

Board of Health Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, April 19, 2022 5:30 PM

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Roll Call of Members
- 3) Old Business
 - A) Approval of January 18, 2022 Minutes
 - B) Follow up with Animal Control Officer
 - C) Follow up regarding Body Art Report
- 4) New Business
- 5) Quarterly Reports
 - A) Environmental Health
 - B) Health Systems and Planning
 - C) Prevention and Wellness
 - D) COVID-19: Please visit the link below for COVID-19 updates. https://covid-19.myfcph.org/updates/#mrr
- 6) Date of Next Meeting
- 7) Adjourn



Board of Health Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 5:30 PM

1) Call to Order

Dr. Meyer called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

2) Roll Call of Members

Board of Health Members in Attendance: Dr. Harlan Meyer, Dr. Stephanie McClure, Dr. Beth Whitted

Board of Health Members Excused: Dr. Abby Norris Turner

3) Old Business

Dr. Meyer asked for an update from the Mosquito Task Force and briefly recapped the history of this project as presented to the Board of Health.

Mr. Kessler provided an update on this project and the upcoming pilot program. Dr. Meyer asked about the Do Not Spray list, which Mr. Kessler explained. Sam Marcellino, Council Liaison to the Board of Health, arrived during this converation. Dr. Meyer briefly summarized the background of this project for Mr. Marcellino, specifically regarding private companies spraying in the community. The Board discussed this project.

Dr. Meyer asked about any other old business. Mr. Hrdlicka provided an update about a local food business and Dr. Meyer and Mr. Hrdlicka briefly discussed this matter.

4) New Business

Dr. Whitted asked if any representatives from Franklin County Public Health were available for this meeting, which Dr. Meyer answered.

5) Quarterly Reports

A) Environmental Health

Mr. Harlan presented the Environmental Health report and asked Dr, McClure a clarifying question, which she answered. Mr. Kessler will follow up with our animal control officer on one item. Mr. Hrdlicka will follow up on a reference to body art in the report.

- B) Health Systems and Planning
- Dr. Meyer briefly reviewed highlights from this report.
- C) Prevention and Wellness
- Dr. Meyer briefly reviewed highlights from this report.
- D) COVID-19: Please visit the link below for COVID-19 updates. https://covid-19.myfcph.org/updates/#mrr
- Dr. Meyer briefly highlighted the link to the COVID-19 updates.
- Dr. Meyer did ask about COVID-19 tests in the City, which Ms. Vawter answered. The City does not have test kits available.

6) Date of Next Meeting

A) Tuesday, April 19, 2022 - 5:30 pm

7) Adjourn

Hearing no other business, Dr. Meyer adjourned the meeting at 5:57 pm.



Environmental Health Services Bexley

Reporting Period: January 1 – March 31, 2022

Community Environmental Health

Rabies Control – The following exposures were investigated during January 1 – March 31, 2022.

Date	Species	Breed	Quarantine Status
1/1/2022	Dog	Vizsla	Released
2/12/2022	Dog	Pit bull mix	Released
3/7/2022	Dog	Boxer	Unknown

Pool Inspections – Two (2) swimming pool inspections were conducted during this time period.

Body Art – Zero (0) body art facility inspection was conducted during this time period.

Mosquito Management – FCPH's Vector Program has been collaborating with Bexley's Mosquito Taskforce as they developed and planned their pilot program for this summer. FCPH provided historical data, offered the use of some traps and offered to donate larvicide tablets for OSU's study. FCPH will wait to locate traps for their contract program until the pilot program has finalized its areas as to make sure there is no interference.

Food Safety

Total Licensed Facilities				
.,		F0.0 /DFF	.,	Schools
M	obile	FSO/RFE	Vending	
	3	47	1	12

Inspections Conducted			
Standard	36		
Follow-Up	8		
Complaint	3		
Consultation	4		

Complaints

Date	Facility	Nature of Complaint	Status
3/15/2022	Cafe Istanbul Bexley	Grease in the sanitary sewer lines.	A contractor cleaned out the lines.
3/2/2022	Boston Market #0035	Lack of hair coverings	Corrected, Complaint closed
2/24/2022	Bexley Pizza Plus	Ants, vaping indoors	Follow-up performed; Complaint closed

Plumbing and Medical Gas

The following inspections were conducted during this time period.

