

HURON COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

2019

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Huron County Public Health's (HCPH) mission is to achieve and sustain healthy people and healthy communities throughout Huron County by providing public health services which promote health and prevent disease.

The governing body for HCPH is the Huron County Board of Health. Elected officials of Huron County cities, villages, and townships appoint Board members. Health Districts shall have a Board of Health consisting of at least five members. The District Advisory Council appoints four members and the District Licensing Council appoints one. One member must be a physician. The Board of Health appoints the Health Commissioner.

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# A LETTER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSONER

This was a landmark year for the Health District. Our ability to respond to emerging health threats from the environment and diseases is reliant on continued investment in public health infrastructure. The purchase of the Health District's own building has secured the District's long term infrastructural requirements and allows the Board of Health the flexibility to strategically plan for the future. This achievement along with national reaccreditation preparation ensures that the Health District can now construct efficient and effective operations and continue to promote continuous quality improvement.

One of the roles of a public health agency is to lead. Sometimes we need to be involved in the issues that are unpopular even if it means opening ourselves up to controversy and criticism. As public health practitioners, we strive to protect and improve the health of our families and the community by promoting healthy lifestyles, enforcing rules that protect the environment, responding to emerging public health emergencies, and detecting and controlling infectious diseases.

Tough as it may have been, the Sewage Operation and Maintenance program is an example of the Board of Health leading in a challenging area. After reviewing the law and the Ohio Department of Health's rules the Board stayed true to its values and developed policy that was based on the intent of the law and rules. It was a contentious decision and criticism from some of those affected has come thick and fast.

We are also moving toward a more innovative approach to the Community Health Assessment. The focus of this new method is to address the roadblocks that often prevent people from living healthy lifestyles, also known as social determinants of health. This year we conducted focus groups throughout the county to discover common social determinants. The process has shown that the issue of transportation is the principal social determinant roadblock to health for our community.



Sincerely,

*Tim Hollinger*

Tim Hollinger, MPH

# A NEW LOCATION

In August 2018, Huron County Public Health (HCPH) announced that the agency would be moving to a new location. On July 19, 2019 HCPH began offering full services to the public at its new office, located at 28 Executive Drive in Norwalk for normal business. The new location is on the south side of Norwalk near Fisher-Titus Medical Center and other local government and social service agencies in the community, making it more assessible for the majority of the county's residents. HCPH had a smooth transition to the new facility with little disruption to services. The new facility allows HCPH to better utilize the available space to meet the needs of the agency and to provide essential health services to Huron County residents. During the relocation, HCPH was able to test its ability to quickly disconnect vital IT services and reconnect within hours to be able to offer essential services. HCPH was able to do this seamlessly, providing reassurance to residents of Huron County that public health stands prepared.



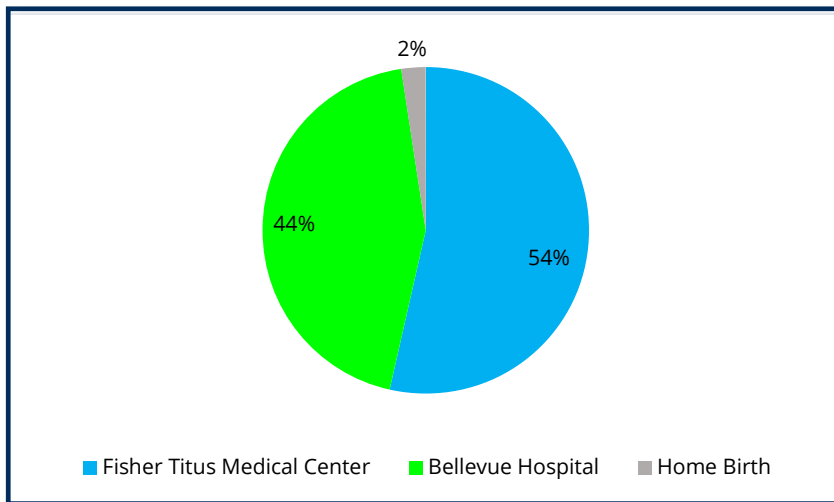
# ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

The Administrative Services' Vital Statistics Office issues birth certificates for anyone born in the state of Ohio and death certificates for anyone who has died in Huron County.

## VITAL STATISTICS: BIRTHS

In 2019, 829 babies were born in Huron County. Of these births, 410 (49%) babies were male and 419 (51%) were female. The average birth weight was 7.3 lbs. The smallest baby weighed 10 oz and the largest weighed 10 pounds and 11 oz. The top baby names of 2019 were "Oliver" for boys and "Sophia" for girls.

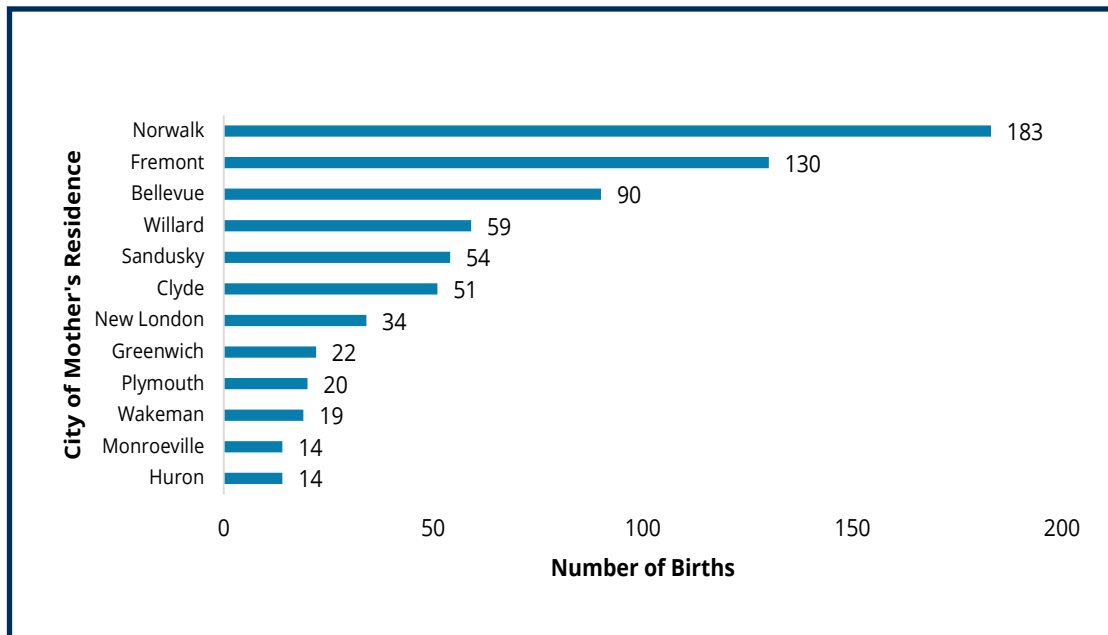
### HURON COUNTY BIRTHS, BY FACILITY



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Babies were born in a hospital or birthing center, while 20 babies were born in a residence.

