

Top Stories & Statistics from 2007

Flood Brings Health, Environmental Concerns

The entire Health Department responded to the flooding that occurred in Mansfield and Shelby in August of 2007.

The Nursing Division was called upon to assess what immunization shots would be needed for people in the affected areas. Tetanus vaccine



Flooded Mansfield (picture courtesy of the Mansfield News journal)

was provided for free to those who sustained cuts as part of flood clean-up. Environmental Health responded by providing plumbing and sanitation services as well as information on food safety in areas without power. In addition, the flooding raised concerns about mosquito-borne diseases and mosquito sprayings were increased. While

the administration worked with FEMA, Health Promotion/Education provided information to the media and the public through the Health Department website on flood clean-up and safety in flooded areas.

The Health Department took a personal hit with its WIC offices in Shelby also flooded. Several food and supply drives were held at the Health Department to give aid to victims of the flooding.

Emergency Preparedness Drill

Testing its ability to rapidly distribute large supplies of medicine to local communities, the Health Department joined with community response partners and local volunteers in conducting an emergency

preparedness drill in late October 2007. The drill tested the organization of patient flow and staffing levels for meeting the diverse needs of patients.

“In an emergency, we could safely dispense medicines or vaccines to the public,” said Mary Derr RN, Public Health Preparedness Coordinator. “The drill is part of our ongoing commitment to protect the health and safety of Richland County residents.”



Emergency Preparedness Drill in October tested organization and patient flow.

Communicable Disease Program Stays Busy

The Communicable Disease program investigates and monitors more than 50 reportable diseases from AIDS to West Nile Virus on a yearly basis. This includes surveillance and investigation with a goal of prevention and control of public health problems.

In late 2007, 84 Pertussis (Whooping Cough) cases were reported and investigated compared to just two cases in the previous two years. Communicable Disease nurses met with each affected case, their families and school or day care contacts to assure proper treatment and vaccination to prevent Pertussis.

Also in 2007 MRSA (Staph), which can cause a range of infections from mild to life threatening, became a concern in Richland County.

The Health Department worked with area providers, schools, businesses, media and residents to assure prevention measures were in place and education was provided.

The Communicable Disease program’s role in investigating, testing and assessing potential public health concerns goes beyond the scope of a “single case,” to assure the health of individuals, those close to them and the potential risks to the greater population.

Community Health Screenings Popular

Community Health Screenings bring health education and preventative health screenings to area neighborhoods. The program



Blood pressure is just one of many checks at a Community Health Screening site.

has become very popular, with participants doubling last year. With 14 locations throughout Richland County, screenings are as accessible as possible to persons of all age ranges. This is especially important for persons in outlying communities and townships, who may find it more convenient to travel to a neighborhood site.

Community screenings are an excellent way to raise awareness about common diseases and, in some situations, identify disease in its early stages. The benefit is realized when individuals of all ages develop an interest in taking control of their own health through better choices and decisions. Health Department nurses are there to assist them in contacting other healthcare resources as needed.

Public Health Day Awards

The Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department recognized Duane Rader, Johnny Harris, Jack Spangler and Dave Pennell for contributions to public health at its annual celebration of Public Health Day, Wednesday, April 4.

Johnny Harris, head of maintenance at the Ocie Hill Neighborhood Center since 1996, has been assisting the Health Department and Richland County Agencies for ten years with preparing the facility for the annual Minority Health Fair.

Jack Spangler, who assisted with the set-up and event organization for the annual flu clinic, is an Events Coordinator Volunteer with the Richland County Fair Board.

Duane Rader, who assisted with the pandemic flu public forums, is a program assistant for Agriculture and Natural Resources at The Ohio State University Extension.

The 11th annual “Media Award” for coverage of health-related issues went to Dave Pennell of WMAN Radio in Mansfield.



Public Health Day Awards were presented to (L-R): Johnny Harris, Duane Rader, Dave Pennell, and Jack Spangler.

