



Programs & Services



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Greene County



Welcome to Greene County Public Health



Public health is a necessary component of any community to ensure the conditions in which we live, work, play, and age are healthy. Changes at the federal level mandate our programs and services be directed at achieving overall health and equal opportunity to achieve health in a community rather than provide direct care to clients. We are an accredited organization which lets the community know all that we do is designed to bring improvements to the health of the public.

Our Vision

Our vision is to be the trusted and recognized leader in public health emergencies, an advocate for the advancement of health equity, and a provider of programs and services that uphold standards of public health practice.

Our Mission Statement

Our mission is to prevent and control communicable diseases, promote the health and wellness of all Greene County residents, and protect the quality of our environment.

The Scope of Our Work

Our employees accomplish our mission through integrated community efforts, assessment, health education, collaboration and assurance of quality services, disease prevention and control, and emergency preparedness.

Our services are designed to protect and improve the health of the community. We provide birth and death certificates, easily accessible community public health services and environmental health programs. We ensure safety of food and water, protection from disease, and readiness to respond to emergencies. The organization was created by Ohio Revised Code 3707 and 3709 in 1920.

The levy, typically on the ballot every five years, makes up 33.6% of the health district's total revenue. For \$24.50 per year/per \$100.000 home value, the district provides convenient, population-based services to children and pregnant women, Women, Infants & Children (WIC), special services to families with medical and developmental needs, school inspections, general operations, nuisance abatement, rabies and other environmental health investigations.



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What is Public Health?

Public health systems are commonly defined as “all public, private, and voluntary entities that contribute to the delivery of essential public health services within a jurisdiction.” This concept ensures that all entities’ (i.e. counties, villages, cities, townships) contributions to the health and well-being of the community or state, are recognized in assessing the provision of public health services.

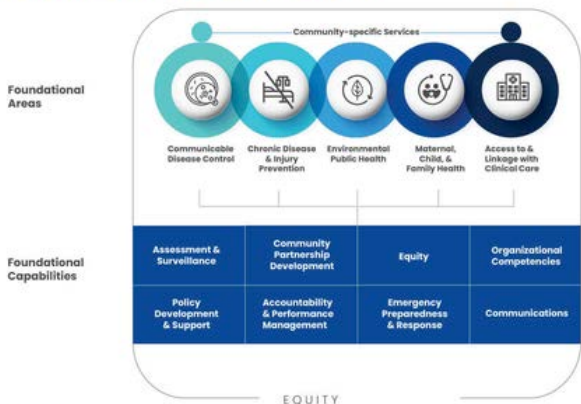
The public health system includes, 1) public health agencies at state and local levels; 2) healthcare providers; 3) public safety agencies; 4) human service and charity organizations; 5) education and youth development organizations; 6) recreation and arts-related organizations; 7) economic and philanthropic organizations; and 8) environmental agencies and organizations.

The public health system is made up of government agencies and private organizations that work to:

- Prevent epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protect against environmental hazards
- Prevent injuries
- Promote and support healthy behaviors
- Respond to disasters and assist communities in recovery
- Assure the quality and accessibility of health services.

Although public health organizations work closely with medical and social service providers, the field of public health is distinctly focused on prevention of health problems before they occur, populations and groups rather than individual patients, and all factors that affect health, including socio-economic factors and the physical environment.

Foundational Public Health Services



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Access and Linkage

HelpLink™ 2-1-1, United Way of Greater Dayton

<http://dayton-unityway.org/call-211/>

By calling HelpLink™ 2-1-1, you can connect with a live operator 24-hours a day who will help you navigate the vast local nonprofit network. HelpLink™ 2-1-1 employees handle each phone call with personal care.



These skilled workers listen to your needs, research all available service options, connect you with help, and follow-up as needed. They are specially trained to help with problem solving and crisis intervention. Assistance covers a wide range of topics, including housing, food assistance, education, mental health and substance abuse, international services, financial needs, foreclosure, criminal justice and legal services, income support and employment, individual/family life, healthcare, transportation, and more.