### BIRTHS IN HURON COUNTY, BY MOTHER'S RESIDENCE \*

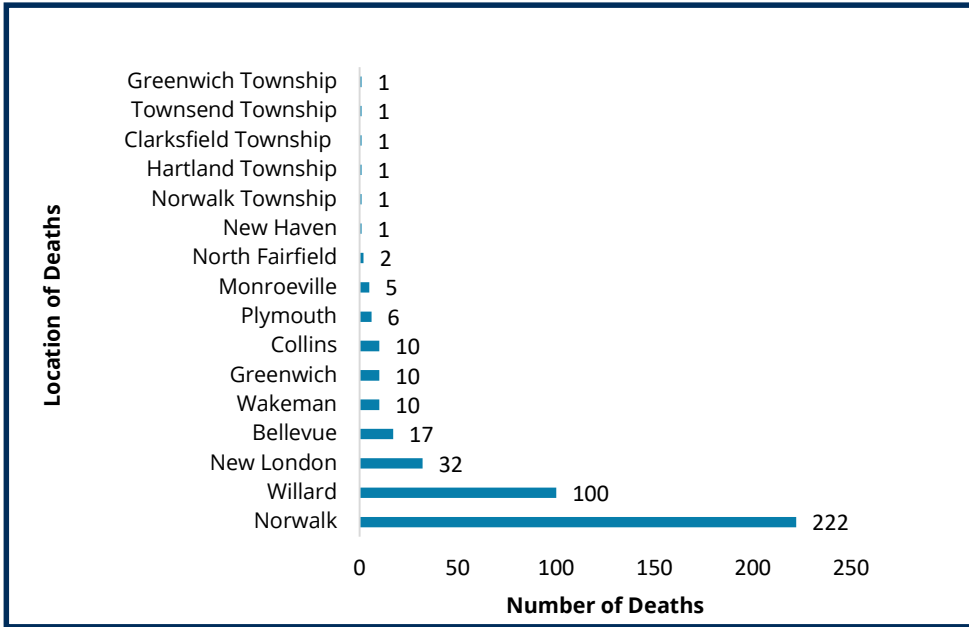


\* Top 12 locations of residence

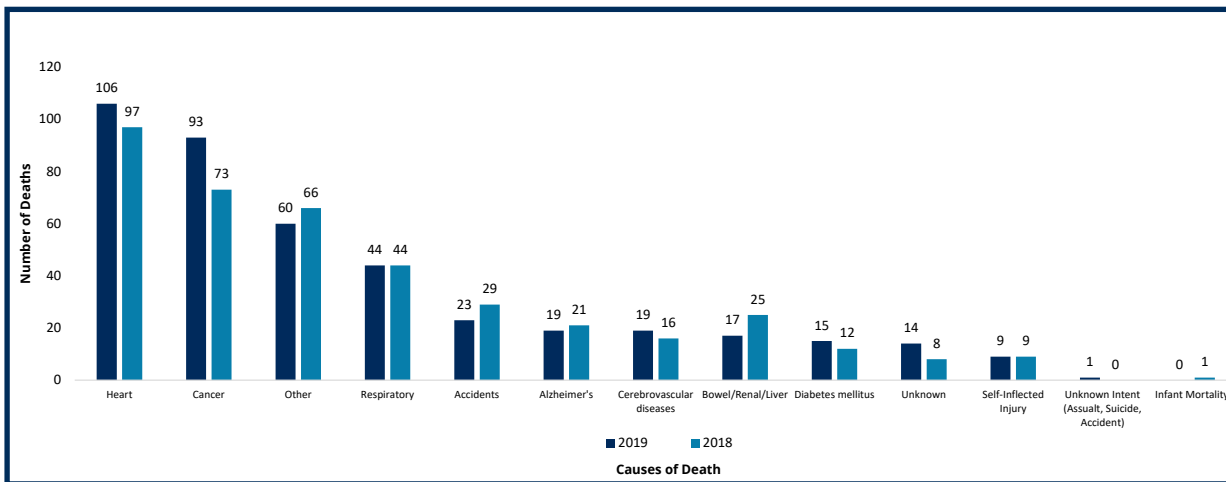
### VITAL STATISTICS: DEATHS

In 2019, 420 people died in Huron County, down from 462 in 2018. Of these deaths, 193 were females and 227 were males. The average age of death was 74 years old.

### LOCATION OF DEATHS OCCURRING IN HURON COUNTY

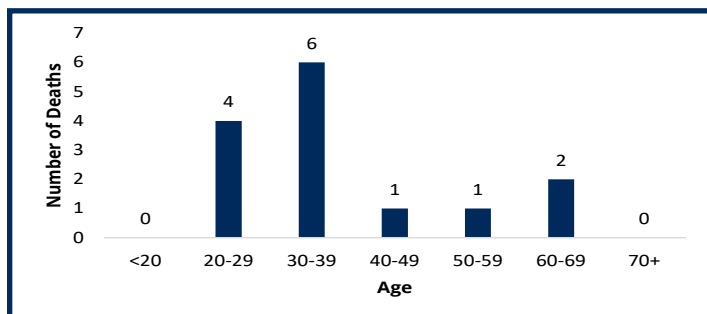


### PRIMARY CAUSES OF DEATH IN HURON COUNTY\*



\*Data reported on February 21, 2020.

### HURON COUNTY RESIDENTS UNINTENTIONAL OVERDOSE DEATHS, BY AGE\*



\*Data reported on February 21, 2020.

There were 14 unintentional overdose deaths in Huron County in 2019, compared to 16 in 2018, and 27 in 2017. For 2019, 4 deaths were females and 10 deaths were males, with an average age of 39 years old. \*

# MEDICAL DIVISION

The Medical Division of HCPH provides a variety of medical services to Huron County including primary care, reproductive health, school health services, as well as immunizations, Vivitrol, and other public health nursing services.

## IMMUNIZATIONS

Immunizations are provided by HCPH to persons 6 weeks of age and up, following the current Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines. HCPH is a *Vaccine for Children* provider, which provides vaccines for un- and under-insured children through age 18 in Huron County.

Immunizations are provided as a preventative to many diseases, but are not a 100% guarantee against disease. For some diseases such as influenza, the vaccine may not prevent the disease completely but may reduce the severity of symptoms. Another important function of immunizations is community immunity, which provides protection to those who are too young or too immuno-compromised to be vaccinated.

HCPH also provides immunizations to adults whether they are beginning a new educational program, becoming parents or grandparents, or traveling. Travel vaccines are available for diseases, such as Japanese Encephalitis, Yellow Fever, Typhoid and more.



**11,617**

Vaccines were administered 2019.

## 2019 Top 5 Vaccines Administered

1. Flu - 1,446 vaccines
2. Prevnar 13 (*pneumococcal pneumonia*) - 1,333 vaccines
3. Pediatric Hepatitis A - 1,108 vaccines
4. Pediarix (*diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, hepatitis B, and polio*)- 1,085 vaccines
5. HIB (*Haemophilus influenzae*)- 1,034 vaccines

## DRIVE-THRU FLU SHOT CLINICS

Since the mid 2000's, HCPH has offered adult influenza vaccinations through drive-thru clinics held around the county. These clinics allow persons to be vaccinated in a convenient location quickly, without having to get out of their vehicle. In 2019, drive-thru clinics were offered in New London, Norwalk, Wakeman, and Willard. In addition to being convenient to the public, these clinics also allow staff to practice emergency plans for emergency vaccination and medication distribution.



**178**

Participants were vaccinated during 2019's Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics.



## REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

HCPH provides reproductive health and wellness services to men and women of all ages in need of sexual health care through the Title X Grant offered by the Ohio Department of Health and the Federal Government. For fiscal year 2020 (which includes services offered in 2019), this grant was awarded to HCPH for an amount of \$44,000.00. Services offered include women's physicals (including breast exams, pap tests and referrals for mammograms); pregnancy tests; sexually transmitted disease screenings; a variety of contraception, including long acting reversible contraception; screenings for drug, alcohol, and mental health issues; education on avoiding sexual coercion; screening for human trafficking and domestic violence; and referrals for many sexual health issues. All Medicaid, many private insurances, and self pay clients are welcome.