Туре	Inspections
Residential	86
Commercial	18
Medical Gas	0

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Sustainability

Public Health Nuisance Referrals

Date	Address	Description	Status
02/11/2022	2585 E Main St (Piada)	COVID-19 Complaint	Closed – provided educational materials regarding COVID-19 risks & prevention.
02/14/2022	2500 E Main St (Penn Station)	COVID-19 Complaint	Closed – provided educational materials regarding COVID-19 risks & prevention.

Respectfully Submitted by: Niki Lemin, MS, REHS/RS, EHD/Assistant Health Commissioner, April 11, 2022.



Division of Health Systems and Planning Bexley Board of Health Report

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Health Systems and Planning **Epidemiology**

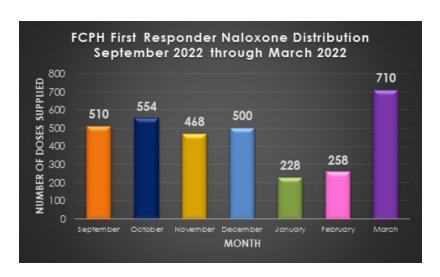
- The Epidemiology Section collaborated with Dr. Lawrence Hill, DDS, MPH to distribute a survey gauging dental health services in FCPH service area schools. The survey received responses from 83 schools, 69 (83.1%) of which reported that they do not have a school-based treatment program as a source of regular dental care. Some barriers expressed by participants included:
 - o Accessibility (e.g., financial, transportation, language, etc.)
 - COVID & associated resource constraints
 - o Lack of service enrollment, especially among older students
- The epidemiology section completed a data request for a CHAT initiative on gun safety.

Behavioral Health & Addiction Services (BHAS)

Community Naloxone Distribution Activities:

- In March, FCPH's naloxone distribution efforts continued to run at full capacity through the Integrated Naloxone Access and Infrastructure grant (IN23) funded by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH).
- FCPH's Naloxone Program sent 38 kits in the mail and distributed the rest through community outreach strategies and partner organizations. Jordan's Crossing distributed 138 kits; the Office of Justice Policy and Programs distributed 24 kits; 1DivineLine2Health distributed 42 kits; and FCPH distributed 263 kits through community naloxone trainings and outreach events.
- FCPH supplied First Responders with 710 doses of naloxone through the Ohio Mental Health and Addiction Services (OMHAS) First Responder naloxone funding.





Harm Reduction Activities:

- Harm Reduction Specialist, Emily Vander Werf, continues to expand outreach into new areas of Franklin County. This includes new partnerships with Kaleidoscope Youth Center, Saint Stephen's Community House, and the Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA). Quarter 2 of the State Opioid Response (SOR) 2.2 grant ended on March 31, 2022.
 - o Number of Harm Reduction Kits Distributed......110
 - o Number of Harm Reduction Events conducted.......9
 - o Number of Government Performance Results Act (GPRA) interviews conducted...2
 - o Number of fentanyl test strip kits (3 test strips per kit) distributed............155

Upcoming Harm Reduction Outreach Events

•	Peers Enriching Each Other's Recovery (P.E.E.R.) Center West	April 5, 2022
•	Saint Stephen's Community House	April 6, 2022
•	Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) Resource Center	April 8, 2022
•	Clinton Township Fire Department Ride Along	,,,,,,, April 13, 2022
•	Kaleidoscope Youth Center	April 13, 2022
•	Peers Enriching Each Other's Recovery (P.E.E.R.) Center East	April 14, 2022
•	Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) Resource Center	April 15, 2022
•	Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) South Terminal	
•	Saint Stephen's Community House	April 20, 2022
•	Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) Resource Center	April 22, 2022
•	Clinton Township Fire Department	April 22, 2022
•	Kaleidoscope Youth Center	April 26, 2022
•	Safe Point	,,,,,
•	OJPP Reentry Week Event	, April 28, 2022
•	Helping Other People Excel (HOPE) Resource Center	