Funding & Management Structure - 2007

SUPPORT: \$6,638,445

Levy (41.4%)	\$2,745,364
State/Federal Grants (23.4%).....	1,551,259
Fees, Licenses, Permits (21.1%).....	1,400,548
Contracts (7.1%).....	472,330
State Subsidy (4.4%).....	295,377
All Other Sources (2.6%)	173,567
Carryover from 2006: \$2,544,698	

SERVICES: \$6,060,711

Public Health Clinic (27.5%).....	\$1,668,371
Public Health Nursing (24.9%)	1,508,793
Environmental Health (24.5%).....	1,487,047
WIC (12.9%)	780,787
Health Promotion/Education (5.3%)	319,698
Vital Statistics (4.9%)	296,015

GRANT INCOME: \$1,551,259

WIC – Nutrition and Education.....	\$726,365
Child & Family Health Services	342,245
Breast & Cervical Cancer Screening	152,875
Infrastructure	185,946
Women’s Health Services.....	58,500
Immunizations – Satellite areas	34,400
Safe Communities	27,701
Senior Health Screenings	23,227

Health Department Administration

Stan Saalman, MSEPH, JD, RS, Commissioner; **Jerome E. Hurley**, MD, Medical Director; **Richard Bartelheim**, Fiscal Operations Director; **Selby Dorgan**, LSW, Health Promotion/Education Director; **Joe Evans**, RS, MPH, Environmental Health Director; **Tina Picman**, MS, RDLD, WIC Director; **Cathy Smith**, Human Resource Manager; **Amy Vincent**, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing.

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County: Thelda Dillon; Carol Michaels; Steven Phillips, DVM, Chair; Angela Thompson; Jean Swartz; Violet Wetzel; Beauford T. Williams.

District Advisory Council

This council meets annually in March to bring health concerns and recommendations to the Board of Health and to appoint new members from the county. Members include the chairman of each township’s board of trustees, village mayors, and the chair of the county commissioners.

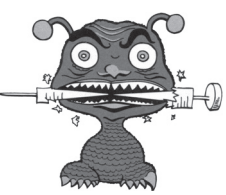
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Retail Licensing Council

Steve Reed, Chair (Food Service); Gayle Meadows (Food Establishment); Angela Thompson (Manufactured Home Parks); Mike Kenyon (Swimming Pools, Spas & Special Use Pools); Terry Conrad (Campgrounds & Parks); Grant Milliron (Solid & Biomedical Waste Facilities); Bo Christiansen (Plumbing Industries).



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BCCP Gets Additional State Funding

The Breast and Cervical Cancer Project (BCCP) will, for the first time, be receiving state funding. The state funds will be in addition to the current federal funds that provide free breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to low-income, uninsured women age 40 and over throughout Ohio.

The new state funds will allow Ohio BCCP to provide screening and diagnostic services to an additional 9,000 women each year.

The Health Department’s BCCP program, which includes Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Seneca, Wyandot and Richland counties, served more than 800 women last year.

Individuals or health care professionals who know of potential clients are encouraged to contact the Health Department’s BCCP program to determine if they meet eligibility criteria. For more information call 419-774-4707 or 800-655-4707.

BCCP Region 5* Cancer Screenings			
	2007 Totals	*Serving women in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca & Wyandot.	
	Pap Smears	660	
	Mammograms	748	
	Women Enrolled	872	

Environmental Health

The Environmental Health Services division directs a variety of programs that prevent, protect and educate our community about potentially harmful elements in our environment.