**321**

Reproductive Health  
Clinic visits occurred  
in 2019.

## FAMILY HEALTH SERVICES

Since 1998, HCPH has offered low-cost primary care to un- or under-insured residents without a primary care doctor. The "safety net clinic" has changed as the insurance climate and local provider acceptance of Medicaid has changed. In 2019, the clinic provided care to adults without insurance coverage. Appointments with our medical provider, Dr. Stephanie Gibson, were available once a week and the Public Health Nurses (PHNs) provided assistance with getting prescription medications for self pay clients unable to afford them on their own. The PHNs also helped uninsured patients sign up for insurance or Medicaid and helped with referrals for other services.



**224**

Primary Care Clinic  
visits occurred  
in 2019.

## VIVITROL PROGRAM

HCPH began offering medication assisted treatment using the long acting medication Vivitrol in early 2016. This once-monthly injection helps people struggling with alcohol or opiate addiction by reducing cravings. Clients are accepted into the program and are highly recommended to get counseling for their addictions. HCPH's Medical Division assists these clients with becoming insured, if necessary, and screens their physical health to ensure they will be able to tolerate Vivitrol. In addition, these screenings allow HCPH to diagnose and address many communicable diseases often associated with drug abuse, such as sexually transmitted diseases and Hepatitis C.



**25**

New and established  
patients participated in the  
Vivitrol Program in 2019.

### SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

HCPH contracts with 7 school systems in Huron County to provide required health screenings, performed by HCPH’s PHNs. These health screenings include vision screenings for children in grades preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 7th, 9th and 11th, as well as any child with an individualized education program (IEP) or referred by the parent or teacher for vision concerns. The PHNs also provide hearing screenings for children in grades preschool, kindergarten, 1st, 3rd, 5th, 9th, and 11th, as well as those children referred for concerns or with an IEP.

PHNs review immunization records for children in preschool, kindergarten, and in grades 7 and 12 to ensure these students meet the immunization requirements set by the State of Ohio. PHNs provide educational programs to students and staff and are available for questions from the school about communicable diseases and head lice. HCPH’s PHNs also work with other schools to make sure their students are healthy and ready to learn by providing advice and current immunization information to the school’s nurse/staff.

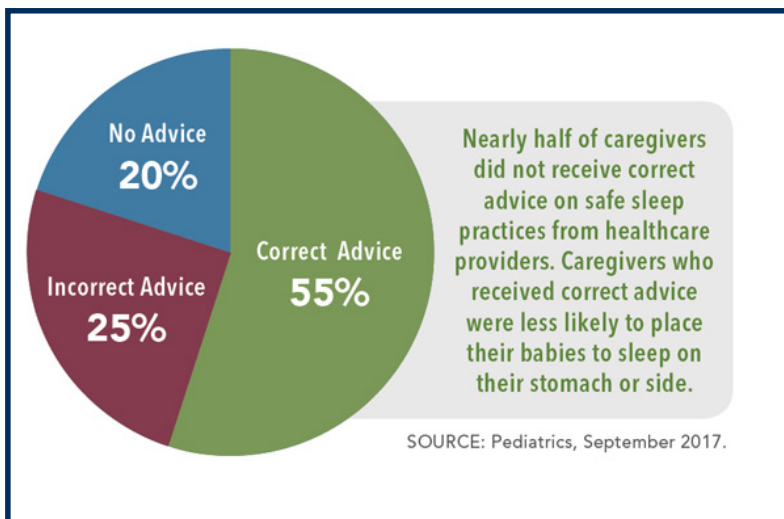


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Head lice checks were conducted county-wide in 2019.

### BABY SLEEP SAFE/CRIBS FOR KIDS PROGRAM

The Ohio Department of Health, Bureau of Maternal, Child and Family Health awarded HCPH the Cribs for Kids® and Safe Sleep Program Grant in 2019 for the amount of \$30,000.00. HCPH’s Baby Sleep Safe program utilizes this grant funding and donations to help provide safe sleep environments and education to income-eligible families.



40

Portable cribs were distributed to Huron County families in 2019.

### CAR SEAT SAFETY AND OHIO BUCKLES BUCKEYES PROGRAM

HCPH distributes infant and child car seats and booster seats to eligible Huron County families. Designed for low-income families in need of safety seats for their children, this car seat instruction, distribution, and education service can help families who qualify by providing child passenger safety seats for children from all of Huron County.



**73** car seats were distributed in 2019 and **84** car seats were inspected.



SOURCE: NHSTA, May 2019.

### CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS (CMH)

CMH is a financial assistance program funded by a state and county partnership, for families with children with special health care needs. PHNs facilitate the program; assisting families with applications, information on CMH approved providers, and case management for those approved for the program. CMH provides financial services to rule out a handicapping condition, determine a diagnosis, or establish a plan of treatment for a child already diagnosed with a medical condition. There is no financial eligibility for the diagnostic program. For those diagnosed with an eligible condition, the program offers the potential for a treatment program. PHNs work with families whose children have special health care needs. PHNs are an important resource for families who may be working with many agencies and providers.



**57**

CMH families were assisted in Huron County in 2019.

### HURON COUNTY PATHWAYS

The Huron County Pathways program is a free program to help connect pregnant women, mothers, and adults with needed medical and social service pathways - including food, housing, transportation, cribs, car seats, and diapers. Every Pathways client is partnered with a Community Health Worker or PHN.



**19**

Clients were helped by the Huron County Pathways program in 2019.

# COMMUNITY HEALTH DIVISION

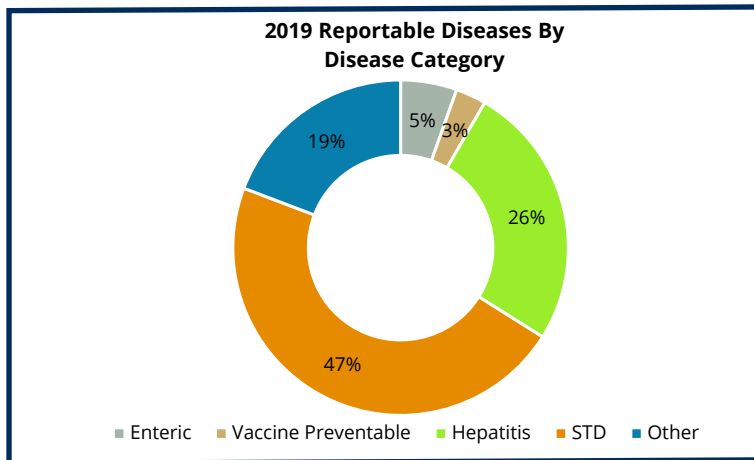
The Community Health Division coordinates HCPH’s public education, emergency preparedness and response, epidemiology, surveillance, volunteer coordination, communication efforts, and accreditation.

## EPIDEMIOLOGICAL SURVEILLANCE

HCPH monitors the health of the community through epidemiological surveillance. The Epidemiologist monitors numerous systems for daily awareness of the health status of the community.