Care Coordination (CC)

Care Coordination Activity:

HUB: Healthcare Collaborative of Greater Columbus		
Pathway	Completed	Initiated
Education	183	187
Social Service Referral	23	68
Medical Referral	8	12
Pregnancy	3	12
Housing	4	14
Medical Home	2	1
Employment	1	3
Postpartum	3	4
Adult Learning	1	1
Health Insurance	0	2
Family Planning	0	2
Tobacco Cessation	0	2
Behavioral Health	0	5
Medication Assessment	0	0
Immunization Referral	0	0
Immunization Screening	0	0
Medication Management	0	0
	228	313

Community Engagement & Health Promotion (CEHP)

Active Living Activities:

- Complete Streets Project Update: Complete streets is a transportation policy and design approach that requires streets to be planned, designed, operated and maintained to enable safe, convenient and comfortable travel and access for users of all ages and abilities regardless of their mode of transportation. Walk Audits have been completed for three FCPH jurisdictions. At this time MidOhio Regional Planning Commission is taking the gathered information from the Walk Audit and creating a Summary Document. Two of the three final meetings have happened with Grove City and Reynoldsburg. Whitehall's wrap up meeting is scheduled for April 12,2022.
- America Walks grant update: Franklin County Public Health will be creating a Gratitude Mile in one of
 our suburban cities. The Gratitude Mile will consist of signage along a one-mile loop that prompts
 people to take part in mindfulness exercises as they walk. The signage will be moveable so it can be
 placed in different parks within the city to reach a larger number of people. The date for the Gratitude
 Mile kick-off is May 27, 2022.

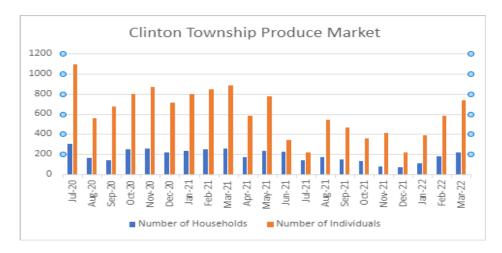
Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) Activities:

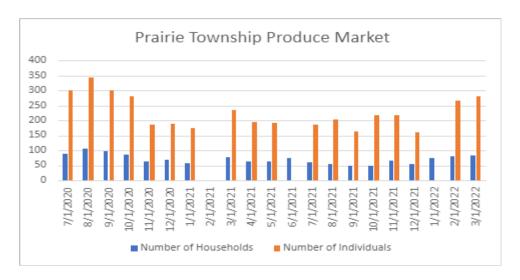
- 219 Households were served in March, 743 Individuals were served, 19 Naloxone Kits were distributed, and 36 Fentanyl Test Strips were distributed
- 85 households served at Prairie Township Produce Market; as well as 280 individuals.

- The Westerville CHAT has created a Cancer Awareness Campaign Committee and meets weekly at the Westerville Farmer's Market.
- The Prairie Township/Westside CHAT's Cookbook Committee meets bi-weekly. The goal is to develop a cookbook that utilizes the produce received from the Farmer's Markets. Currently the committee is in the process of receiving recipes.
- The Hilliard and Upper Arlington CHAT are both in the idea stages of their anti-stigma campaigns within
 each of their respective communities and planning outreach events for the upcoming spring and
 summer.

