.

IMMUNIZATION DATA

Total Number of VFC Clinics at the Health Department: 99

COVID vaccine for 11 years old and under: 6

COVID vaccine for 12 years old: 77

Adult Immunizations:

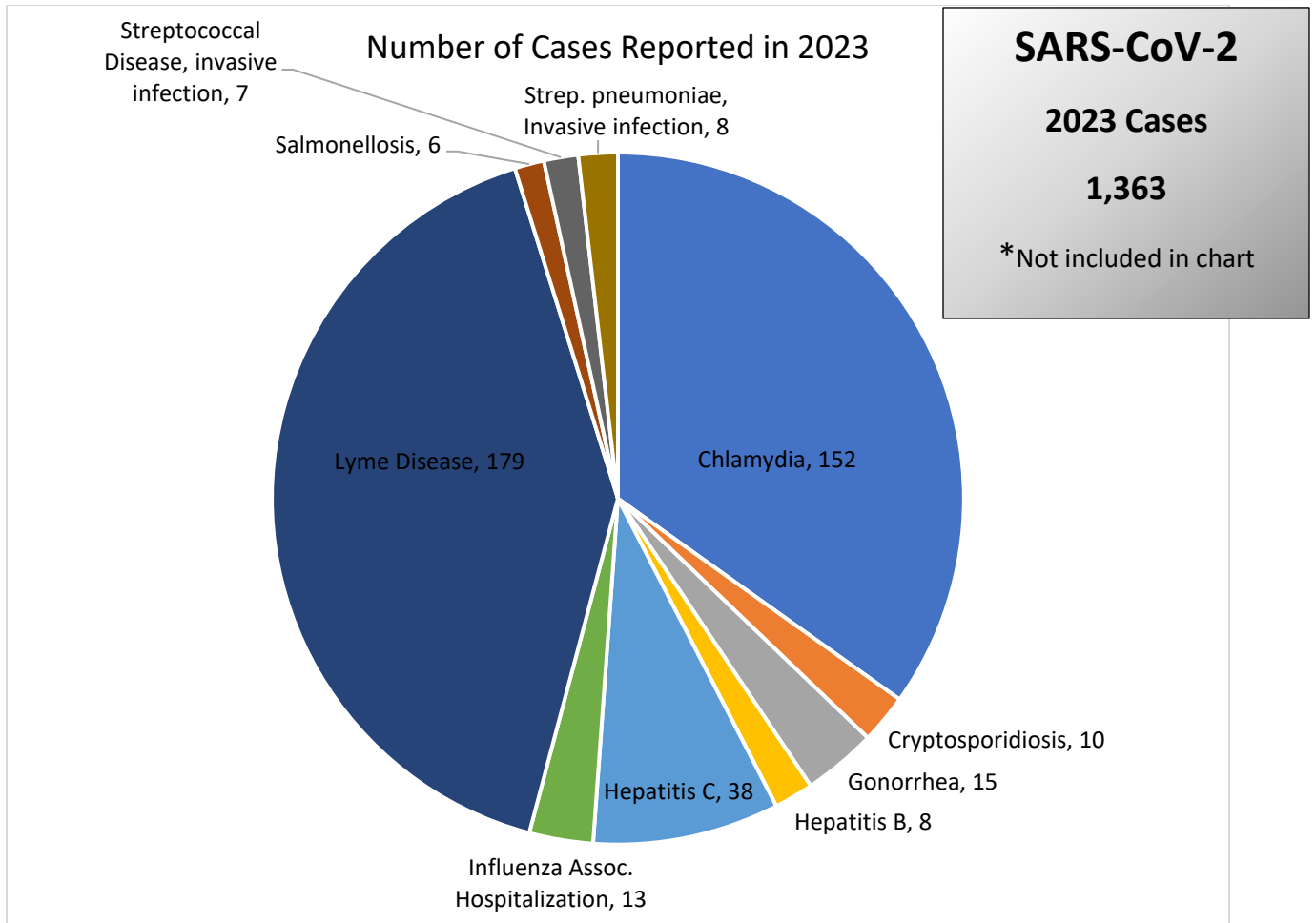
<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Doses Given:</u>
Hep B	11
Td	0
Influenza	146
Hep A	2
Menomune	0
Twinrix	3
Tdap	22
Meningitis	0
HIB	0
MMR	0
Rabies	4
Varicella	0

Childhood Adolescent Immunizations

<u>Vaccine:</u>	<u>Doses Given:</u>
DTaP:	54
Td	0
DT	0
Pediarix	93
MMR	54
Influenza	10
HIB	117
Polio	18
Hep B	4
Tdap	85
Meningococcal	128
Meningococcal B	29
Rotavirus	39
HPV	88
Kinrix	32
Prevnar	120
MMRV	40
HEP A	92
Varicella	47



Communicable Disease Prevention



*SARS-CoV-2 data and any condition with ≤ 5 cases were omitted

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Numbers indicate those tested (Male and Female) by health department staff in 2022.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Tested</u>	<u>Positive</u>	<u>Percent Positive</u>
Chlamydia	181	22	12.15%
Herpes	4	2	50%
HIV	89	0	0%
HPV	25	4	16%
Gonorrhea	181	1	0.55%
Syphilis	89	1	1.12%



Public Health Accreditation

Our Public Health Accreditation action plan due date was January 3, 2024. We were required to resubmit sixty-nine documents. The accreditation team worked throughout the summer, fall, and winter on the documents. The health department contracted with Ohio Public Health Association for an accreditation specialist to assist us in the process of documentation creation, revision, and resubmission. The documents were submitted on December 28, 2023. We are expected to hear the status of our PHAB accreditation late spring or early summer.

Community Health Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan

The health department has contracted with Illuminology to assist in the facilitation and creation of the 2024 Community Health Assessment and the Community Health Improvement Plan. The brainstorming and first stages of the process began in late 2023, with the community kick-off meeting happening in early 2024. The assessment and plan are completed every 3 years, they inform and guide community strategies to improve public health.

Performance Management

The leadership team reviewed and updated progress on the administrative sections at the October board of health meeting, and the nursing section at the November board of health meeting. We will be working on updating and revising our Performance Management system to be updated quarterly with a visual aid for reporting.



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