Seneca County General Health District

Monthly Newsletter

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WHAT'S GOING AROUND

Each month, SCGHD's epidemiologist outlines illnesses with the highest activity in Seneca County.

In March, a total of 90 disease cases were investigated by SCGHD's epidemiologist. Of these, 76 were probable or confirmed and counted as cases.

Fifty-four of the 76 cases (71%) were COVID-19, with 4 of the cases requiring hospitalization.

There were 10 (13%) influenza-associated hospitalizations, 11 cases (14%) of either chlamydia or gonorrhea, and one bacterial infection case.

Influenza activity in the county is currently LOW.

To help prevent respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19 or influenza:

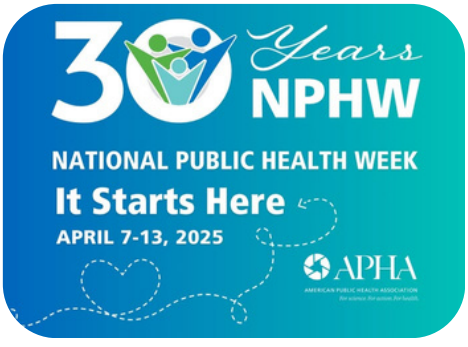
- *Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.*
- *Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub that contains at least 60% alcohol.*
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.*

Schedule your COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccine now! Call (419) 447-3691 ext. 6333 to schedule an appointment, or visit a walk-in clinic on Wednesdays from 8:10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. at our Tiffin location, 92 E. Perry St.

NATIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK

National Public Health Week kicks off Monday, April 7. For three decades, National Public Health Week has been a cornerstone in advancing health equity, improving community well-being and championing policies that protect and promote public health.

This year, the theme is "It Starts Here." For more information about Public Health Week, click here.



EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Lindsay Eckenwiler has been selected as SCGHD's Employee of the Month.

Lindsay is a registered dietician nutritionist in the WIC Division and was nominated by a co-worker for her professionalism and respectful demeanor when working with all WIC participants. Lindsay's co-worker said Lindsay also has developed a plan for sharing healthy recipes every month on WIC's Facebook page and she is very patient when working with interns in the WIC division.

Congratulations Lindsay!

Check out Lindsay's recipes on Seneca County WIC's Facebook page: Click here!

CHECK US OUT!

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SCGHD DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

This month, our Environmental Health Division is in the spotlight!

The Environmental Health Division promotes public health by addressing the many environmental factors that can affect residents' health. The primary role of our environmental health staff is to prevent human disease by educating and working closely with all licensed entities as well as homeowners. Our Environmental Health Specialists conduct health inspections and enforce regulations at restaurants and other food service establishments, campgrounds, swimming pools, tattoo facilities, and the landfill. Additional responsibilities include issuing water and sewage permits for private residences and overseeing the operation and maintenance of septic systems in the county. The Environmental Health Division tracks all animal bites and assures animals are quarantined and vaccinated for rabies. The division also sits on the Lot Split Committee through Seneca Regional Planning Commission and is one of four county agencies that reviews all lot splits that occur in the county.

2024 Environmental Health Division Statistics

Inspected & Licensed

Bathing Beaches	4	Food Service Operations	203
Mobile Food Service Operations	45	Residential Camps	3
Recreational Camps	5	Swimming Pools/ Spas	26
Retail Food Establishments	125	Tattoo Establishments	7
Temporary Food Service Operations	54	Vending Food Operations	29

Inspections Completed

Schools	13
Jails	4
Landfill	155
Lot Splits	33
Real Estate	50

Registrations

Household Septic System Installers	26
Scavengers	13
Septic Service Providers	17
Water Haulers	2

Permits Issued

Operation & Maintenance Permits	369
Septic Permits	78
Well Permits	98

Reported & Logged

Animal bites	116
Complaints	80

In 2024, 6 properties were condemned and 7 condemnations were rescinded.

SCGHD INSPECTIONS

Did you know SCGHD's Environmental Health Division performs hundreds of inspections each year? Restaurants, recreational camps, and swimming pools are just some of the locations inspected by our environmental staff.

Do you want to know how your favorite restaurant fared during its last inspection? Click here to check out SCGHD's inspection reports.