New Partners

- Action For Children
- Jerry L. Garver YMCA





Upcoming Events

•	Otterbein University Student Health Fair	April 13, 2022
•	Produce Market	April 19, 2022
	Spring into Activity (Prairie Township)	
	Spring into Activity (Virtual)	
	Canal Winchester Vaccine Community Day	
	Eastside Community Resource Fair	
	Anti-Gun Violence Initiative (Clinton Township)	
•	Community Backpack Drive (Clinton Township)	TBD

Emergency Preparedness (EP)

*Stop the bleed campaign: Stop the Bleed (STB) is a national campaign aimed to teach civilians how to treat other civilians in any mass causality or wound injury situation. The Emergency Preparedness team (EP) coordinates and promotes these trainings to the community. During the month of March, Stop the Bleed trainings were hosted by Southwestern Career Academy. Students who received this training are pursuing career pathways such as early education, welding, pre-nursing, medical data management, dental technologies, and multi-skilled health. These trainings were each 1-hour session and included practice in stuffing a wound and using a tourniquet.

Number of March Stop the Bleed trainings	Number of MRC trainers assisting	Age range of students trained	Number of students trained in March	Number of FCPH Staff assisting
9	16	15-18 years old	164	3

*Franklin County Public Health After-Action Report

During the month of March, the EP team finalized and submitted the After-Action Reports (AAR) due to Ohio Department of Health (ODH) on March 31st for both Franklin County Public Health and Morrow County Health District. These reports reflect upon strengths and gaps in the COVID-19 response from March 2021 through March 2022. These AAR's are separate from the county-wide AAR that is currently in process with the third-party vendor, Innovative Emergency Management (IEM). These AAR's utilize the template provided by ODH and is connected to the Public Health Emergency Preparedness (PHEP) grant. This report will help the EP team continually improve upon their real word responses.

COTS Full Scale Exercise

The EP team, along with infectious disease and communications team members, participated in the COTS full scale exercise on March 16, 2022. This virtual, full-scale exercise tested the agency's ability to respond to an unknown disease. The scenario involved hospital partners and other response agencies. FCPH team discussed the scenario internally, completed scenario injects, and will be participating in a hot wash in the coming months. It was a great learning experience for all and especially for many new staff to experience exercise play.

Upcoming Events

- COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic at Mid-Ohio Food Bank......April 1, 2022
- COVID 19 Vaccine Clinic at Mid-Ohio Food Bank......April 15, 2022

Respectfully Submitted:

Theresa Seagraves, Assistant Health Commissioner and Director of Health Systems and Planning



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Immunization Program/School Nursing Section

Adult, Childhood and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

In March 2022, 140 clients were vaccinated at FCPHs routine adult and childhood vaccination clinics. A total of 63 COVID-19 vaccines were administered at both FCPHs regular vaccination clinics and the COVID-19 outreach clinics at Mid-Ohio Food Bank.

Get Vaccinated Ohio - Public Health Initiative

An invoice for \$2,913.75 was submitted to Columbus Public Health for March 2022 reimbursement for GVO grant completed deliverables. The GVO grant coordinator and immunization nursing supervisor are working with Health Systems and Planning epidemiologists to review current immunization coverage data to identify gaps and opportunities to increase vaccination rates. An intervention plan is being developed to increase vaccination coverage levels among school aged children throughout FCPHs jurisdiction.

Maternal and Child Health Section

Community Partnership Grants

FCPH received continuation funding from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (FCBOC) for its Public Health Nurse (PHN) Led Home Visiting Program. Home visiting is a proven strategy to improve maternal and infant health outcomes ultimately eliminating health disparities. This program will continue in collaboration with Heart of Ohio Family Health Center as the clinical and referral partner.

Additionally, FCPH will be partnering with Restoring Our Own Through Transformation (ROOTT) with funding provided by the FCBOC to provide perinatal doula services. In this partnership ROOTT will deliver holistic doula services to approximately 50 Black, pregnant/postpartum individuals, and their families within Franklin County.

CMH Program-Home Visits & Safe Sleep

Maternal and Child Health (MCH) PHNs continue to provide case management to families with children on the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program. In March 2022, CMH PHNs completed 7 home visits with clients and their families. MCH staff conducted 2 safe sleep assessments and 3 portable cribs were distributed by trained FCPH staff to families with infants under the age of 1.

