

Galion City Board of Health Environmental Division Monthly Report for February 2024

Accreditation

I have begun to familiarize myself with Galion's documentation associated with re-accreditation, such as the Community Health Assessment, and Community Health Improvement Plan. My goal is to assess re-accreditation processes, measures, and documentation occurring daily/weekly/monthly throughout the department to determine our strengths and weaknesses.

Education/Outreach

I participated in a zoom meeting facilitated by ODH and ODA on 2/27/24. The meeting included proposed changes/updated language/rule revisions to the Ohio Uniform Food Code. I also participated in an EPA sponsored webinar about managing rodents through integrated pest management.

Food Safety

The Food Program was the focus for the month of February. All inspections had to be completed by March 1st. Significant time was spent by staff in the office and field planning, performing, and completing food inspections required by the state. A total of 56 standard inspections were completed, 22 CCP food inspections, and 7 Process Reviews. The Ohio Department of Health finished a survey of GCHD's Food Service Program on 2/20/24, with an exit interview following on 2/23/24. According to the surveyor, findings and recommendations will be provided in approximately 60-90 days.

General Environmental Health

I am still acquainting myself with program logistics, local ordinances/codes, and past practices at GCHD. I accompanied Andy to a facility to perform outreach and education inquiring about scrap tire collection and disposal to satisfy the Ohio EPA's Scrap Tire Grant requirements/deliverables. Andy is a great teacher and mentor, and I am very excited to be part of such a great team.

Manufactured Home Parks

I recently received and reviewed an email from the Ohio Department of Commerce regarding new forms, policies, and procedures for documenting inspections of manufactured home parks.

Public Health Nuisances

The public health nuisance program is steadily becoming busier as the weather improves, with 17 new public health nuisance investigations taking place during the month. I am orienting myself with the way public health nuisance investigations are handled at GCHD, especially the enforcement procedures with the law director.

Public Swimming Pools, Spas, and Special Use Pools

No program activities to report for this month.

Rabies Prevention

In February, GCHD received 3 new animal bite/rabies investigation reports to investigate/complete, including an animal bite from a pet rat. I am beginning to build a rapport with the Crawford County Dog Warden to obtain rabies vaccination status and information for each animal involved in an exposure.

Smokefree Workplace

There were no new investigations in this program for February.

Tattoo and Body Piercing

I performed a Pre-Licensing/Pre-Approval inspection at Spicy Nails (adding permanent make-up).

Respectfully Submitted,
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