



Safe Travel for Children

Richland Public Health (RPH) collaborates with the Ohio Buckles Buckeyes program through The Ohio Department of Health's child passenger safety program, to provide child safety seats and booster seats to eligible low income families in all Ohio counties. The overall goal of this program is to make child safety seats accessible to families who could not otherwise afford them and to increase correct installation and proper use of child safety seats. RPH Child Passenger Safety Technicians assist with car and booster seat installation or inspection free of charge.

Motor vehicle injuries are a leading cause of death for children. Car seats can reduce the risk of death for infants younger than age 1 by 71%, and for toddlers between the ages of 1 and 4 by 54%. Booster seat use can also reduce the risk of serious injury by 45% for children aged 4-8 years old.



If you need assistance installing or checking your child's seat for safe installation, call 419-774-3542. Remember, buckle up and ride safely!

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING

Health services are for Richland County residents of all ages. Services are provided through our on-site clinic, in the community, and during our home visits.

Public Health Clinic	August	YTD
Immunizations(given)	268	1,220
International Travel Immunizations	6	102
TB Appointments	56	417
Total Visits		1,151

Call 419-774-4700 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins are welcome.

Public Health Nursing	August	YTD
Children with Medical Handicaps (case contacts)	303	3,197
Community Health Screenings Clinics	10	38
Screening Checks	187	682
Newborn/Prenatal Home Visits	15	30
Cribettes distributed	7	45
School Health Hours		286.25
Active Lead Case Management		13

Communicable Disease Report	August	YTD
Infectious Diseases(not COVID)	85	677
Hospitalizations due to Influenza	0	17
COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	242	1361

WIC Services - August	Count
New Participants	205
Recertifications	124
Other Contacts	609
Total Ashland & Richland Counties:	939



Take Action to Fight Flu

Flu, a highly communicable respiratory ailment, affects millions of individuals each day. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) advises that receiving a yearly flu vaccine is the most crucial and effective defense against flu and its associated complications. Flu vaccination has been reported to reduce the risk of contracting the flu by 40% - 60%. Fewer flu cases mean a decrease in flu-related doctor visits, missed workdays, and school closures. By being vaccinated, not only are you protecting yourself, but you are also safeguarding those around you, particularly individuals who are more vulnerable to severe flu illness such as babies, children under five, adults aged 65 and over, pregnant women, and individuals with chronic health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease, and asthma.

CDC recommends that we "Take 3" Actions to Fight Flu this season:

1. Everyone 6 months and older should get an annual flu vaccine.
2. Use everyday actions to reduce spreading germs.
Wash your hands. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
3. Take medications prescribed by your doctor.

Richland Public Health flu vaccines are available.

Call 419-774-4700 to schedule your flu shot at the Public Health Clinic, 555 Lexington Ave., Mansfield, OH or visit a Neighborhood Immunizations Clinic where walk-ins are welcome:

October 18 @ 9:30-12:00pm, Shiloh Senior Center, 18 W. Main St., Shiloh, OH

October 25 @ 10:00am - 12:00pm, Springfield Twp. Fire Station, 3700 Park Ave. West, Ontario, OH

VISIT RICHLAND PUBLIC HEALTH AT THESE TRUNK OR TREAT EVENTS

Tuesday, October 24th
5 PM – 7 PM

The Ohio State University at Mansfield/
North Central State College Campus
1760 University Drive, Mansfield, OH

Saturday, October 28th
12 PM – 2 PM

YMCA of North Central Ohio - Mansfield Branch
750 Scholl Rd, Mansfield OH



Get Ready for the 2024 Total Solar Eclipse



On April 8, 2024, astronomy enthusiasts from around the globe will gather in Richland County to observe the unique natural phenomenon. To get ready for the influx of tourists, it's important to plan ahead. Be aware that grocery stores, restaurants, and public parks may be busier than usual, so stock up on your essentials early to avoid crowds.

Keep up-to-date on the event by visiting Eclipse.Ohio.Gov.

Bystander Intervention Training

Crestview Public Schools staff attended a Bystander Intervention Training to help in a medical emergency. RPH staff led the informative educational session, equipping participants with the knowledge and tools needed to respond and administer care in the event of an emergency.

RPH's goal is to ensure that more people are prepared to respond and help in case of a cardiac emergency. With proper training, bystanders can feel empowered to act and administer potentially lifesaving care.



Look here!



To ensure the safety of yourself and others, please stay home if you are sick, and take precautions to prevent the spread.

Richland Public Health has free COVID-19 tests available for pick up at the main entrance of 555 Lexington Ave. Additionally, you can request mail delivery of four (4) free COVID-19 tests at COVIDTests.gov or by calling 1-800-232-0233.

VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics division maintains records of all births and deaths in Richland County since 1908. For information to obtain a birth certificate, visit our website at richlandhealth.org or call 419-774-4500.

	August	YTD
Total Births (all ages)	116	880
Total Deaths	116	962
Female	51	449
Male	65	508

Causes of Death	August	YTD
Accidents (drugs/falls/crashes)	13	50
Alzheimer's/Dementia	6	58
Cancer	23	166
COVID-19 (Coronavirus)	0	13
Flu/Pneumonia	2	20
Heart Related	27	226
Homicides	1	8
Lung Disease	3	65
Parkinson's	1	8
Renal/Kidney	3	26
Strokes/CVA	1	30
Suicides	3	14
Other(not listed above)	28	241
Deaths Pending Autopsy		5

Birth & Death statistics include the City of Shelby.

Infant Mortality: Richland County

August: 2 **Year To Date: 8**
 Infant mortality is defined as the death of a baby before his or her first birthday. Infant deaths are considered an important indicator of the overall health of a society. Deaths of residents occurring outside Richland County are not reflected in county death statistics.

Remember:
SAFE SLEEP ABC's: Alone, on Back, in a Crib.

CALLING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Main Number	419-774-4500
Com. Health/Prev. Sciences	419-774-4510
Environmental Health	419-774-4520
Public Health Clinic	419-774-4700
Public Health Nursing	419-774-4540
WIC	419-774-4560



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14

FALL 2023

HIKE
FOR HEALTH



HIKES WILL BE HELD RAIN OR SHINE

- HIKE AT YOUR OWN PACE ●
- 9am - 12pm | Malabar Farm Visitor Center
4050 Bromfield Rd. Lucas, OH 44843

For more info please check our website
www.richlandhealth.org or call 419-774-3542.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

Call 419-774-4700 for appointment

GET YOUR VACCINES!