Presentation: Association of Public Health Nurses, 2022 Annual Conference

Alyssa Grodhaus, MCH supervisor, was selected to present at the Association of Public Health Nurses (APHN) 2022 Annual Conference which will be held April 25-28, 2022. The poster presentation will include data and details on the Acuity Tier Model that has been



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implemented at FCPH with CMH clients since 2019. The Acuity Tier Model works toward creating more equitable caseloads for the CMH PHNs. The use of this model ensures that the needs of the children and their families are addressed in an efficient and purposeful manner. A copy of the poster will be provided in the May 2022 board of health packet.

Community Health Initiatives

Advancing Health Literacy Franklin County

The Health Literacy Core Team has continued regularly scheduled meetings, with the evaluation team, Office of Minority Health (OMH) Project Officer, and Advance Health Literacy (AHL) Community of Practice webinars.

Champions:

Health Literacy Champions completed baseline assessment of COVID-19 materials using evidenced based health literacy standard and will be reviewed every 6 months. Champions continue skills practice and identifying internal Health Literacy opportunities. FCPH developed a process for staff to submit materials and resources to its champion for review and suggested edits to ensure reader friendly health literate products.

Trainings:

Core partner (FCPH, Nationwide Children's Hospital (NCH), and Columbus Public Health (CPH)) communications and messaging creators completed Reader Friendly Plain Language Material (RFPLM) second workshop sessions. Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS) hosted a Cultural Competency & Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services (CC/CLAS) training on March 24th. There were 58 individuals in attendance. There have been approximately a dozen trainings conducted on health literacy, reaching over 130 individuals who will become health literacy champions and advocates in Franklin County.

Evaluation:

Work continues to track progress through administering pre- and post-assessments before and after trainings (RFPLM #2 & CC/CLAS). Champions completed health literacy self-assessment in October 2021 and March 2022. The data collected will be used in preparation for the quantitative progress report due at the end of the month.

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FCPH and its core partners are currently assessing their organizational health literacy, with an assessment tool called EnLiven. This tool allows the organization to be responsible for understanding and addressing health information needs rather than putting the responsibility on individual clients, patients, and caregivers. EnLiven consolidates FCPHs leadership in Health Literacy and gives others the opportunity to have conversations about becoming a more health literate organization, discuss where and how FCPH can make changes and prioritize health literacy moving forward.

Regional Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Regional public health updates were presented at the March 2022 regional public health emergency preparedness, coalition advisory board meeting. This update included a discussion and plan for review of the regional Ebola/Special and Emerging Pathogens Plan due in May 2022. Once the plan has been reviewed by the healthcare coalition, Epidemiology and Planner's workgroup, submission will be made to the preparedness committee for review and acceptance.

FCPH participated in the Central Ohio Trauma System healthcare coalition Tabletop Exercise which reviewed medical response and surge. The Regional Public Health Coordinator submitted situation updates to capture strengths and areas for improvement.

The Central Region submitted its Year Three COVID-19 After Action Report (AAR) which assessed the response by capability demonstration from July 2021 to January 2022. The region was able to build on capabilities demonstrated in the Year 2 AAR and identified

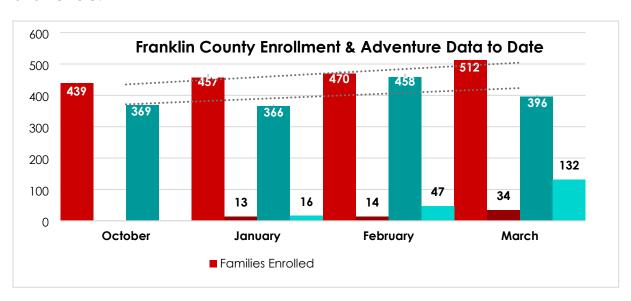


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some areas for improvement that were added to the regional AAR tracking sheet. The AAR was shared with the Preparedness Committee for review prior to submission.

