

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

### **Food Safety**

Cost analysis was completed by the deadline of December 31, 2021; however, the Ohio Department of Health found issue with the anticipated costs not being completed, which in turn resulted in my 2022 fees being changed on emergency. From speaking with other LHD's, the ODH staff are taking extra time scrutinizing the food cost methodologies across Ohio in part to validate the revenue losses due to Covid-19. I was able to get all food license renewal applications postmarked by February 1, 2022.

I have had a lot of food service operation questions during January as well including training requests, plan reviews and license transfers.

### **Public Health Nuisances**

There were 2 nuisance complaints during the month of January. Both complaints were solid waste nuisance complaints. I have also provided education materials to a complainant about bed bugs.

### **General Environmental Health**

A great deal of time was spent preparing quotes and writing the narrative for the 2022 mosquito control grant which was successfully submitted on January 27, 2022, requesting \$12,700. GCHD will be notified in March whether or not we receive the award. The grant allows us to contract for mosquito surveillance throughout Galion which aligns with the goals of the Ohio Department of Health.

### **Rabies**

Galion received 2 dog bites and one bat exposure during January 2022. The bat was euthanized and submitted to the ODH laboratory for rabies analysis and it was negative. All 3 cases are closed.

Respectfully submitted,

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