

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for January 2021

Food Safety

All food service license renewal applications and an updated food safety newsletter were placed in the mail on January 30th. Evidently, in H.B. 404, there is an extended amount of time until July1, 2021 to assess late fees so I did note that in the food safety newsletter. Most of the EH Directors were asking the ODH for guidance on this; however, they were not clear on what to do except they restated what was in H.B. 404. I am going to be finishing my second round of inspections in February.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 7 nuisance and/or Director Order violation complaints during the month of January. Two of the complaints were Covid-19 required business practices complaints. Five were solid waste complaints. Most of the complaints are now closed. I will be updating my charts during the next month. They are currently not available. Face mask compliance by employees overall continues to be decent; more and more I am seeing non-compliance by the public inside stores, etc.

General Environmental Health

I performed school building safety/sanitation inspection in January at Galion Saint Joseph school and the city schools will be completed in February. I attended the ODH environmental health public swimming pool online training in January to receive CEU's. I also attended an ODA training for food safety online for education. I am awaiting the toolkit from the ODH for lead poisoning prevention to develop billboards in Galion for the month of May.

I submitted for the 2021 Mosquito Control Grant on January 27, 2021 for \$14,676.00 total. We should find out by March, 2021 if we are chosen to receive the Grant.

Rabies Prevention

GCHD received 1 animal bite reported for the month of January and it was a dog bite. The owner surrendered the dog to the humane society because it was an unprovoked attack. Again my charts/graphs will be forthcoming.

Respectfully Submitted,

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