Seneca County General Health District

Monthly Newsletter

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SCGHD WELCOMES NEW ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIRECTOR

Last month, Seneca County General Health District welcomed a new Environmental Health Director. Dainna Raye, BS, REHS, replaces Laura Wallrabenstein, who retired in July.

Raye joins SCGHD with 10 years of public health experience as a Registered Environmental Health Specialist. She's previously worked in general environmental programs, specializing in food safety. Raye also has been involved in quality improvement projects, accreditation, strategic planning, and training new environmental staff. Her passion is the educational aspect of public health and emphasizing the importance of teamwork and open communication to reach agency goals.

Raye has lived in Northwest Ohio for 23 years and has three sons; one who is attending the University of Findlay, one who is a U.S. Marine, and the other who is a high school student.

Dainna Raye, BS, REHS

NEW COVID-19 VACCINE

CDC recommends that everyone ages 6 months and up get the updated COVID-19 vaccine to protect against serious illness.

The new vaccine targets the most common circulating variants and will be available soon at SCGHD. Stay tuned to our social media pages!

For more information on the new COVID-19 vaccine, click here

EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Danielle Bower, RN, has been selected by a co-worker as October's Employee of the Month. Danielle was nominated for her excellent work with the staff and youth at Seneca County Youth Center. Staff at the center said they appreciate Danielle because she's organized, helpful, and well-versed in public health.

Congratulations

DANIELLE!

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Whether your Halloween plans are for adults or kids, there's plenty to consider before choosing a costume, putting on makeup, and eating a bag full of treats. To help you and your loved ones enjoy a safe and happy Halloween, here are some tips from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Don't forget to visit SCGHD during Tiffin's Downtown Trick-or-Treat on Thursday, Oct. 19 from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will be "shipwrecked" and handing out goodies!

- ☑ Wear costumes that say "flame resistant" on the label.
- ☑ Wear bright, reflective costumes or add strips of reflective tape so you'll be more visible; make sure costumes aren't so long that you're in danger of tripping.
- ☑ Wear makeup and hats rather than costume masks that can obscure your vision.
- ☑ Don't eat candy until it has been inspected at home. In case of a food allergy, check the label to ensure the allergen isn't present. Tell children not to accept — or eat — anything that isn't commercially wrapped.
- ☑ Parents of very young children should remove any choking hazards such as gum, peanuts, hard candies, or small toys from Halloween bags.
- ☑ Inspect commercially wrapped treats for signs of tampering, such as an unusual appearance or discoloration, tiny pinholes, or tears in wrappers. Throw away anything that looks suspicious.

COVID-19 AT-HOME TEST KITS

A COVID-19 test helps you know if you have COVID-19 when you have symptoms, have been exposed, or are about to meet up with others.

FREE COVID-19 test kits are available for Seneca County residents at the front entrance of SCGHD. Local businesses that would like test kits can call SCGHD at (419) 447-3691 ext. 6333.

FREE COVID-19 test kits can also be ordered at COVIDTests.gov

2023 FLU DRIVE-THRU

GET YOUR FLU VACCINE!

FOSTORIA FIRE DEPARTMENT
233 W SOUTH ST. FOSTORIA

TUESDAY, OCT. 10
12 PM-4PM

ATTICA FAIRGROUNDS
15127 E TWP RD 12, ATTICA

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 11
12 PM-4PM

AGES 12+

PRE-REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE BY CALLING (419) 447-3691 EXT. 6333

DON'T FORGET TO BRING YOUR LICENSE AND INSURANCE CARD!

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