

Galion City Board of Health Health Commissioners Monthly Report for January 2022

Fiscal/Funding

It was an interesting month from the very beginning as we were informed that our budget had never been officially approved by council but in the end, it got approved. GCHD received a grant from ODH for completing the goals for covid vaccines in 2022 with a grant called CN22. Grant invoicing and reporting continue to be completed on a monthly basis.

Emergency Preparedness

GCHD was very busy during the month of January with positive Covid-19 cases, distributing test kits, new guidelines, and questions from the public. The city of Galion did see its highest rates (from the start of the pandemic) of Covid-19 cases during this month.

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 while being short-staffed.

New staff members are adapting and training well. GCHD has welcomed both Jenna Boliantz, BS, RN and Jessica Bourne, MA front desk clerk in part time positions. We are looking forward to our new health commissioner starting soon.

Accreditation

PHAB did the site visit for the Galion City Health Department on September 1-3, 2021, and it was virtually conducted. Although we have not heard from PHAB recently, the accreditation review committee is supposed to convene on February 15th and determine our status.