

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

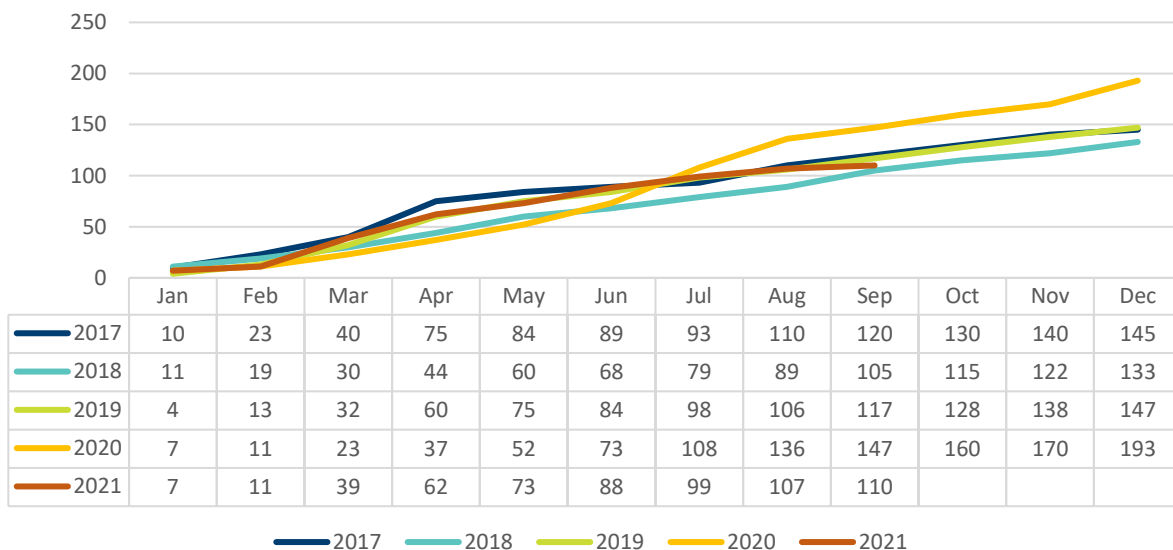
Food Safety

Ryan Allarding, REHS signed a contract to do inspections at licensed food facilities in Galion through June 30, 2023 as a part of the Workforce Development Grant. This is alleviating some of the workload in the environmental health programs. He is very well-versed in food safety. Buehler's Fresh Foods submitted new plans addressing issues that needed approval from Richland Building & Codes. My final pre-license inspection will be in mid-November since they expect to open before Thanksgiving.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 3 nuisance complaints during the month of October. Several complaints are being investigated in conjunction with the zoning inspector. Most of the complaints are now closed or referred. The current total for the year is 110.

Public Health Nuisances, Cumulative Total 2017 - current



General Environmental Health

GCHD represented at the Route 30 Business Expo on the evening of October 28th, and Tina Nichols our DIS manned the table and promoted the health department, along with the sexual health clinic. She gave out several healthy homes buckets since it was National Lead Poisoning Prevention week.

I attempted to inspect the licensed body art facilities during the last week in October, but only one was completed and open at the time of inspection. License renewal letters will be sent out in November.

The mosquito control season ended the first week of October. The surveillance contractor submitted a total of 285 mosquitoes to the Ohio Department of Health for the 2021 season and they tested 62 of them for disease, none being positive. One conclusion that may be drawn from this is that the disbursement of mosquito larvicide dunks does greatly reduce the number of adult mosquitoes. GCHD does keep track of mosquito dunks given to the community. Mosquito dunks are given out all year as a part of the mosquito control grant. The MCG still has remaining dollars that we will use for a small tire clean-up in the early spring 2022.

Rabies Prevention

The only animal bite reported in October was a dog bite that occurred in September, but just got to our department late. The total amount of animal bites to date are 27.

Respectfully Submitted,

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