## COMMUNICABLE DISEASES REPORTED TO HCPH

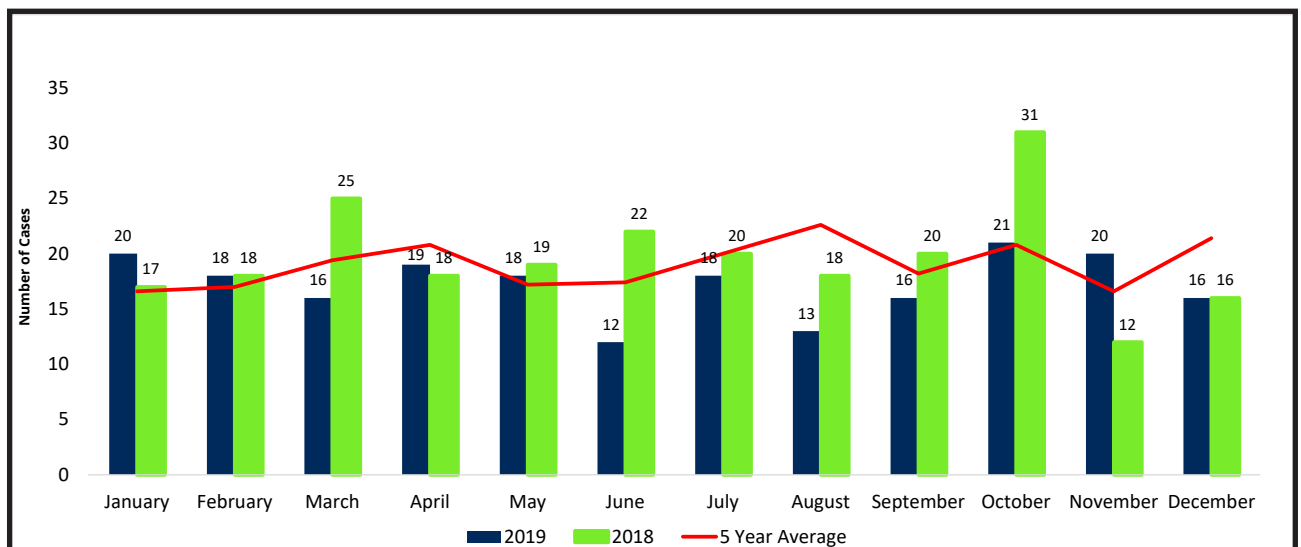
By law, cases of certain diseases must be reported to local health departments. Reportable diseases are of public health concern due to their severity and the potential for epidemic spread. In 2019, 442 communicable disease cases were reported to HCPH.



## Top 5 Communicable Diseases in 2019:

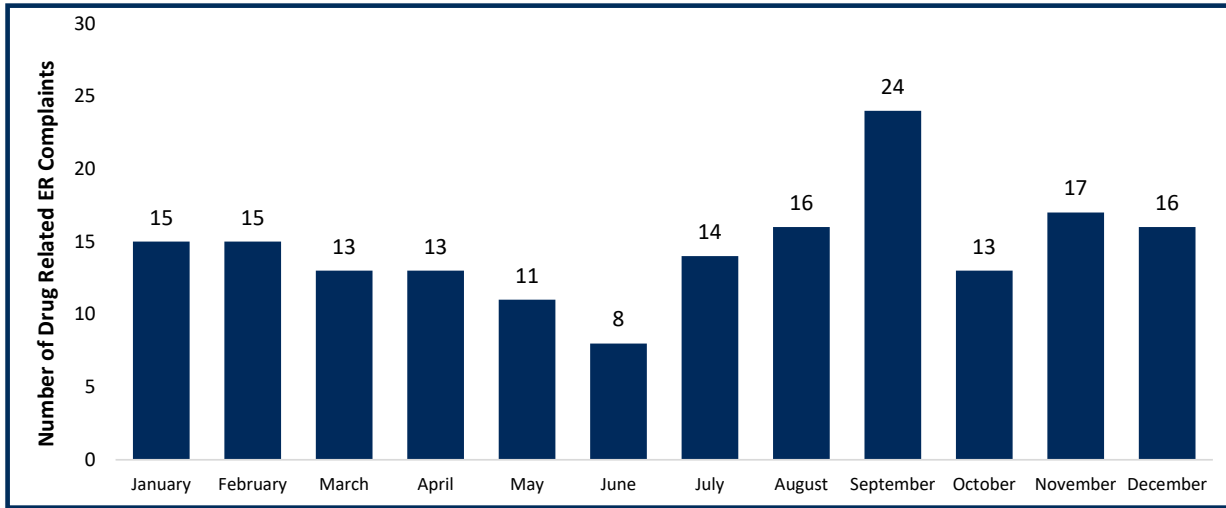
1. Chlamydia
2. Hepatitis C
3. Influenza-Associated Hospitalization
4. Hepatitis B
5. Gonorrhea

## SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES REPORTED TO HCPH



### DRUG-RELATED EMERGENCY ROOM (ER) COMPLAINTS IN HURON COUNTY

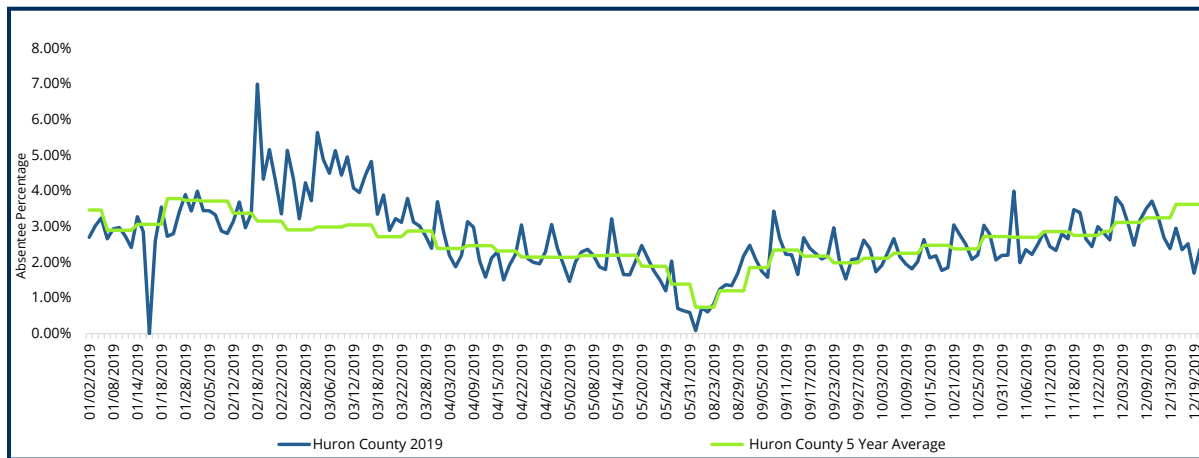
In 2019, there were 175 drug-related ER complaints in Huron County; 32 fewer complaints than reported in 2018.



### HURON COUNTY SCHOOL ABSENTEE SURVEILLANCE

School Absentee Surveillance is a way to track illness in schools for students that may not see a doctor. Absentee Surveillance is beneficial for schools because it can identify suspicious health events in specific schools or school districts.

### HURON COUNTY SCHOOL ABSENTEE RATES 2019 CALENDAR YEAR



### OUTBREAK OF E-CIGARETTE, OR VAPING, PRODUCT USE-ASSOCIATED LUNG INJURY:

In 2019, The Centers of Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), state and local health departments, and other clinical and public health partners started investigating a national outbreak of e-cigarette, or vaping, product use-associated lung injury (EVALI). HCPH responded by monitoring the situation daily, notifying partners of Health Alerts which included CDC clinician recommendations and Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reporting forms. HCPH provided 24/7 information to the public through the use of the HCPH website.

## PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

HCPH was awarded the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant in 2019 for the amount of \$74,238.00. The PHEP grant cycle runs from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020. In 2019, HCPH updated the agency's Emergency Response Plan, Pandemic Flu Plan, Medical Countermeasure Cold Chain Management Plan, as well as held two emergency exercises and re-established the Huron County All Health Hazards local emergency planning committee.