Planning, Preparedness & Promotion

Community Outreach | 937-374-5669

Greene County Public Health is heavily involved in our community with outreach efforts at local fairs, festivals, and other community events. If you are interested in having our agency represented at your event, please visit http://www.gcph.info/public-health-programs/community_event_requests and fill out our online request form. The public information officer will review the schedule for availability. We respectfully ask that you alert us to your needs at least four to six weeks prior to your event, if possible.



Emergency Preparedness | 937-374-5627

Our agency is continually developing, reviewing, and revising plans to assure our preparedness in the event of a public health emergency. We collaborate closely with local, regional, and state partners to stay ready to respond and work together in the event of a public health emergency or natural disaster. These types of events could include the distribution of important information or even the operation of large clinics to provide medication to all county residents.



Our employees are required to have National Incident Management System and Incident Command System training in accordance with federal mandates. Our overall goal is to “keep well people well” during times of disaster or public health emergencies. We work closely with community partners, media, and the public to provide valuable information

daily. There is ongoing surveillance, monitoring, planning, and testing of the plans using simulated scenarios to improve our overall readiness and meet the national preparedness capabilities. The health district is also a strong promoter of personal preparedness and can provide you with encouragement, tools, and information via our website, social media, and community presentations.

Public Information | 937-374-5669

Public information provides accurate, timely messages to residents so they can make informed decisions about health-related issues. We communicate through the news media, print materials, our website, and social media to make sure that the community is informed, protected, and able to take advantage of public health’s programs and services.



NEWS

Speaker's Bureau | 937-374-5669

Our agency gives free presentations throughout the community on our various programs and services dealing with the prevention of disease, promotion of healthy lifestyles, and protection of the environment. It's easy to schedule a speaker by visiting our website and filling out our request form. Presentations are fulfilled on a first-come, first-served basis. The health district appreciates every opportunity to participate in community events and will make every effort to provide a presenter if available. However, submitting three weeks or more in advance will improve our ability to accommodate your needs. Upon receipt of your invitation, you will receive an email or phone call to let you know your request has been received and is in process.



IMPORTANT: Most of our Speakers' Bureau presentations have been prepared for general community audiences. If you require a presentation that's intended for health professionals and other clinical audiences, please make a note of this in the comments section and provide specific information about the audience type.

Vital Statistics | 937-374-5639 or 937-374-5633

Our agency receives, records and maintains all birth and death certificates for Greene County from December 1908 to the present. Certificates are recorded in the county in which the birth or death occurs, regardless of place of residence. Birth and death certificates are available in standard size for a fee of \$24.00 per certified copy. Birth certificates are available at our Xenia office for births that occurred in any county in Ohio. For your convenience, you can process online requests through VitalChek Network Inc. at their website, www.vitalchek.com. An additional fee is charged by VitalChek for using this service, and all major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®.



Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention

Greene County Safe Communities Coalition | 937-374-5655



Greene County Safe Communities Coalition works to prevent injury through community action by addressing traffic safety issues through initiatives involving engineering, enforcement and education. The coalition is funded in part by the U.S. Department of Transportation and the National Highway Traffic Administration through a grant from Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Governor's Highway Safety Office.

The Safe Communities program was introduced to help decrease traffic injuries, increase safety awareness, decrease the amount of money spent on traffic-related injuries, and increase the number of people involved in keeping communities safe. The coalition is made up of a number of organizations and individuals from across Greene County and is always looking for new members.

Healthy Lifestyles Programs | 937-374-5655

As part of our efforts at preventing illness and disease, and promoting a healthier lifestyle, our team works with the public, schools, libraries, and other agencies throughout the county to develop and expand on programs designed to improve access to healthy foods and increase physical activity. Projects include Greene County Little Food Pantries, health education presentations, and Greene Spaces, a guide to recreation and wellness opportunities in Greene County. The Little Food Pantries can be found in Jamestown at 86 Seaman Drive; Xenia at 360 Wilson Drive and 383 S. Columbus Street; and Fairborn at 25 S. Central Avenue. These small pantries contain non-perishable food items free and accessible to families in need.



