

Seneca County General Health District Monthly Newsletter



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Centering and Celebrating Cultures in Health



NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

Happy National Public Health Week!
During the week of April 3 - April 9, the American Public Health Association highlighted different themes related to national public health. Community, violence prevention, reproductive and sexual health, mental health, rural health, accessibility and food and nutrition were highlighted. Check out [SCGHD's Facebook page](#) to learn more about National Public Health Week!

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

Seneca County General Health District has released its 2022 Annual Report. This report offers a full year perspective of SCGHD's work and shares year-end statistics from each section, including Environmental Health, Fiscal, Health Planning & Promotion, Nursing, Vital Statistics, and Women, Infants & Children (WIC). "On behalf of the Seneca County Board of Health and staff, I am pleased to present Seneca County General Health District's 2022 Annual Report," Seneca County Health Commissioner Anne Goon said.

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2022 ANNUAL
REPORT!



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Betsy Miller, RN, is our April Employee of the Month. She was nominated by a co-worker for how she puts our core values into action... by making new staff feel comfortable and welcome, always being open to questions and helping coworkers "figure it out," and being a team player and hard worker. Congratulations, Betsy!

COMMUNITY HEALTH STATUS ASSESSMENT

The 2022 Seneca County Community Health Status Assessment is now available to view!

This comprehensive picture of health and well-being of local residents is conducted every three years and identifies health needs of the community by surveying local youth and adults on health-related topics. Information gathered through this and similar assessments will be used to help identify priorities to be tackled in the 2023-2025 Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP).

Do you want to be part of the CHIP planning process for Seneca County? We need input from people across all sectors of the county!

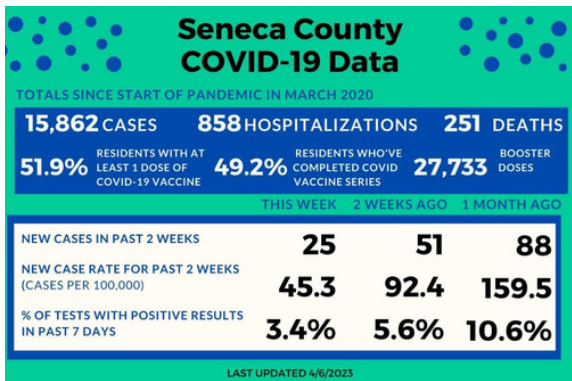
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SENECA COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE



SENECA COUNTY REMAINS AT A LOW COVID-19 COMMUNITY LEVEL.

Recommended actions related to COVID-19 include:



Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations. We offer COVID-19 shots for all ages. Call us at (419) 447-3691 ext. 6333 to schedule an appointment.



Get tested if you have COVID-19 symptoms. FREE home tests are available through our distribution partner Seneca County EMA. Contact EMA at (419) 447-0266; the office is located at 126 Hopewell Ave, Tiffin.



Stay home away from others if you have COVID-19 for at least 5 days.

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

SCGHD staff joined other community leaders March 27 for an emergency response table-top exercise. The exercise was to prepare the health district, partners and stakeholders to support the delivery of medical care and public health services during mass care operations for residents impacted by a critical incident. Thank you, Seneca County Emergency Management Agency, for allowing us to facilitate the exercise at your building!



ANNUAL CHILD FATALITY REVIEW

The Seneca County Child Fatality Review Board met for its annual meeting in late February to review 10 child deaths that occurred in 2021 or 2022.

While the Board determined that 50 percent of these deaths could not have been prevented, three recommendations were identified to prevent similar child deaths in the future:

- Increase fire safety education.
- Provide public education regarding local outreach services available for parents dealing with the loss of a child;
- Increase education about the impact of maternal drug usage during pregnancy and treatment resources for expectant mothers.

SCGHD convenes the state-required Seneca County Child Fatality Review Board annually. The board is made up of community representatives from agencies that might have contact with a child; including the coroner's office, law enforcement, child protective services, public health, and mental health. Tasks of the board include:

- Review the deaths of all children under the age of 18 who are residents of Seneca County.
- Identify common themes, trends, and risk factors among cases.
- Make recommendations to prevent similar deaths from occurring in the future.
- Report county-level data to the Ohio Department of Health by April 1 each year.