



Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division/HC Monthly Report for October 2023

Food Safety

Transmittals and reports for ODH and ODA for the third quarter were submitted to the ODH. I completed a food service operation inspection for a risk level 2 operation that the REHS contractor was unable to complete for frequency requirements. The Ohio Department of Health will be completing a survey of the food inspection program for our jurisdiction in December. A great deal of time is required to prepare for this audit.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 9 nuisance complaints during the month of October. Written orders are issued to the homeowners informing them of the violation of the ordinance or regulation and then usually a 10-day reinspection; however, complaints are not being followed up in a timely matter because of staffing issues. A second order with no improvement or correction may lead to a summons to court.

General Health

Body Art renewals and inspections that were typically completed in October will be in November this year. Renewal applications are due by December 31, 2023 to be licensed in 2024.

The Ohio Department of Health is surveying the public swimming pool program on November 16th. Several documents had to be submitted in October to prepare for this survey.

October was extremely busy conducting several interviews, HR administration paperwork, and training for the vacant positions. The staff has rallied together to continue to provide services during this difficult transition with an attempt to minimize disruptions to the public. I am so thankful to work with dedicated professionals.

On October 18th and 19th, a statewide full-scale emergency preparedness exercise was completed; I tried my best to participate in the calls and actions along with Alena from CCPH. With our staffing being so minimal, it was difficult to fully participate.

I applied for two grants in October: Lead prevention and a Scrap tire education grant.

Rabies

Galion received 1 dog bite report in October. A Quarantine letter was sent to the dog owner, requesting that they provide proof of rabies vaccination after the 10 days to release the dog from quarantine. Rabies is deadly and may be transmitted by raccoons and bats to other wild animals and/or pets in Ohio.

Respectfully submitted,

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