### POINTS OF DISPENSING (PODS)

An essential component to emergency planning is establishing places where vaccines, antibiotics and other medications or supplies could be quickly dispensed to a large number of people. These places are frequently referred to as points of dispensing or PODs. HCPH practices emergency plans for set up and dispensing at different POD locations in Huron County during the agency's annual drive-thru flu shot clinics. At the 2019 Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics, HCPH conducted POD drills. During these drills, HCPH was able to activate the POD site within 6 hours and set up a POD within 13 minutes, a 5-minute improvement in set up time from 2018.

## EMERGENCY EXERCISE

HCPH conducted emergency exercises in January and October of 2019 to practice emergency protocols in response to a novel pandemic flu outbreak. Specifically, HCPH looked at its ability to activate its emergency response plan, share emergency public information, conduct public health surveillance and epidemiological investigations, and carry-out other public health response capabilities. The exercise was conducted to satisfy PHEP grant requirements and to strengthen local and regional partnerships.



### 13 Minute POD Set Up

Decreased POD set up time by 5 minutes.

### 2019 Emergency Exercise Stats

- 12 HCPH staff members participated
- 22 partner agencies participated
- 10 improvement items were identified
- 3 plans were updated

## MEDICAL RESERVE CORPS GRANT

HCPH was awarded a National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) grant in 2019 for the amount of \$2,500.00. The NACCHO grant is a Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer recruitment and retention grant whose cycle runs from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020. HCPH manages the Huron County Medical Reserve Corps and aims to rebuild in 2020 by strengthening the existing and new MRC volunteer capabilities through expanding recruitment, engagement and retention efforts.

**REACCREDITATION EFFORTS**

HCPH earned Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) initial accreditation in 2015. This was a five-year accreditation status that expires in 2020. Over the course of 2019, HCPH worked to re-align with new reaccreditation standards and prepared to apply for re-accreditation in 2020. This continued effort demonstrates the agency’s commitment to delivering high quality public health services to the public and commitment to strengthening internal agency infrastructure operations.

**COMMUNICATION**

Communicating effectively is important to HCPH’s mission; to achieve and sustain healthy people and healthy communities throughout Huron County. HCPH uses a variety of communication methods to promote health, prevent disease and educate the public on important health topics.



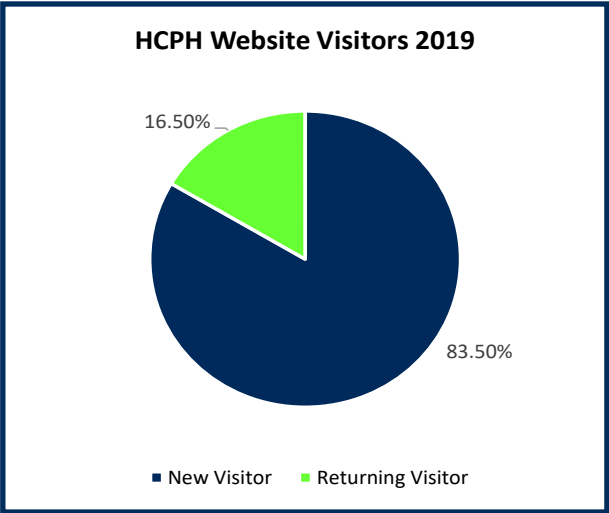
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New people followed HCPH’s social media accounts in 2019.

**2019 Top 5 Social Media Post Topics**

- 1. Fall Drive-Thru Flu Shot Clinics
- 2. Gold Plate Award Winners
- 3. CDC Healthy Swimming
- 4. HCPH Pathways Program
- 5. Get Ready for Fair

In 2019, the HCPH website saw a total of 13,163 users. Of those users, 12,826 were first time visitors. Pages on the website were viewed a total of 46,924 times. About 50% of all users visited the website using their desktop computer, 45% accessed through their mobile device, and 5% accessed the website on their tablets. The majority of the people who visited the website were men, accounting for 60% of the total number of visitors. The website is most commonly visited by people between the ages 25 - 34, making up around 24% of all visitors.



**2019 Top 5 Website Pages**

- 1. Home Page
- 2. Vital Records
- 3. Sewage Program
- 4. Contact Us
- 5. Forms and Permits

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIVISION

The Community Programs Division (CPD) coordinates the Huron County Community Health Assessment, the Huron County Community Health Improvement Plan, and HCPH's health promotion programming and grants.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT (CHA)

In 2019, HCPH, as the facilitator of the Huron County Health Partners, and in partnership with the market research firm Illuminology, began work on the 2020 Huron County Health Assessment. As a part of these efforts, health-related surveys were mailed to a random selection of residents, focus groups were conducted among professionals in the community, and secondary data was collected from a number of sources. Work on the assessment, which will continue into 2020, is expected to culminate with the release of the 2020 assessment in mid-2020.

## COMMUNITY HEALTH IMPROVEMENT PLAN (CHIP)

In 2019, workgroup meetings in the 3 priority areas of Mental Health and Addiction, Physical Health, and Violence and Injury Prevention continued. A total of 9 workgroup meetings were held in 2019.

### 2019 CHIP Priority Areas

1. Mental Health and Addiction
2. Physical Health
3. Violence and Injury Prevention

## PEP GRANT

This grant is available for Public Entities Pool (PEP) of Ohio members for up to \$1,000.00 to fund safety items wherein the primary purpose of the item is the prevention or reduction of liability claims or property losses. For 2019, HCPH used the PEP+ grant to help offset the cost of the fire extinguishers for HCPH's new location, as well as the new concrete in front of 28 Executive Drive. The total award for the PEP+ grant was \$935.00 (which covered the majority of the total project cost for concrete and new fire extinguishers of \$1,235.00).

## COMMUNITY INNOVATION FUNDS FOR COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENTS TO ENHANCE ACCESS TO NALOXONE

99 Narcan Nasal Spray Kits (containing two 4-mg doses per kit) were distributed to Huron County law enforcement and first responder agencies in 2019. This equates to \$7,425.00 of narcan distributed.

### NARCAN KITS



**\$7,425**



**SAFE COMMUNITIES GRANT**

In August 2018, HCPH was awarded funding through the Ohio Traffic Safety Office (OTSO) for the Safe Communities Grant in the amount of \$35,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2019 (October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019). The Safe Communities program is centered on traffic safety activities, aimed at the ultimate goal of reducing the number of traffic-related fatalities in Ohio. Main grant activities include traffic safety data collection and analysis, coalition building, and educational events/outreach.



**3,781**

People were reached by the Safe Communities Coalition during 14 community events throughout the 2019 grant cycle.

**Top Events for 2019**

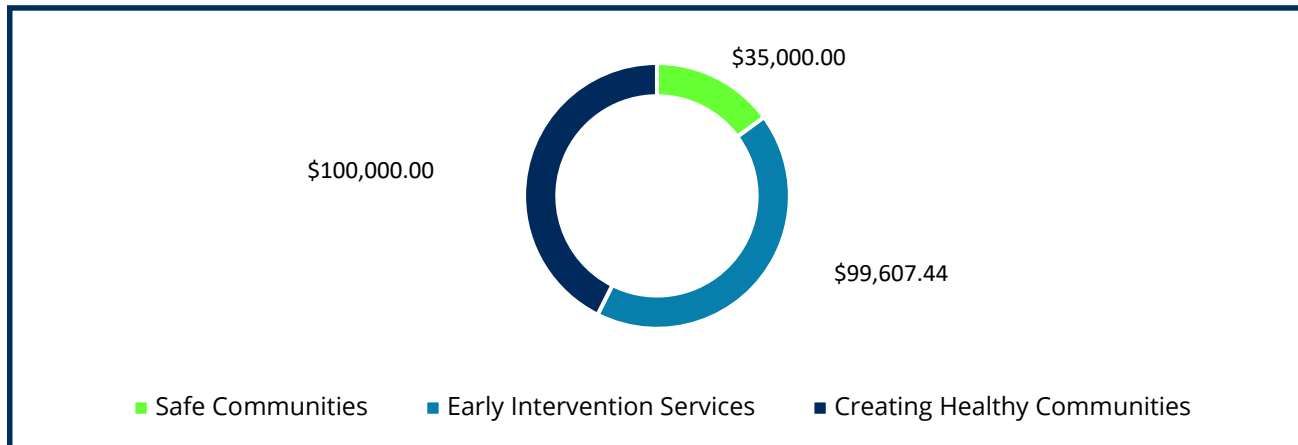
1. The Huron County Fair
2. Norwalk's 4th of July Parade
3. TextLess Live More Distracted Driving Event
4. McDonald's Community Safety Days
5. Norwalk Jaycee's Strawberry Festival