Environmental Health in 2007 Total*	
Air Pollutions.....	156
Campgrounds.....	44
Communicable Diseases.....	26
Foodborne Illness Outbreaks.....	3
Food Establishments (grocery stores).....	483
Food Services (all types & restaurants).....	2,017
Lead Contamination.....	231
Manufactured Home Parks	95
Nuisance - food, sewage & other	530
Nuisance - solid waste	464
Rabies Control - dogs & cats.....	222
Rabies Control - wild & others	38
Plumbing - residential	1,670
Plumbing - commercial.....	1,249
Plumbing - other	249
Schools/Institutions.....	106
Sewage System, all types.....	979
New residential, sewage.....	331
Solid Waste	215
Swimming Pools	250
Vector Control (insects, rats).....	320
Water Supply, all types	273
New residential, water.....	379
All other types (not categorized).....	595
*Inspections, Investigations, Consultations.....	10,925

WIC: Women, Infants & Children

WIC (Women, Infants, Children) is the nation’s premier public health nutrition program. With nutritious foods, nutrition counseling, and referral to health care, WIC has helped to decrease anemia among pre-school children and improved pregnancy outcomes.

WIC Client Totals for 2007	
New Participants.....	2,332
Recertifications.....	5,254
Other Contacts	6,435
Total Contacts	14,021
The total number of WIC coupons issued for 2007 was 138,795. The value of these coupons was \$2,314,439.69, which greatly contributed to our Richland County economy. WIC participants served during 2007 averaged 3,432 per month.	

Health Promotion

Health Promotion/Education works to help people in Richland County take more control over their personal health as well as the health and well-being of the community and the environment. This department is also in charge of the county wellness program, media relations, advertising and the Health Department’s web site.

Programs & Presentations in 2007	
Child Passenger Safety Seats Checks (includes classes).....	88
County Wellness Cholesterol Screenings	85
Fairs, Parades and Health Fair Booths	17
Fifth Grade Puberty Talks.....	10
Health & Wellness Lectures & Presentations.....	14
Seat Belt Use Surveys	36
Senior Driver Refresher Classes (4) Participants	73
Traffic Safety Presentations.....	21

Cub Scouts Participate in Seat Belt Kickoff

Cub Scout Pack 152 and law enforcement officers throughout Richland County joined to promote seat belt use with a Pinewood Derby demonstration at the Richland Mall in May.

Richland County Safe Communities, a grant project through Health Promotion/Education, used Lego™ people as occupants on the Cub Scouts’ own Pinewood Derby cars. The cars were sent down the track with their occupants unrestrained and they were ejected at the end of the track. The police then helped the scouts attach the “people” to the cars for a safe ride.



Ontario police Chief Rod Smith and Bellville Police Chief Ron Willey help Cub Scout Pack 152 members get ready for another “safe” Pinewood Derby run.

The visual demonstration was a fun way to drive home the message of the importance of seat belt use.

Vital Statistics

The Vital Statistics division maintains records of all births and deaths in Richland County since 1908 (excluding Shelby). For information on obtaining a birth or death certificate, check the web site at www.richlandhealth.org or call 419-774-4500.

Vital Statistics 2004.....2005 2006 2007				
Deaths (excludes Shelby).....				
Male	1,117.....	1,108.....	1,138	1,069
Female	584.....	542.....	543	540
Causes of Death				
Heart Related	533.....	566.....	595	529
Cancer	402.....	399.....	386	378
Lung Diseases	256.....	168.....	238	209
Strokes/CVA	99.....	119.....	102	85
Alzheimers	63.....	63.....	55	78
Renal/Kidney Disease.....	27.....	21.....	*57	64
Accidents	29.....	29.....	54	49
Flu/Pneumonia	23.....	23.....	35	44
Suicide	42.....	63.....	52	36
Homicides	9.....	13.....	14	13
	4.....	4.....	5	9
*The large jump in Alzheimers deaths is due to changes in record keeping, with Alzheimers being listed as a primary rather than secondary cause.				

