



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

Food Safety

The school food service operation inspections were completed in December. The contract REHS worked 30 hours in December to attempt to complete all first-round inspections at FSO and RFE's, only a few still need completed. The licensing year for food licenses ends on February 29, 2024.

Public Health Nuisances

There were 2 nuisance complaints during the month of December. These were retail food establishment complaints about Dollar General and their dirty floors.

Rabies

Galion received 3 dog bite reports in December. A Quarantine letter was sent to the dog owners, 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.

Grants

I applied for and received a small EPA Grant for Scrap Tire Generator Education. The total award will be \$4,220 which covers the time spent locating and educating the scrap tire generators on proper management of scrap tires.

General Health

The two Body Art facilities that are licensed in Galion paid and renewed their licenses to operate in 2024. I have had a girl inquiring about establishing a mobile tattoo facility. The laws, rules and requirements are the same for a mobile as they are for a building.

School building inspections were completed in December for St. Joseph School, and the four Galion City School buildings; however, the reports will not be completed until January.

December was an extremely busy month to complete annual requirements and provide coverage for positions while people were sick with Covid or on vacation. Leanna and I interviewed the most qualified candidate for the REHS Director of Environmental Health/Accreditation Coordinator position. I offered her the job on December 27th, and she accepted. Jennifer Frazier will join our department on Monday, January 29th.

I attended several council meetings in December as well to ensure that our legislation would pass as well as our budget.

Dr. Crum came one day to check in with the staff. She has decided to remain the Medical Director for the GCHD for 2024.

Respectfully submitted,

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