

**Galion City Board of Health
Nursing Division Monthly Report for August 2021**

COVID-19 Contact tracing

- A total of 200 new cases of COVID-19 were reported during the month of August. Only 18 new cases of COVID-19 occurred during the month of July.
- 5 reported hospitalizations
- 0 reported deaths

COVID Outbreak Investigations

- An Outbreak that occurred at Avita Hospital from 8/10-9/9 was closed on 9/9. Only two cases were identified with this outbreak
- Currently there are 5 COVID community outbreaks that were reported and are active in Galion City
- One outbreak is located in a Long Term Care Facility.

COVID-19 Vaccine

- Total COVID Vaccines administered during the month of August: 175
- Total COVID vaccines administered: 4,179 (9/9/21)
- COVID vaccine is continuing to be offered to homebound individuals as well as in LTCF as needed.
- Vaccines continue to be administered at no cost.

CMH

- A home visit was completed on Thursday August 20th.

Car Seats

- 3 car seat classes were held during the month of August. Four convertible car seats were distributed.

Immunizations

- A total of 137 non-COVID vaccines were administered.
- Vaccines are going quickly; our funds may not support the ordering of needed vaccine.

Flu

- All private flu vaccine has been received but is not yet in the system to be administered. A cost analysis will need to be completed in order to begin charging.
- The reservation for VCF and 317 – state supplied Flu vaccine has been made.

TB Tests

- Five TST were administered.

Lead

- One blood lead test was completed.

Foster Screenings

- No foster screens were completed.

Schools

- **St. Joseph School**
 - A training was conducted for the staff by Kara Kimerline.
 - School began on 9/1.

- An immunization review was completed by Emily on 9/10.
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- **Galion City Schools**
 - The nursing staff participated in the school open house meet and greets on August 16th and 17th from 4-6. During these events immunizations were available for both the COVID-19 vaccine for ages 12 and up and back to school immunizations.
 - The first day of school for the Galion City Schools was August 19th.
 - Emily met with the nurses on 8/20 to discuss some concerns with the beginning of the school year then later met with Jennifer Allarding to discuss these concerns. Jennifer agreed to having an extra day a week for assistance from a GCHD RN. Kara has been assisting the nurses in the school one day a week.
 - Kara Kimerline, as needed RN, has been actively training school staff for medication administration, diabetic care, epi-pen utilization and celiac disease.
 - Kara will be assisting with the up coming hearing and vision screening currently scheduled 9/13, 9/20, 9/27, and 10/11.
 - Kara has been assisting with the immunization exemptions and getting a full google sheet created for use in the event of a vaccine-preventable disease outbreak.

Staff/ Students/ Mentoring

- Two Ashland University College of Nursing students will be precepting in the fall and will be following Lynn and/or helping with the Flu clinic as well as hearing and vision screenings at the schools.
 - An AU student began on 9/9 and will be spending time in the immunization clinic as well as in the schools with Monica.
 - Another AU student is to start her preceptorship on 9/21

Outreach

- Emily and Andy participated in the Crawford WIC baby Shower on Wednesday August 11. Lead and Car Seat education were presented.

Staffing

- As needed RN, Theresa Swinehart will be submitting her resignation this October.

Training/ Conferences

- No training/conferences were attended in August.

Respectfully Submitted,

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