A Kid Again:

During February and March 2022, A Kid Again (AKA) held two exciting adventures - COSI and Columbus Blue Jackets game! In March 2022, the Grant Coordinator presented to 6 Community Health Action Teams (CHAT) by informing key community stakeholders of potential partnership with AKA, and the collaboration between FCPH and FCBOC.



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<u>Infectious Disease Program</u>

COVID-19 Response Updates FCPH Epidemiology Update for COVID-19 April 1, 2022 - 10:00 AM

COVID-19 Case Data*		
	99,878	
Total Cases	(74,362 Confirmed,	25,516 Probable)
Age Range	<1 - 105 years	
Median Age	36 years	
Gender	52,837 Female	46,014 Male
Hospitalized (overall)	1,605	•
ICU Admissions (overall)	215	
	1,075 (837 White, 12	25 Black, 29 Asian, 34
Deaths***	Hispanic, 62 Other,	26 Unknown)
Presumed Recovered^	98,425	
Onset Date Range	01/15/2020 - 03/29/	/2022
Asymptomatic Cases	3,285	

^{*}Data are pulled from the Ohio Disease Reporting System and are subject to change as additional information is gathered. Some data may have a lag time based on completion of case finding at the time of this report.

Cases in Franklin County Public Health Jurisdiction Residing in Another County		
Franklin	90,629	
Union	674	
Fairfield	3,721	
Delaware	1,816	
Licking	2,825	

COVID-19 County Level for Franklin County

https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html

7-Day Time Period	Total Reported New COVID-19 Cases Per 100,000 People During the 7-Day Time Period	New COVID-19 Hospital Admissions Per 100,000 People	% Staffed Inpatient Beds Occupied By COVID-19 Patients
17-23 March 2022	22.33	6.5	1.8
24-30 March, 2022	36.68	5.7	1.5
General Guidance	 Stay <u>up to date</u> with COVID-19 vaccines <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms People may choose to mask at any time. People with symptoms, a positive test, or exposure to someone with COVID-19 should wear a mask. 		

^{**} Probable case counts added to the data as of 4/14/2020.

^{***}Cause of death has not yet been determined.

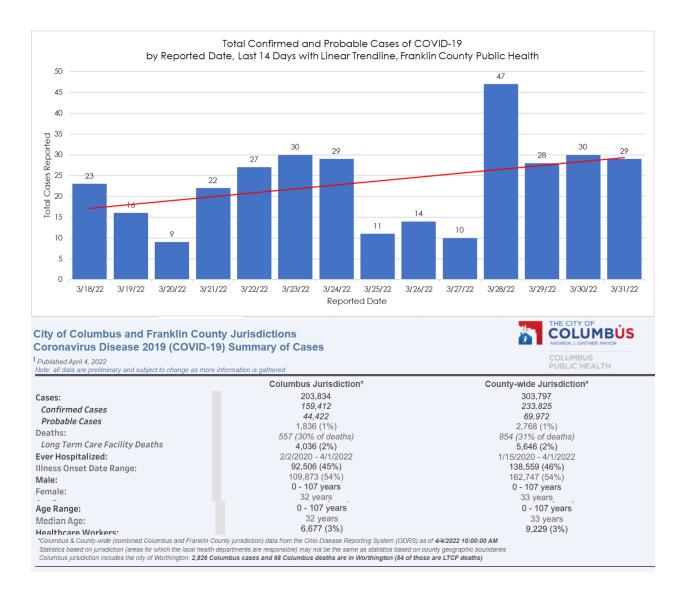
[^]Presumed recovered is defined as cases with an onset date >21 days prior who are not deceased. If onset date is unknown, the earliest known date associated with the case is used as a substitute for the date of illness onset.