Vital Statistics 2004.....2005 2006 2007				
Births (excludes Shelby)				
To Caucasian Teens	1,479.....	1,269.....	1,325	1367
To Minority Teens.....	149.....	132.....	151	164
Total to Teens.....	36.....	55.....	47	50
Unwed Teens	185.....	187.....	198	214
Repeat Teens	164.....	178.....	175	200
Total Unwed (All Ages).....	28.....	28.....	32	39
Repeat Births (All Ages)	499.....	485.....	429	440
Teen Births % of Total	778.....	746.....	766	794
Unwed Births % of Total	125.....	147.....	149	157
	337.....	382.....	323	322

Ohio Smoking Ban Enforcement

Last year the Health Department became the lead agency in investigating and enforcing Ohio’s Smoking Ban.

After considerable delays from the State in interpreting the rules and penalties, the Health Department began enforcement on May 3. In order for an investigation to begin, someone must report a violation to the State, which will request an investigation. The following are statistics for Richland County:

- 164 reports taken since May 3, 2007
- 141 investigations opened
- 84 on-site investigations conducted
- 11 phone investigations conducted
- 11 notices of violation mailed
- 1 fine invoiced by the Ohio Department of Health
- 92 investigations closed



Ohio Smoking Ban

It is important to note that the Health Department has not received any state funds to conduct these investigations.

Public Health Nursing

Public Health Nurses are a valuable community resource for information and medical assistance. They work in schools, homes and various sites in the city and county. The Public Health Nurses provide care to all ages, from newborns to senior citizens.

Public Health Nursing in 2007 Total	
Senior Health Assessments	1,776
Specialty Clinics	105
Children Immunized	603
Influenza Shots	5,507
Newborn Home Visits.....	439
Help Me Grow Referrals.....	55
BCMH Home Visits	4,362
Lead Investigations	27
School Health Nurses (Hours).....	8,521
Communicable Disease Investigations.....	545
Sexually Transmitted Disease Investigations.....	693

Coordinated Lead Conference

The Health Department hosted a Lead Conference in April highlighting the success of inter-department cooperation.

Public Health Nursing focused on the dangers of lead to children with topics directed to physicians, parents and case managers. Environmental Health focused on home inspections with topics for home owners and landlords on removing and cleaning up lead based paint. The two departments participated in 258 lead paint investigations and child wellness follow-ups in 2007.

Public Health Clinic

The purpose for the Beatty Public Health Clinic is to be of service to all people by providing health care, promoting wellness, providing education and treating illness. Health services are for people of all ages who are residents of Richland County.

Clinic Visits in 2007 Total	
Adult Medical Clinic	108
Breast & Cervical Health Screening (BCCP).....	872
Child Health	487
Clinic Influenza Shots	605
General Health	3,447
HIV Testing (clinic tests)	161
Immunizations.....	3,384
Satellite Immunizations.....	454
Travel Immunizations.....	596
Nutrition Education.....	35
Prenatal/OBGYN	716
Reproductive Health°	1,013
TB Testing	1,230
Total Visits for 2007	13,108
°Includes Women’s Health and STD testing and treatment.	

From the Health Commissioner



Stan Saalman

Implementing Ohio's smoking ban regulation was the biggest change. Passed by voters in November of 2006, it was not until May that the Health Department was designated by the state with enforcement in Richland County. In addition, we were directed by the state legislature to develop new temporary local sewage system rules. Last, we received a legislative directive that gave us new and more comprehensive regulations for school inspections.

We had several communicable disease outbreaks in our communities, most notably a staph infection called MRSA and Pertussis (commonly called Whooping Cough). They required us to spend extra time containing and limiting their outbreaks and educating the public about the diseases and their treatment.

We were required to write a *Continuity of Operation Plan* (COOP) for the Health Department detailing how we will stay open in emergencies and an *All Hazards Plan* (one plan containing all previous emergency contingency plans) for emergency response.

We worked with area hospitals and the County Emergency Management staff to help local nursing homes and health clinics to start writing emergency operations plans. We also assisted with the development of an Emergency Medical Reserve Corps — volunteers

2007 brought a number of changes to public health that had or will have dramatic effects on our communities' health and welfare.

with medical backgrounds willing to respond in emergencies — for Richland County emergency situations.