**SAFE COMMUNITIES FATAL CRASH REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The Safe Communities Fatal Crash Review Committee met quarterly in 2019. This group took a closer look each fatal and serious injury crash that occurred in Huron County. Elements of the crashes were reviewed to determine if any trends or patterns could be identified. These trends and patterns were shared with the Safe Communities Coalition members, where their effect on future programming was discussed. In 2019, Huron County had a total of 12 traffic crash fatalities (10 rural and 2 urban) compared to 7 in 2018 and 6 in 2017. Of the fatal crashes, 4 were OVI-related and 5 were commercial related.

**COMMUNITY PROGRAMS DIVISION GRANT AWARDS**

A portion of the health promotion programming implemented by the Community Programs Division is supported through grant funding. In 2019, the Community Programs Division received three grant awards, or grant award notifications, totaling \$234,607.44. Note that grant cycles may not align with calendar years and funding may be carried over into the following year.



### EARLY INTERVENTION SERVICES GRANT

In December 2018, HCPH was awarded funding through the Ohio Department of Health for the Early Intervention Services grant. For Fiscal Year 2019 (starting January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2020), funding was awarded in the amount of \$99,607.44 with goals to increase awareness of one's HIV status, increase access and use of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) for HIV prevention, and provide education and outreach on HIV related topics for both HIV negative and HIV positive individuals. Through the EIS program, "Prevention Assistance Program Interventions "(PAPI), HCPH can offer payment assistance for the medical related expenses and medication for those wanting/taking PrEP. With PrEP and PAPI, HCPH can assist in achieving the ultimate goal of EIS which is to reduce the number of new HIV infections in Ohio.

In 2019, there were a total of 8 events taking place within the grant region covering Ashland, Crawford, Erie, Huron, Knox, Marion, Richland, Seneca, and Wyandot Counties, which received a total of 636 interactions. Throughout the year, there were 15 referrals to the HCPH PrEP navigation program and by the end of 2019, 7 out of 9 counties have a provider that can prescribe PrEP. The Region now has 3 full pay Prevention Assistance Program Interventions (PAPI) providers that can offer services at no cost to those without health insurance.

### CREATING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES (CHC)

In October 2019, HCPH received a Notice of Award in the amount of \$100,000.00 from the Ohio Department of Health for the Creating Healthy Communities (CHC) Grant. The purpose of this grant is to prevent and reduce chronic disease in Huron County. Through cross-sector collaboration, CHC is designed to improve access to and affordability of healthy food and increase opportunities for physical activity where people live, work, and play in Huron County. The program period for CHC began on January 1, 2020 and ends on December 31, 2024. During this project period, HCPH will work to implement over 25 healthy eating and active living strategies throughout Huron County.



**\$100,000.00**

Was awarded from the Ohio Department of Health for the CHC Grant.

### 2020 CHC Objectives

- Create CHC coalition
- Create CHC community garden
- Create county-wide active transportation plan
- Implement workplace healthy eating strategies



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New PAPI Providers added to the region.



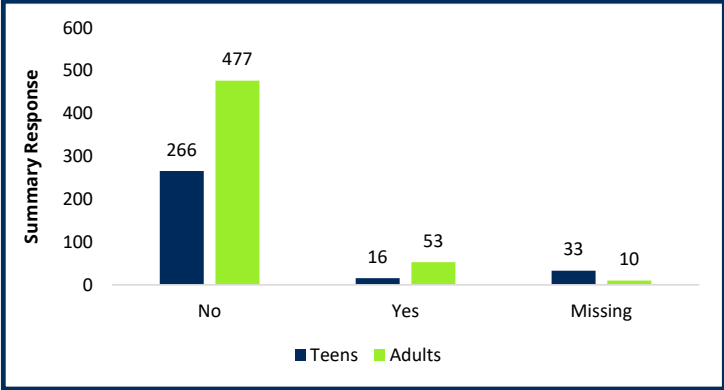
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Estimated impressions from 2019 activities.

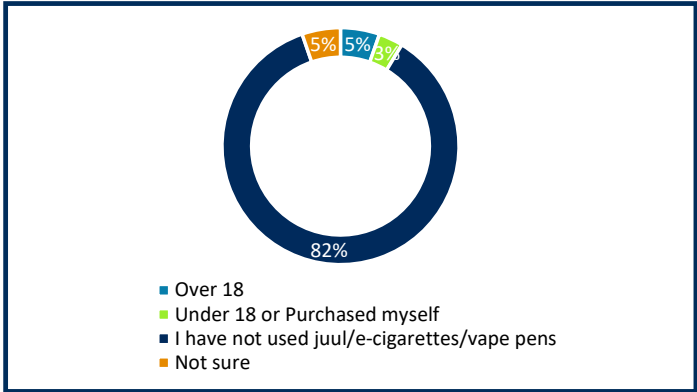
**HURON COUNTY FAIR**

At the 2019 Huron County Fair, visitors to the Health Building were given a chance to win a prize by participating in activities and games, earn a free t-shirt by completing a survey, and be entered into drawings for 8 grand prizes. In 2019, HCPH interacted with over 1,921 people who entered the Health Building, and received 855 fair survey responses; 540 of which were Adult Fair Surveys and 315 were Teen Fair Surveys (11-17 years old).

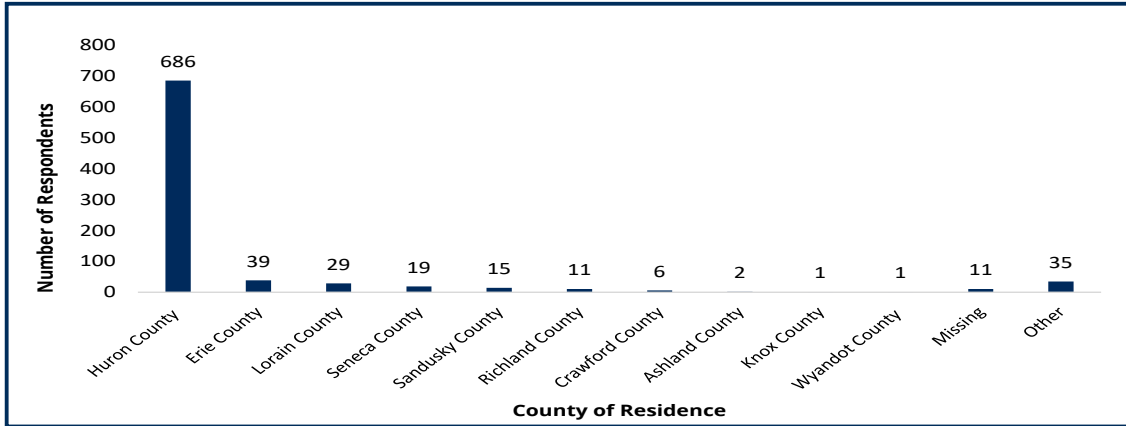
**“IN THE PAST 12 MONTHS, HAVE YOU USED JUUL E-CIGARETTES/VAPE PENS?” SURVEY RESPONSES**