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Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza

On Monday March 28th, 2022, FCPH infectious disease staff were notified of a residence located in Hilliard, that had 7 of its 15-backyard chicken flock die between Saturday March 26th-Monday March 28th. This residence is a small farm, with a family of five individuals living on site as well as a pond with ducks on the premises. FCPH worked with the residents, Ohio Department of Agriculture and Ohio Department of Health to coordinate testing of the deceased chickens. Initial test results came back as not negative and was sent to the United States Department of Agriculture for confirmatory testing. The confirmation result came back positive for Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) on Tuesday March 31st. Depopulation of the remaining chickens occurred on March 31, 2022. A total of 12 individuals were considered exposed and



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needed public health monitoring for 10 days after last exposure. Individuals were asked to report about their health daily to FCPH.

Ohio Department of Agriculture HPAI Press Release

On March 31st 2022, Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) was detected in a backyard chicken flock in Franklin County. The positive detection was confirmed by the United States Department of Agriculture's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (USDA-APHIS). The samples were first tested at the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory and confirmed at the APHIS National Veterinary Services Laboratories in Ames, Iowa.

HPAI is a highly contagious virus that spreads quickly and can be fatal to flocks and devastating to poultry owners, both commercial and non-commercial.

State officials quarantined the affected premise, and birds on the property will be depopulated to prevent the spread of the disease. Birds from the flock will not enter the food system. Federal and State partners are working jointly on additional surveillance and testing in areas around the affected flock. Surveillance activities will be conducted in a 10-kilometer zone around the infected premise.

HPAI can infect poultry (such as chickens, turkeys, pheasants, quail, domestic ducks, geese, and guinea fowl) and is carried by free flying waterfowl such as ducks, geese, and shorebirds. The recent HPAI detections **do not present an immediate public health concern**, according to the Centers for Disease Control. No human cases have been detected in the United States. As a reminder, the proper handling and cooking of all poultry and eggs to an internal temperature of 165 °F is recommended as a general food safety precaution.

"Enhanced Biosecurity is the number one preventive measure against avian influenza," State Veterinarian Dr. Dennis Summers said. "HPAI can infect any size flock. We urge all poultry owners to **intensify their biosecurity and best management practices**."

Biosecurity and best management practices include:

- Prevent contact with wild birds and waterfowl. Keep birds indoors when possible.
- **Keep visitors to a minimum.** Only allow those who care for your poultry to have contact with them and make sure they follow biosecurity principles.
- Wash your hands before and after contact with live poultry. Use soap and water. If using a hand sanitizer, first remove manure, feathers, and other materials from your hands.
- Provide disposable boot covers (preferred) and/or disinfectant footbaths for anyone having contact with your flock. If using a footbath, remove all droppings,



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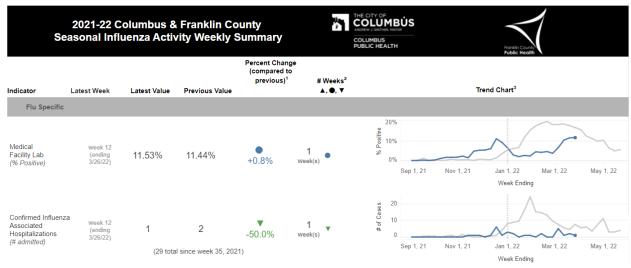
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- mud or debris from boots and shoes using a long-handled brush BEFORE stepping in. Always keep it clean.
- Establish a rodent and pest control program. Deliver, store, and maintain feed, ingredients, bedding, and litter to limit exposure to and contamination from wild animals.
- Use drinking water sourced from a contained supply (well or municipal system).
 Do not use surface water for drinking or cleaning.
- Clean and disinfect tools and equipment before moving them to a new poultry facility. Trucks, tractors, tools, and equipment should be cleaned and disinfected prior to exiting the property. Do not move or reuse anything that cannot be cleaned
- Look for signs of illness. Monitor egg production and death loss, discoloration and/or swelling of legs, wattles and combs, labored breathing, reduced feed/water consumption.

2021-2022 Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity

Local influenza activity remains low at this time with some laboratory testing activity and no Influenza Associated Hospitalizations (IAH).