When the floods hit Mansfield and Shelby in August, we were there to provide free Tetanus shots, plumbing inspectors for damaged homes, and information on recovering from a flood, including information on subjects as varied as driving in flooded areas, food storage, sanitation, and controlling mold. We also provided extra mosquito spraying in flooded areas to control mosquito-spread illnesses.

We joined with the Area Agency on Aging to develop a new program on how seniors can prevent falls. We expanded on our Senior Health Screening program to start Community Health Screening clinics for all ages at satellite locations throughout Richland County. And we assisted with the Area YMCA to create a new program to help diabetics called "Activate Ohio."

It's important to note that all of these activities were in addition to our everyday delivery of more than sixty health and safety-related services to the citizens of our health district.

We know that there will be challenges ahead but we look forward to meeting them with a progressive approach and a professional staff with a "can do" attitude. We are justifiably proud of our service to our communities and the commitment that the citizens, and especially the voters, of Richland County have shown to the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department.

Our Mission

The primary mission of the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department is to provide citizens of all ages with quality public health services and programs. These programs are designed to prevent disease and disability, prolong life, and promote health and individual well-being. This mission is to be achieved through organized community programs that:

- **Prevent and control the spread of communicable and chronic diseases**
- **Maintain and improve a healthy, safe environment**
- **Deliver preventative health services and follow-up care to high-risk people and groups**
- **Inform and educate about individual wellness and community health**
- **Provide bio-terrorism and emergency-related leadership and services to the public.**

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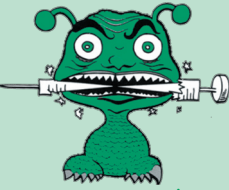
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WIC

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Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department

This annual report summarizes highlights of the past year and the numbers that affect our programs. The color pages have a quick look at what Public Health is all about in Richland County, while the other pages highlight last year and our statistics. We hope you'll take the time to read the information and take advantage of our services. Please call us if we can answer any of your questions. *Stan Saalman, Health Commissioner*

Welcome to Public Health!

Public health is the local government's efforts to protect everyone's health and well-being. Your local public health department works to:

Meet the health needs of your community

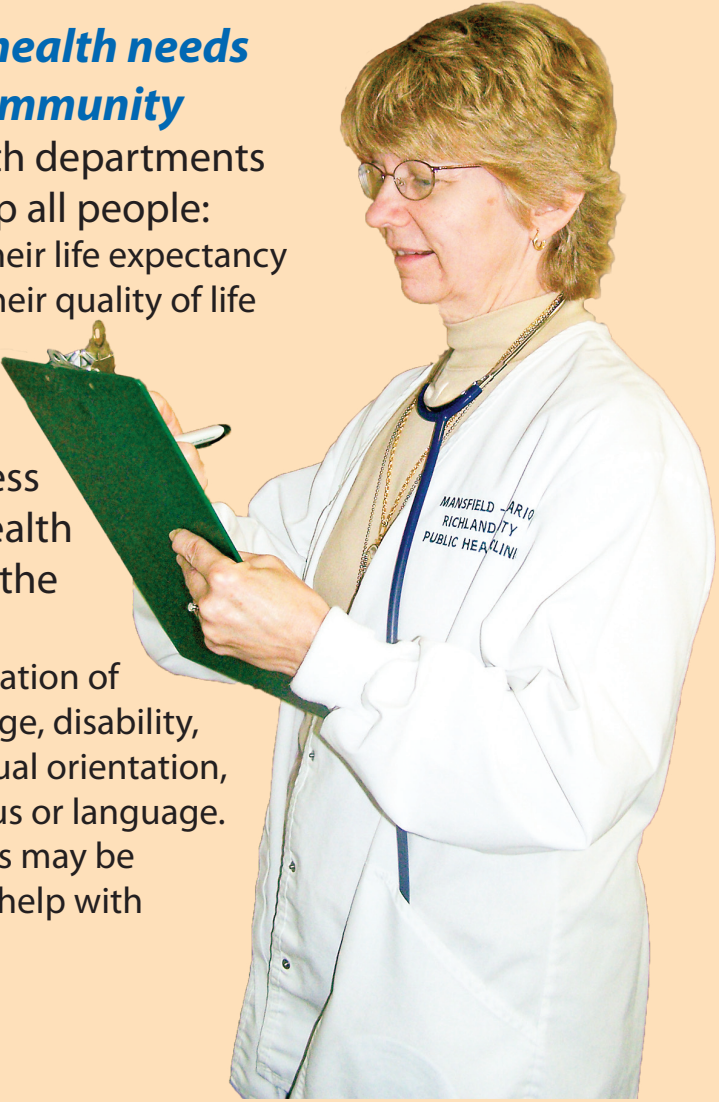
Public health departments work to help all people:

