

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

Galion City COVID report 1/6/2022

The Galion City Health Department, following the guidance released from the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health, has changed the isolation and quarantine to 5 days. If you are without symptoms and fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications on day 5 of your isolation you may be released from isolation on day 6 wearing a mask for 5 additional days.

Average Daily Cases 12/29/2021-1/5/2022: 19

\*Last year Average Daily Cases 12/29/2020-1/5/2021: 7

We continue to see a rapid increase in

COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations. Please remember to take proper precautions.

### COVID-19 Contact tracing

- A total of 347 new cases of COVID-19 were reported during the month of December.
- Emily has been sending letters to all positive contacts in Galion City.
- Quarantine and isolation guidance released by the CDC has changed to 5 days.

### COVID Outbreak Investigations

- Multiple Outbreaks continued throughout the month of December.
- One addition LTCF outbreak has opened for a total of 3 outbreaks in LTCFs in Galion City.
- Several hospital outbreaks continue.

### COVID-19 Vaccine

- Total COVID Vaccines administered during the month of December: 203
- Total COVID vaccines administered: 4370
- One COVID-19 vaccine clinic was held during the month of December at the Grace Point Church
- The state is no longer shipping smaller quantities of pediatric vaccine and therefore has removed the ability for the GCHD to administer the pediatric vaccine. Vaccine orders must contain a minimum order of 100 vaccine. Without the ability to store this vaccine in ultra-cold storage the vaccine shelf life is limited to 10 weeks.
- 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 Cases as of 1/5/22

Chlamydia infection	Confirmed	3
Hepatitis C - chronic	Confirmed	1
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Confirmed	312
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	NotACase	2
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Suspected	4
Syphilis - stage Unknown	NotACase	1
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COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Probable	56

**CMH**

- No home visits were conducted during the month of December due to staffing shortages.

**Car Seats**

- Quarterly reports were submitted. See CRAWFORD OBB Q1 2022
- Two car seat classes were held, 2 convertible car seats were distributed.

**Immunizations**

- A total of 23 non-COVID vaccines were administered during the month of December.

**Flu**

- Flu vaccine continues to be 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**
  - Nothing to report
- **Galion City Schools**
  - 19 positive COVID cases were reported during the month of December
  - A child was newly diagnosed as a diabetic during the month of December, the nursing staff is working with the school staff for planning care while the child is in school.
  - Linda Gillam will be working 5 days in the school for the rest of the 2021-22 school year. Currently she is receiving orientation through January 7th.

**Family and Children First Council**

- Emily has volunteered to continue to attend these meetings until the Health Commissioner position is filled.
- Emily has begun her position as chair of FCFC for the 2022 year.

**Staff/ Students/ Mentoring**

- Bethany Goeppinger, RN, 3-day/wk PHN for the schools, submitted her resignation effective 12/29.
- Linda Gillam accepted the position for 10hr/wk PHN. After Bethany Goeppinger resignation and transition of Lynn Corwin to STD clinic, Linda Gillam accepted the 5-day PHN position.

**Outreach**

- COVID Booster/Flu clinic December 6<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Training/ Conferences**

- Linda Gillam received certification in School Aged Vision Screening.

Respectfully Submitted,

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