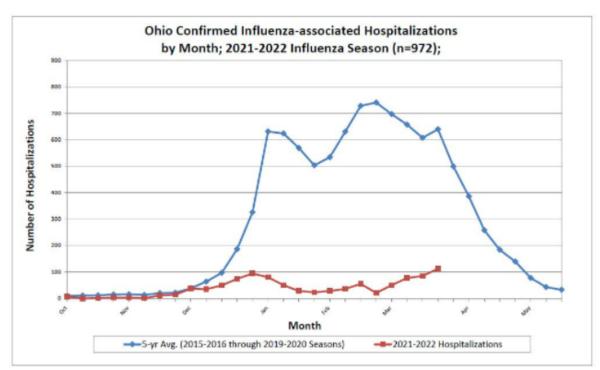
FRANKLIN COUNTY- LOCAL ACTIVITY



Source: https://public.tableau.com/views/Flu_Surveillance/Dashboard-FluActivity?:language=en&:display_count=y&:origin=viz_share_link&:showVizHome=no

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OHIO-STATE ACTIVITY





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State, Regional, and National Data:

Ohio Surveillance Data:

- The Ohio Department of Health Laboratory has tested 519 specimens for influenza during the 2021-2022 influenza season:
 of these, 1 tested positive for influenza A(H1N1pdm09), 464 for influenza A(H3N2), 5 for influenza B, and 1 for swine
 variant influenza A(H3N2v) (through 03/19/2022).
- The National Respiratory and Enteric Virus Surveillance System (NREVSS) and U.S. World Health Organization (WHO)
 Collaborating Laboratories reported 146,144 tests for influenza performed at participating facilities; of these, 8 tested
 positive for influenza A(H1N1pdm09), 841 for influenza A(H3N2), 3,043 for influenza A (subtyping not performed), 62 for
 influenza B, and 1 for swine variant influenza A(H3N2v) (through 03/12/2022).
- No pediatric influenza-associated mortalities have been reported so far during the 2021-2022 influenza season (through 03/19/2022).
- One novel influenza A virus infection has been reported so far during the 2021-2022 influenza season (through 03/19/2022).
- Incidence of confirmed influenza-associated hospitalizations in 2021-2022 season = 860 (through 03/19/2022).

<u>HHS Regional Surveillance Data*</u>: During week 10 (March 6th – March 12th, 2022), the percentage of outpatient visits for influenza-like illness (ILI) in Region 5 (Ohio is in Region 5) was 1.5%, which is below the regional baseline of 2.5%.

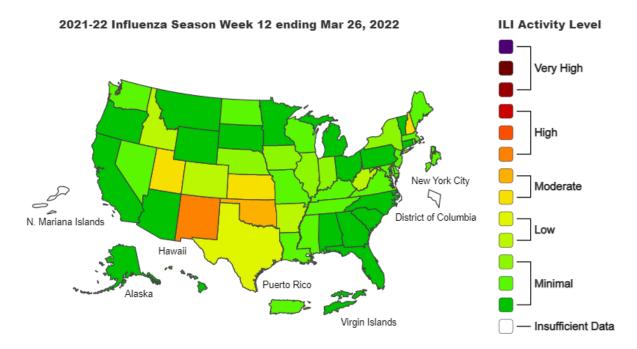
Source: https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/know-our-programs/seasonal-influenza/ohio-flu-activity/ohio-flu-activity

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NATIONAL ACTIVITY

National Surveillance Data*: During week 10 (March 6th – March 12th, 2022), the majority of U.S. states reported Minimal or Low activity reported by sentinel ILINet providers, a few sites reported Moderate or High activity. The percentage of outpatient visits for ILI was 1.6%, which is **below** the national baseline of 2.5%. Nine HHS regions reported ILI levels below their region-specific baseline level.

*National-level and regional-level data are reported one week later than Ohio state-level data



Source: https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/usmap.htm

Respectfully submitted by Alex Jones, Assistant Health Commissioner/Director of Prevention & Wellness, April 8, 2022.