**“IF YOU WERE GIVEN JUUL/E-CIGARETTES/VAPE PENS FROM FRIEND(S)/RELATIVE(S) WHAT ARE THE AGE(S) OF THE FRIEND(S)/RELATIVE(S) THAT GAVE YOU THEM?” TEEN SURVEY RESPONSES**



**LOCATION OF HURON COUNTY FAIR SURVEY RESPONDENTS\***

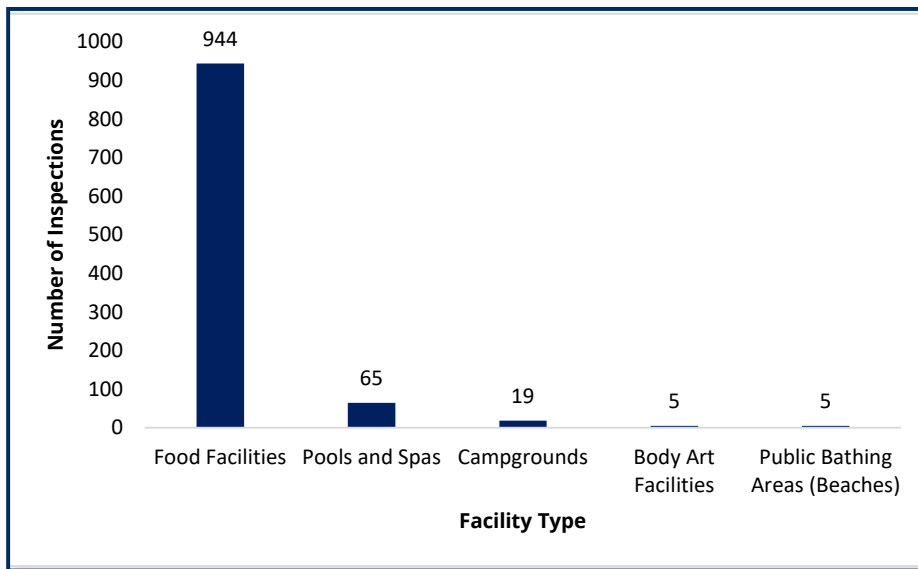


\*This graph includes both adult and teen responses combined.

# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION

The Environmental Health Division of HCPH promotes public health by addressing many of the environmental factors that can affect human health. The primary role of the environmental staff is to prevent human illness or injury through public health functions which include inspection, regulation, and enforcement of food facilities, sewage, and private water systems (PWS), beaches, swimming pools, and tattoo/body piercing establishments and by investigating nuisance complaints and animal bites.

## 2019 HEALTH INSPECTIONS



944

Food inspections were completed in 2019.

### Top Food Inspection Violations

1. Floors, walls, and ceilings (*not in clean condition*)
2. Date Marking (*No date mark and/or expired food*)
3. Back-flow Prevention - Air Gap (*Improper plumbing for prep sink*)
4. Date Marking Disposition (*Incorrect or not dated food*)
5. Equipment, Food-contact surfaces, nonfood-contact surfaces, and utensils (*improper contact between food and equipment*).

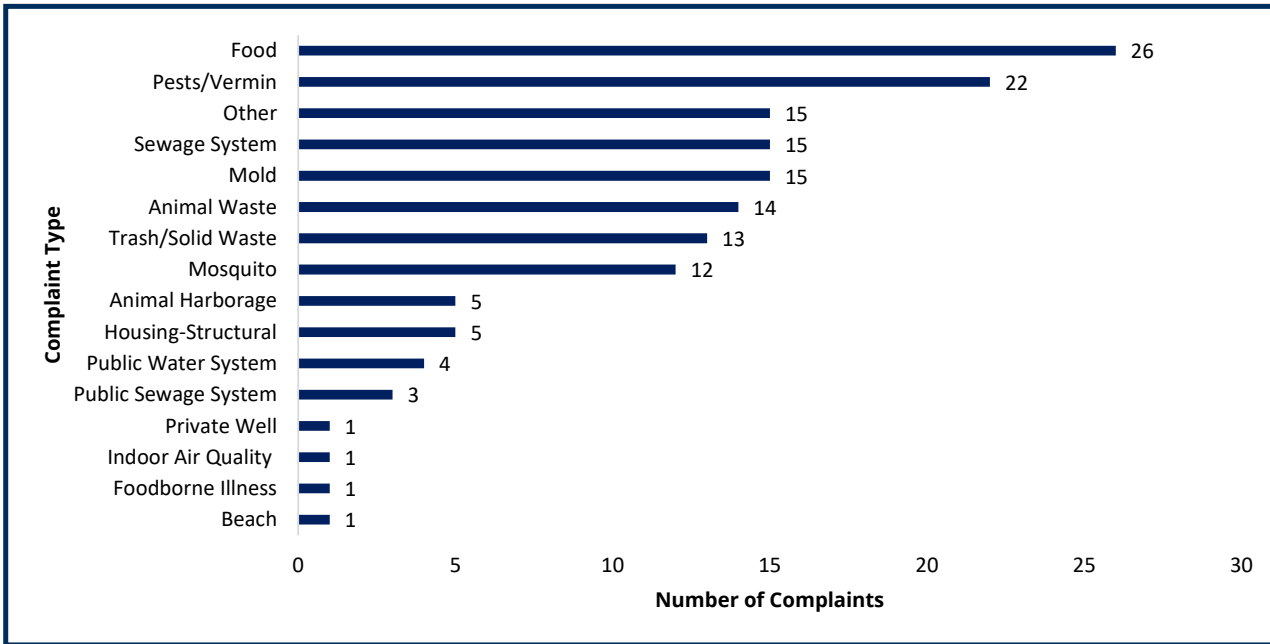
### GOLD PLATE AWARDS

HCPH's Sanitarians perform a wide variety of public health functions including inspection, regulation, and enforcement of public health laws regarding food facilities. The Gold Plate Award is an acknowledgment given to food service establishments that maintain excellent food safety practices within the yearly licensing period. The awards are given annually and are based on the establishments' ability to meet certain criteria, encouraging compliance with Ohio Uniform Food Safety Code (OAC 3717). The Gold Plate Award program is voluntary, and facilities must apply to be considered. In March 2019, 31 facilities were awarded for excellent safety practices in 2018. Facilities awarded can be found on the HCPH website.

### PUBLIC HEALTH COMPLAINTS

Complaints can be submitted to HCPH in regards to a licensed and inspected facility or provider, which may include public bathing areas (beaches), campgrounds, food facilities, manufactured home parks, tattoo and body piercing facilities, swimming pools, plumbers, or other service providers. Complaints may also be made in regards to a public health nuisance. Nuisance conditions that HCPH has jurisdiction over include solid waste and trash, rodents, insects, animal feces, sewage systems malfunctions, water system issues, mosquito breeding, and mold (rental properties only).

