Madison County Public Health has been serving the entire county with critical health services since 1918. We are known to most people as the health department.

We have 25 staff members dedicated to serving the entire county with more than 60 essential services such as immunizations, WIC, restaurant inspections, illness outbreak investigations, school nursing, water tests, birth certificates, and housing complaint inspections.

The demands on public health drastically changed in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic and our staff worked relentlessly to provide response efforts every day.
COVID-19 Pandemic

“THE STRONGEST PEOPLE ARE NOT THOSE WHO SHOW STRENGTH IN FRONT OF THE WORLD BUT THOSE WHO FIGHT AND WIN BATTLES THAT OTHERS DO NOT KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT.”

- JONATHAN HARNISCH

COVID-19 RESPONSE

This year MCPH put years of training and deep expertise to work when the world experienced the COVID-19 pandemic. Throughout the pandemic, Ohio used a combination of tools and precautions to reduce risk to all Ohioans, including masks, social distancing, state orders, shutdowns, and contact tracing.

The healthcare system as a whole was pushed beyond its limits. Public health staff and healthcare workers worked around the clock to manage the overwhelming impact of COVID-19 on our community. We recognize the burden the entire community shouldered during the last year. MCPH is committed to not only ongoing response efforts but also to community recovery.

PARTNERSHIPS

Madison County has always worked collectively to improve the health outcomes for each resident, and 2020 proved how strong those relationships were. During the pandemic, MCPH relied on community partners to help with multiple response efforts, including our drive-thru testing clinics. We cannot thank our partners enough for their support!

"We are Ohioans. We are buckeyes. We are strong."

-Governor Mike DeWine
COVID-19 RESPONSE BY THE NUMBERS

3059
Total COVID-19 cases in Madison County in 2020

10K
Individuals who were isolated or quarantined due to illness or direct exposure to COVID-19

1100
Tests performed at three drive-thru mass testing clinics with the Ohio National Guard & Rocking Horse Center

PREVENT
Keeping people from getting sick or injured

PROMOTE
Encouraging healthy behaviors

PROTECT
Looking after the health of the county

638
Public information updates provided to the community

465
Business investigations & consultations conducted by MCPH staff

39
COVID-19 mass outbreaks
Madison County’s first case was announced on March 21st and county cases peaked on December 9th. At that time, contact tracing staff were communicating with nearly 1,000 new people each week. The county experienced “high incidence” for the last 14 weeks of the year. Madison County spent two weeks at level 1, twelve weeks at level 2, thirteen weeks at level 3, and one week on the level 4 watch list of the Ohio Public Health Advisory System (Ohio PHAS) that was introduced in the beginning of July.

**ESSENTIAL SERVICES**

In addition to pandemic response, our staff still provided our regular essential services to the public. A majority of our services were modified to protect our staff and residents.

Our staff adapted to serve residents with as little disruption as possible. Examples include:
- Curbside WIC services
- Telehealth Sexual Health Clinic appointments
- Online ordering of birth and death certificates
- Virtual Project DAWN trainings
- Drive-thru flu shot clinics

| 290 | Communicable disease cases reported (non-COVID-19) |
| 1835 | Immunizations administered to adults and children (non-COVID-19) |
| 1945 | Birth certificates issued |
| 1290 | Death certificates issued |
| 135 | Project DAWN kits distributed |
| 690 | Average number of WIC clients served each month |
MCPH continued to be fiscally responsible by saving and spending in a manner that serves the public health needs of the community today and the unseen health threats of the future. In 2020, MCPH collected $2,471,765 in revenues and had $2,131,729 in expenditures. Pandemic response efforts created a significant but manageable strain on the financial health of the organization in 2020. MCPH continued to identify grant opportunities, and was awarded $822,938 in grant dollars in 2020 which represented more than 1/3 of total income.

**PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE)**

MCPH provided 2,124 items of PPE to Madison county first responders and healthcare entities. PPE was funded through the Strategic National Stockpile.

**AMAZON DONATION**

MCPH received a generous donation from Amazon in West Jefferson. Eight pallets of masks, disinfecting wipes, disinfecting spray, hand sanitizer, and thermometers were received and then distributed to Madison County school districts valued at more than $50,000.