

Galion City Health Department Monthly Report August 2014

Core Public Health Services

All local health departments (LHDs) should be responsible for providing the following services in their district, directly or by contracting with another LHD

1) Environmental health services* such as water safety, school inspections, nuisance abatement, and food safety

- Water safety
- School inspections – School environmental health & safety inspections conducted semiannually
- Nuisance abatement – Nuisance abatement sought under the authority of Galion Codified Ordinances
- Food safety – GCHD administers an ODH-approved food safety program

2) Communicable disease control, vaccination capacity, and quarantine authority*

- Communicable diseases investigated by public health nurses
- Cases/outbreaks reported via Ohio Disease Reporting System and National Outbreak Reporting System

3) Epidemiology services for communicable disease outbreaks and trending* and disease prevalence and morbidity/mortality reporting*

- Crawford County General Health District (CCGHD) contracts with Huron County General Health District for epidemiology services; CCGHD employee being trained as Level 1 epidemiologist

4) Access to birth and death records – access to Ohio birth records (1908-present), and access to Galion death records (1908-present) in person, by mail order, or online.

5) Health promotion and prevention (health education* and policy, systems, and environmental change)

- Chronic disease prevention (including tobacco, physical activity, nutrition)
- Injury prevention – Certified car seat technician on staff, child passenger safety education provided
- Infant mortality/preterm birth prevention

6) Emergency preparedness, response, and ensuring safety of an area after a disaster

- Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant funding, services coverage

7) Linking people to health services to make sure they receive needed medical care*

- Medicaid Administrative Claiming (MAC) - activities that directly support efforts to identify and enroll eligible clients into Medicaid, to bring them services covered by Medicaid, to remove barriers to accessing Medicaid services and to reduce gaps in Medicaid services.
- Access – mental health services available in Galion through Community Counseling

8) Community engagement, community health assessment and improvement planning, and partnerships

- Community health assessment *“developed through a participatory, collaborative process with various sectors of the community”* planned for 2015
- Improvement planning will follow

*Services mandated by state of Ohio (ORC, OAC)