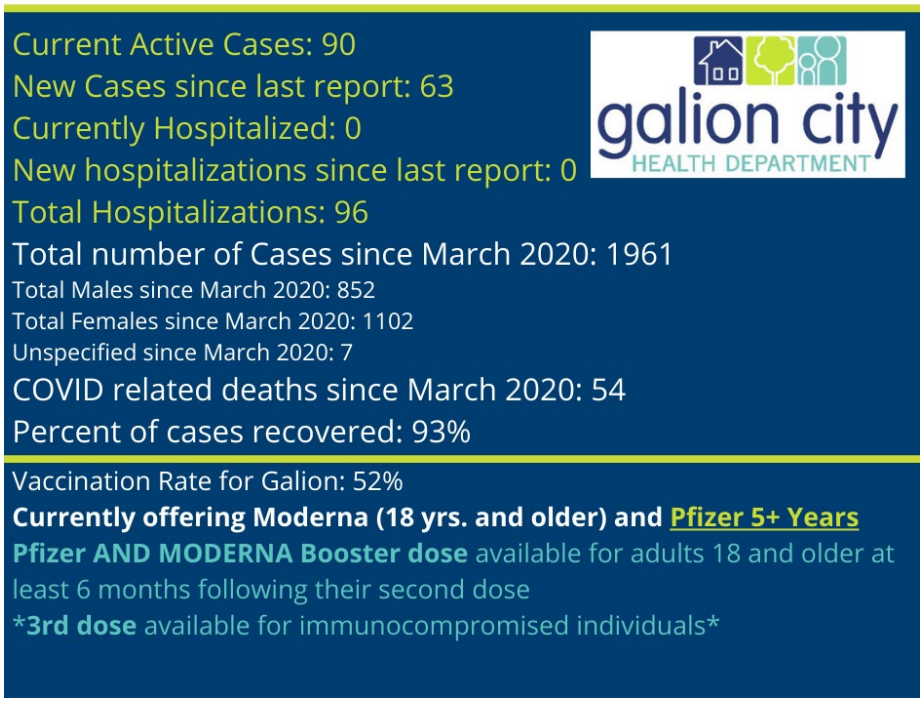
Galion City Board of Health
Nursing Division Monthly Report for November 2021

COVID-19 Case Report December 10, 2021



COVID-19 Contact tracing

- A total of 190 new cases of COVID-19 were reported during the month of November.
- 3 reported hospitalizations
- 1 reported death
- An inquiry was submitted to the PCG contract tracing service providers for a new program called Fresh Start. Fresh Start is a service for producing letters to persons positive for COVID-19 who were not able to be reached by the contact tracers. The Galion City Health Department has since begun to provide letters to all persons in the city of Galion who test positive and have a valid address on file, rather than opting in with Fresh Start.

COVID Outbreak Investigations

- Multiple Outbreaks were identified during the month of November
- Two LTCF continue to be investigated for ongoing outbreaks
- Both Galion City Schools and St. Joseph School have reported outbreaks
- Several outbreaks have been identified in a hospital setting

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Total COVID Vaccines administered during the month of October: 319
- Total COVID vaccines administered: 4286
- Two COVID-19 vaccine clinics were held during the month of November at the Grace Point Church
- The COVID-19 vaccine is now available for 5 years of age and up. The Galion City Health Department is currently stocking the Pediatric Pfizer COVID vaccine. Booster doses are available to adults, 18 year of age and older.

- COVID vaccine is continuing to be offered to homebound individuals as well as in LTCF as needed.
- COVID-19 Vaccines continue to be administered at no cost.

Communicable Disease
- COVID-19 – Confirmed – 145
- COVID-19- Not a Case – 1
- COVID-19 – Probable - 55
- Syphilis -early - 1
- Hepatitis C – chronic - 2
- Salmonellosis – 1
- Chlamydia Infection – 4
- Gonococcal infection – 1

CMH
- One home visit was completed during the month of November

Car Seats
- One car seat class was conducted during the month of November
- One convertible car seat was distributed
- The Acknowledgement of the Ohio Buckle Buckeye's Criteria was signed and submitted to continue to implement the safety seat program.

Immunizations
- A power outage was experienced on Friday November 12th. Emily was notified via Sensaphone on 11/12 at 11:30, power return by 3:30 am 11/13. Vaccine storage units experienced a short excursion of temperatures. No vaccines were negatively affected from this excursion.
- A total of 23 non-COVID vaccines were administered during the month of November.
- One immunization clinical day was cancelled due to staffing shortage/holiday

Flu
- Flu vaccine continues to be available.
- 75% of all flu vaccine orders has been administered. A small amount of private flu ages 6mo and up, VFC and 317(adult-no insurance) remains.
- Clinics were held at the Grace Point church were both COVID-19 vaccine as well as flu vaccine were available.

TB Tests
- No TST were administered.

Lead
- No blood lead screenings were completed.

Foster Screenings
- No foster screens were completed.

Schools
- **St. Joseph School**
  - 6 positive COVID cases were reported during the month of November

- Hearing and Vision screenings were completed on November 5th for all grades including preschool
- Rescreenings will be completed on Dec. 10th

- **Galion City Schools**
  - 70 positive COVID cases were reported during the month of November
  - 3rd and 5th grade hearing and vision screenings were completed.
  - Rescreening for hearing and vision was conducted by Kara Kimerline on 12/1
  - Oral Medication and emergency seizure trainings were completed at the primary school during November
  - Smile Dental completed dental services at the Primary and Intermediate schools.
  - An Individualized Health Planning meeting was held on Dec. 2nd for a medically complex student.

Family and Children First Council

- Family and Children First Council is attended by a variety of community members to service high risk children within the county. These children are often referred to as MSY (Multi-System Youth)
- Emily has been attending these meetings since 2016.
- As part of a routine draw, the Galion City Health Department will be positioned as council chair for 2022.
- After reviewing the Bylaws for FCFC it is stated that the department director is to attend these meetings.
- Emily has volunteered to continue to attend these meetings until the Health Commissioner position is filled.

Staff/ Students/ Mentoring

- Part time RN, Monica Light submitted her resignation for December 3rd.
- Bethany Goeppinger RN will be taking over Monica's part-time, three day a week position
- Linda Gillam was hired in replacement of the 10-hour a week PRN position.
- Lynn Corwin, full-time PHN will be transitioning into a sexual health position within the department beginning in January. A replacement will be needed for her position as a PHN for school health services, Immunizations and miscellaneous programs

Outreach

- Public Flu clinics took place on October 1,4 and 8th.
- COVID Booster/Flu clinics are scheduled from November 8th, 22 and December 6th from 2-5 at the Grace Point church
- The Come Home to Galion Parade was attended by Emily Miller, Andrea Barnes, Tina Nichols and Sara Miley on Saturday December 6th. See Outreach report.

Training/ Conferences

- Emily attended a virtual FCFC Mini Forum on 11/30/21.

Respectfully Submitted,

Emily Miller, RN, BSN, Director of Nursing