



2020 Annual Report

A Word from the Galion City Health Department

On behalf of the Galion City Board of Health and the staff at the Galion City Health Department, we are happy to present the 2020 Annual Report. As 2020 was an unusual year with the onset of the Covid-19 pandemic, this report will depict the important work that we maintained to help prevent the spread of disease, promote health, and protect the community. The Galion City Health Department staff strives to benefit the community by providing preventative services that include education, surveillance, testing, inspections, licensing, vaccinating, and emergency preparedness activities to allow residents to live healthy and stay healthy.

2020 COVID-19 Pandemic Data

March 30, 2020 marked Galion City Health Department's first confirmed COVID-19 case.

719 total cases 49 years median age

63 total hospitalizations

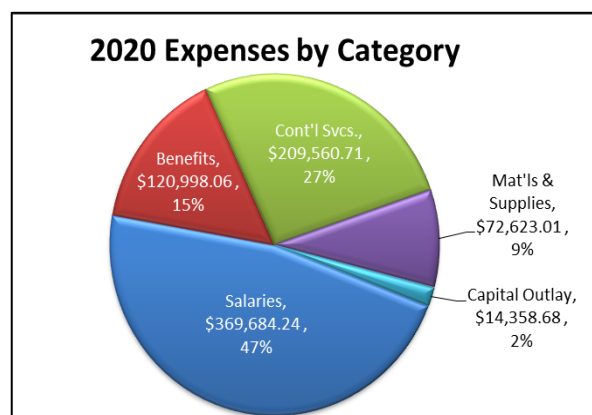
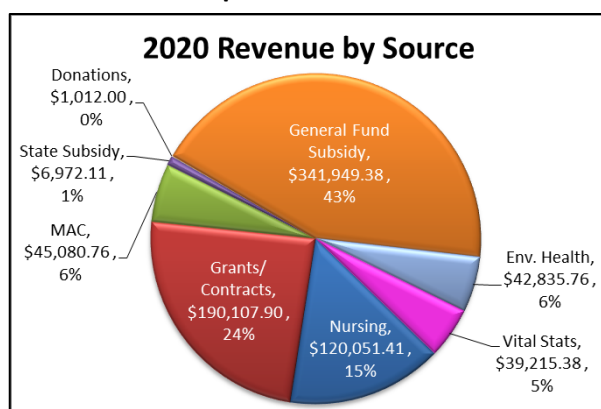
44 deaths 82 years median age of death

Preparing & Responding to Public Health Emergency

- Partnered with city & county for incident command
- Collaborated with Galion City Schools for COVID planning
- Implemented directives from the Governor and Ohio Director of Health
- 5 COVID-19 contact tracers contracted for services
- 1 COVID-19 enforcement worker contracted for services

Even during the COVID pandemic, the Galion City Health Department still fulfilled its many roles in the community.

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Nursing Department 2020 Program Summary

Preventing the spread of infectious diseases:

- 681 immunizations administered
- 519 flu shots administered
- 92 TB tests administered
- 957 reports of infectious diseases investigated (excluding COVID-19)
- 92 Sexual Health Clinic appointments were completed
- 11 Patients started on PrEP

Increasing access and linkage to health care:

- 7 patients linked to PAPI (Prevention Assistance Program Interventions) for HIV prevention
- The Sexual Health Clinic expanded its services by becoming a Breast & Cervical Cancer Provider. This new service can help patients 21 and over navigate breast and cervical cancer screenings through Ohio's Breast & Cervical Cancer Project. Women from all counties in Ohio are welcome! These screenings are covered at no cost with insurance. For those uninsured or underinsured, there are programs that will help you receive these crucial screenings.
- 33 BCMH clients served

Community Health and Prevention

- 39 car seats distributed
- 9 lead screenings completed
- 7 initial foster screenings completed
- 2 head lice checks completed
- 1,204.25 hours of school nursing services

Environmental Health Department 2020 Program Summary

Preventing the spread of infectious diseases:

- 120 food licenses issued
- 201 inspections conducted on food facilities
- 43 investigations of animal bites
- Distributed hundreds of mosquito dunks & mosquito wipes to prevent mosquito-borne diseases.
- Assisted the City of Galion in purchasing a new mosquito sprayer and adulticide.

Improving the well-being of the community:

- 193 investigations of public health nuisances
 - Including Covid-19 compliance complaints
 - 177 complaints abated/referred
- 120 food licenses issued
- 6 swimming pool/spa licenses issued
- 10 inspections conducted on swimming pool/spa facilities

Vital Statistics 2020 Program Summary

- 339 births registered
- 739 birth certificates issued
- 233 deaths registered
- 741 Death Certificates Issued
- 23 Free Veteran Death Certificates Issued
- 39 Burial Permits Issued

Public Health Accreditation

The Galion City Health Department was preparing for a site visit from PHAB in May of 2020; however, the pandemic (as with so many things) put that on TBD delayed schedule. The PHAB site review shall occur either virtually or in-person during 2021. The Galion City Health Department has worked extremely hard to prepare for national accreditation. In Ohio, it is mandated for all Local Health Departments to become nationally accredited.

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