- Increase their life expectancy
- Improve their quality of life

No one is denied access to public health services on the basis of:

race, color, nation of origin, sex, age, disability, religion, sexual orientation, income status or language.

Interpreters may be arranged to help with translations.



The Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department has services focused on:

Disease and injury prevention

through education and immunization clinics

Health-care access

so all people can get the health care they need

Environmental protection

for water, air and other resources

Emergency preparedness and response

for disasters, including those related to homeland security (such as a biological or chemical terrorist attack)

Health monitoring

to track health trends and potential threats to community health

Enforcement of health and safety codes

in housing, public places and businesses (such as restaurants)

County Birth and Death Certificates

for records on all births and deaths in Richland County and for issuing certified copies to meet government requirements and personal needs.

Health promotion

through educational materials, workshops and safety programs

Disease prevention

A key role of public health is to control the spread of infection and illness by:

Promoting child immunization programs

Offering public flu shot clinics

Responding to infectious illnesses

such as meningitis, E. coli infections, salmonella, hepatitis and shingles (often caused by improper handling of food or poor sanitation)

Promoting education about HIV/AIDS

and other sexually transmitted infections (STDs), as well as testing services

Monitoring disease outbreaks

including those caused by chemical or biological terrorism (such as smallpox).



Promoting good health

Our Health Department works to help people stay healthy through:

Health screenings

for conditions such as cancer, lead poisoning and high blood pressure

Prenatal care programs

to help assure that babies are born healthy — and stay healthy



Wellness program

Blood work to assess cholesterol levels to get help before a serious problem arises

Nutrition information

to help plan healthy diets, control cholesterol and prevent obesity, plus federal WIC nutrition program

Health advisories

about community threats such as rabies, food poisoning outbreaks, epidemics, and air or water pollution



Driver safety programs

to refresh driving skills among our seniors and programs to encourage the use of seat belts and child passenger seats.

Providing a safe environment

The Health Department protects the environment as it relates to public health by:

Responding to health hazards

caused by harmful substances (such as lead, asbestos, toxic waste or biological or chemical weapons)

Ensuring water quality

in drinking water and public swimming areas

Ensuring sanitation

by inspecting restaurants and food services for code violations



Monitoring waste disposal

to ensure proper disposal of sewage and trash



Dealing with animal problems

to control pests (such as rats & mosquitoes) and vaccinate pets against rabies

Fighting pollution

to help make sure the air we breathe and the water we drink are safe and clean

Plumbing services

to assure residential and business plumbing meets code requirements.

Making health care available to all

Public health means increasing access to health care through:

Partnerships with health-care providers

The Health Department teams with hospitals, health-care clinics and managed-care organizations to provide additional health-care options

Satellite clinics

The Health Department brings health services directly to people with community health screenings, child & adult immunizations, and senior screenings throughout Richland County

Referrals

The Health Department can link individuals to health-care providers who can help meet their specific health needs.