#### PUBLIC HEALTH COMPLAINTS, BY TYPE \*

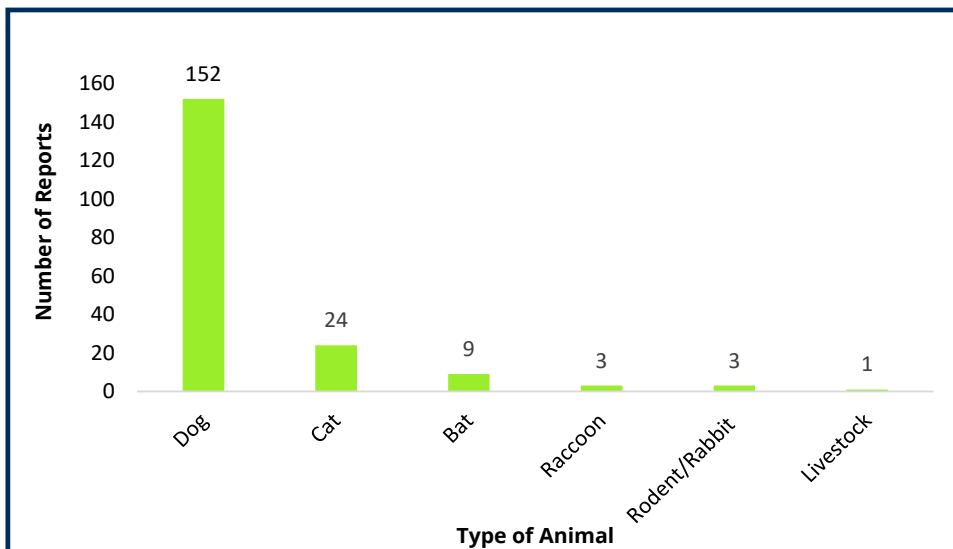


\*A single complaint may have more than one type.



**90** Complaints were made to HCPH in 2019.

#### 2019 REPORTS OF POSSIBLE RABIES EXPOSURE



**192**

Reports were made regarding possible rabies exposure.

### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA) MOSQUITO CONTROL GRANT

The Ohio EPA’s collaborative Mosquito Control Grant program with the Ohio Department of Health awarded \$17,500.00 to HCPH in 2019.

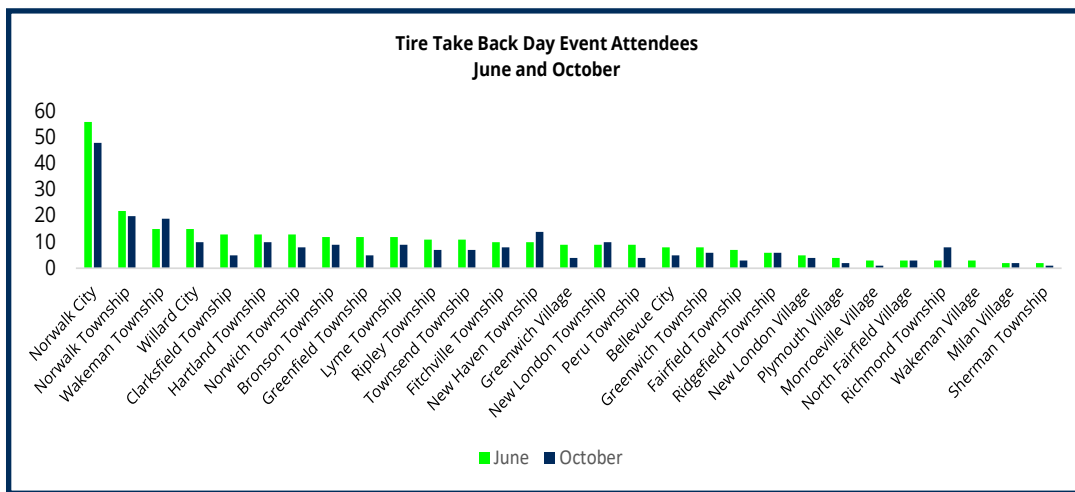
#### TIRE TAKE BACK DAYS

As part of the Mosquito Control Grant program, HCPH held 2 Tire Take Back Day events at the Huron County Fairgrounds in June and October 2019. These events invited Huron County residents to recycle old tires free of charge, and in doing so, helped to eliminate mosquito breeding grounds in the county. As a result of both Tire Take Back events, approximately 4,993 (74 tons/148,000 lbs) of tires were collected.



**544** Huron County residents participated in Tire Take Back Days.

#### TIRE TAKE BACK DAY EVENT ATTENDEES



**\$32,611.16** Approximately, \$32,611.16 was spent in grant funds from the agency’s 2018 and 2019 EPA grant awards to collect over 74 tons/148,000 lbs of tires during the 2019 Tire Take Back Day events.

#### OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PROGRAM

In January 2015, the Ohio Department of Health adopted new rules regarding private sewage treatment systems (STS) in Ohio. These rules require each health department across the state to implement a local Operation and Maintenance (O&M) program to monitor and ensure the proper function of STS in their jurisdictions. HCPH’s O&M program, effective March 25, 2019, requires every STS in Huron County to have an O&M permit. Permits ensure systems are monitored and maintained on a regular basis so that failing systems may be identified and addressed.

# 2019 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Statement of Cash receipts, Cash Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances.  
All Funds for the Period through December 2019.

Fund Cash Balance 12/31/2018	\$467,548	\$387,159	\$854,707
<b>2019 Cash Receipts</b>			
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>
Local Taxation	\$800,353		\$800,353
State Subsidy	\$26,232		\$26,232
Environmental Health Fees	\$271,411	\$41,848	\$313,259
Vital Statistics Fees	\$137,231		\$137,231
Medical Fees	\$513,631	\$28,045	\$541,676
County Health Assessment Donations	\$32,834		\$32,834
Donation Revenue (Baby Sleep Safe, Carseat Safety, Family Health Clinic, Fair, Immunization Clinics Reproductive Health)	\$6,116		\$6,116
Contract Revenue (School Nursing, Plumbing-Richland Co., Pathways)	\$151,798		\$151,798
MAC Billing	\$19,481		\$19,481
Federal Grant Funds	\$0	\$118,793	\$118,793
State Grant Funds	\$0	\$200,187	\$200,187
Local Grant Funds	\$13,235	\$5,652	\$18,887
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<b>\$1,972,321</b>	<b>\$394,524</b>	<b>\$2,366,846</b>
<b>2019 Cash Disbursements</b>			
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>Special Revenue</b>	<b>Total</b>
Salaries	\$832,055	\$221,499	\$1,053,554
PERS/Workers Comp/Medicare	\$134,901	\$35,848	\$170,749
Health Benefits	\$184,355	\$19,473	\$203,828
Travel	\$8,921	\$0	\$8,921
Supplies	\$27,929	\$239,605	\$267,534
Vaccine	\$262,357		\$262,357
Contract Personnel	\$8,808		\$8,808
Contracts-Services/Repairs	\$396,629		\$396,629
Advertising and Printing	\$1,171		\$1,171
Other Expenses (Meeting/Training Expense, Client Refunds, Liability Insurance, Membership Fees)	\$17,485		\$17,485
Equipment	\$19,818		\$19,818
State Fee Remittance	\$88,441		\$88,441
County Health Assessment Costs	\$32,666		\$32,666
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<b>\$2,015,536</b>	<b>\$516,425</b>	<b>\$2,531,960</b>
<b>Receipts Less Disbursements</b>	<b>(\$43,214)</b>	<b>(\$121,900)</b>	<b>(\$165,115)</b>
Transfers/Advances In	\$72,875	\$77,875	\$150,750
Transfers/Advances Out	\$77,875	\$72,875	\$150,750
<b>Fund Cash Balance 12/31/2019</b>	<b>\$419,334</b>	<b>\$309,382</b>	<b>\$728,716</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$28,375	\$8,001	\$36,376
<b>Available Cash Balance January 1, 2020</b>	<b>\$390,959</b>	<b>\$301,381</b>	<b>\$692,340</b>



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