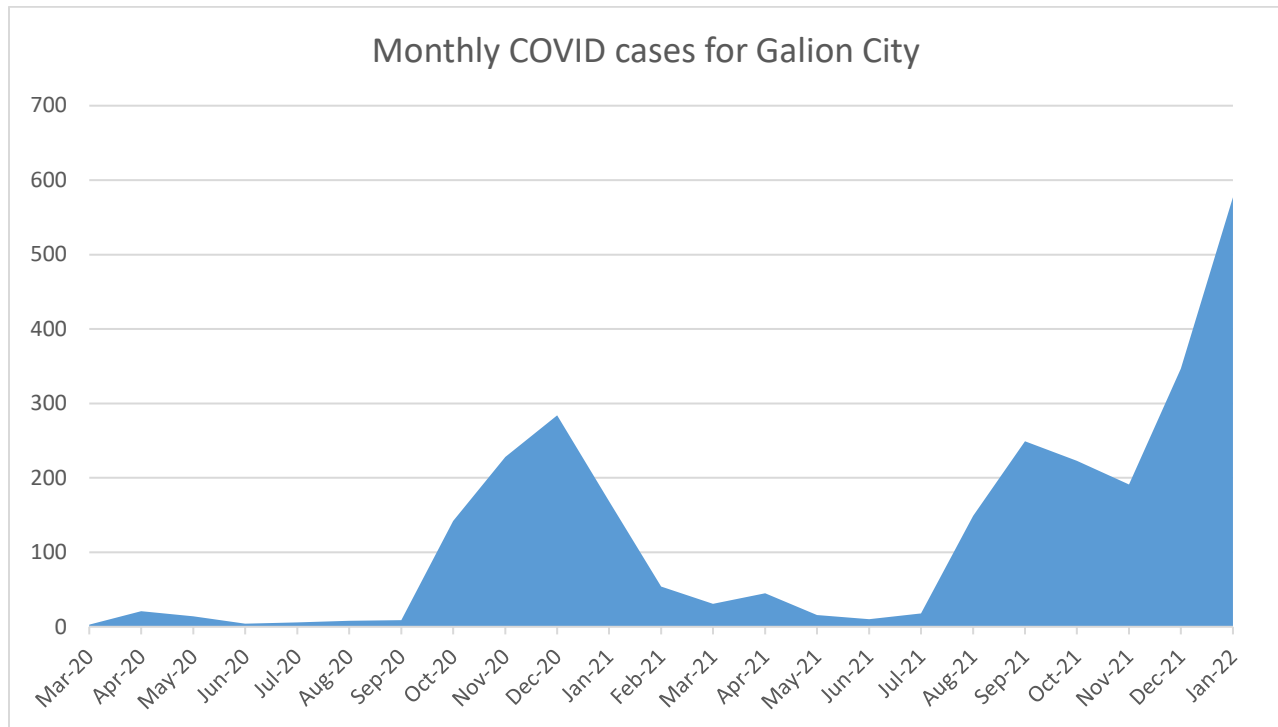


**Galion City Board of Health  
Nursing Division Monthly Report for January 2022**



### COVID-19 Contact tracing

- A total of 577 new cases of COVID-19 were reported during the month of January.
- Letters were sent to all cases during the month of January
- Guidance from ODH has once again changed. The Ohio Department of Health recommends that local health departments (LHDs) shift from universal contact tracing, case investigation and exposure notification to a cluster- or outbreak-based model. This strategy prioritizes people in high-risk settings, such as congregate residential settings (e.g., shelters, correctional facilities, and nursing homes) or for certain circumstances such as outbreaks or clusters in specific settings or in relation to initial cases or clusters associated with new variants, as appropriate.
- A cluster report of hospitalizations and deaths was received from Avita, raising our deaths to 58 and hospitalizations to 138.
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### COVID Outbreak Investigations

- Multiple Outbreaks continued throughout the month of January.
- 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 January: 39
- Total COVID vaccines administered: 4409
- Total patients immunized with COVID vaccine January 2022: 39
- 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 for January**

Chlamydia infection	Confirmed	1
Gonococcal Infection	Confirmed	2
Hepatitis C - chronic	Confirmed	1
Hepatitis C - chronic	Suspected	1
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Confirmed	450
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	NotACase	2
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Suspected	0
Syphilis - stage Unknown	NotACase	0
Syphilis - stage Unknown	Suspected	0
COVID-19 (call health department immediately)	Probable	80
Rabies - Animal	NotACase	2
Lyme Disease	Suspected	1

#### **CMH**

- No home visits were conducted during the month of January due to staffing shortages.
- Jenna Boliantz has taken over the CMH program and is beginning to reach out to families.
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#### **Car Seats**

- No car seat classes, or car seats were distributed during the month of January.

#### **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**
  - 133 positive COVID cases were reported during the month of January
  - 9<sup>th</sup> grade hearing and visions screening scheduled 1/25 was canceled and is rescheduled for 2/14.

**Family and Children First Council**

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

**Staff/ Students/ Mentoring**

- Jenna Boliantz accepted the part time PHN position for 3-days a week and started on January 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Linda Gillam began full time in the Galion City School District on January 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Training/ Conferences**

- Jenna Boliantz received training and certification in Hearing Screening
- Linda Gillam received training and certification in Hearing Screening
- Linda Gillam is scheduled to attend the 2022 ODH Live Virtual Regional School Nurse Conference on March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Respectfully Submitted,

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