

## **Galion City Board of Health Health Commissioners Monthly Report for December 2021**

### **Fiscal/Funding**

Olivia and I attended the December 14th Council meeting to address any questions about the 2022 budget. There were no questions for us, but they appreciated our attendance. Grant spending and tracking reports continue to be done monthly. Several fund transfers had to be done in late December and we are thankful to the auditor's office for completing these.

### **Emergency Preparedness**

GCHD is still offering both the COVID-19 Moderna & Pfizer two-dose vaccine. The state still wants LHD's to vaccinate our communities, promote the vaccine and boosters, and go to the people to get it done. The Pfizer is also being offered to the 5-17 year old population at all clinics. GCHD will continue to promote the availability of the vaccine for anyone who wants it. GCHD has purchased Covid-19 incentive gift cards for anyone receiving their first dose of Covid-19 vaccine. The state has informed us that we must give out all gift card incentives by December 30, 2021, and GCHD was able to do this by December 29, 2021. Covid-19 struck four of our employees during the first week of December which really put a lot of pressure on our short-staffed GCHD, but we survived it. Unfortunately, as soon as we get a shipment of the at-home test kits from the ODH, they are gone within 2-3 days.

### **Staff**

The staff is working hard to keep up with the additional pressure of dealing with Covid-19 on a daily basis. It has been extremely difficult to deal with the volume of calls but we are managing to stay open. The news and changes that we receive from ODH leadership on a daily basis are very difficult to follow but GCHD is doing its best to serve our community.

We held a staff training day on December 15<sup>th</sup> for most of the day. We were able to get HIPAA Compliance, Bloodborne Pathogens, Biohazardous Waste, and Communications, Cultural Competencies and Health Literacy trainings completed on that day. It was a rough December with Covid affecting 3 to 4 employees nearly simultaneously, but we managed.

### **Accreditation**

PHAB did the site visit for the Galion City Health Department on September 1-3, 2021, and it was virtually conducted. I recently made contact with PHAB, and they did state that the site review team does not have their reports completed for the accreditation committee for November. Unfortunately, we will have to wait until mid-February of 2022 for any news about our accreditation status.