Project DAWN | 937-374-5635



This is a harm reduction program that distributes Project DAWN (Death Avoided With Naloxone) kits to reduce overdose risk for clients. Do you have Naloxone in your emergency kit at home? Call us to request one for pick up at our office or order online to have it delivered straight to your home. Just like any other lifesaving medication or tool in your emergency kit, Naloxone saves lives!

Tobacco Cessation & Prevention | 937-374-5617

Tobacco Prevention strives to improve the health of Greene County by reducing tobacco use among youth and adults through public policy and promotion of tobacco cessation programming. Policy initiatives and education in the program includes: Tobacco 21, smoke-free multi-unit housing/workplaces, outdoor spaces, and point of sale policies. Educational programming includes: nicotine addiction, the financial and health costs of tobacco, vaping and e-cigarette use, and promoting local cessation resources such as the Ohio Tobacco Quit Line (Call 1-800-QUIT-NOW or visit <https://ohio.quitlogix.org/en-US/>) and My Life My Quit for Teens (Text “Start My Quit” to 855-891-9989 or visit <https://oh.mylifemyquit.org/index>).

Communicable Disease

Communicable Disease Reporting | 937-374-5600

Fax: 937-374-5675 | cdrs@gcph.info

The Communicable Disease Reporting System monitors the occurrence of contagious illnesses within Greene County. Our team gathers reports of diseases in the community, interviews people associated with the outbreak, and conducts follow-up investigations to determine the source of the infection. We make recommendations for the treatment of cases and preventive treatment of contacts, educate the public about disease transmission, and provide timely and accurate information to the community to avert outbreaks. We work closely with hospitals, physician offices, urgent care centers, schools, and daycares in Greene County to help prevent and control the spread of diseases to protect the health of our community.

Epidemiology | 937-374-5660

Our epidemiologist monitors, identifies, investigates outbreaks, and reports emerging health threats that impact residents of Greene County. We are responsible for publishing reports based on infectious and chronic diseases, as well as other health-related data. In addition, we provide education, information, and training to coalitions, health care agencies, universities, the local media, and the general public.

HIV/AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Infections:

Prevention, Education & Testing | 937-374-5652

This comprehensive grant-funded program offers HIV/AIDS education and prevention services to Greene, and Clark County residents. The primary focus is to educate residents about HIV and other sexually-transmitted infections (STIs). Our employees provide group education, individual counseling, HIV testing to high risk individuals and community outreach.

SafeTrade | 937-374-5673

SafeTrade is a hybrid model syringe service program to help decrease the spread of disease and illness, while empowering people to make healthier choices. Services offered include syringe exchanges, injection alternatives (smoking/snorting), fentanyl and xylazine test strips, Hep C/HIV testing, education, linkage to care, and referrals for substance use disorder and mental health. We have three locations: Fairborn, Xenia, and a mobile unit that travels to areas of greatest need.



Tuberculosis (TB) | 937-374-5638

This program controls the spread of Tuberculosis (TB) in Greene County. We ensure that all persons with active TB are completely treated. We work with our community partners to screen individuals who are at high risk, including contacts to active TB cases, substance abusers, homeless persons, those who test positive for HIV, those in correctional facilities, and people who come from countries with a high incidence of TB. To schedule an appointment for an evaluation of a positive result, call the number above during normal business hours.

Environmental Health



Body Art Establishments | 937-374-5607

Public health licenses and inspects body art (tattoo, piercing, microblading) establishments within Greene County to ensure compliance with state and local regulations. The Health District also reviews any new or remodeled body art establishments for approval prior to license issuance and permission to begin operation. Inspectors verify requirements for operator and artist training, along with routine performance tests of sterilization equipment to eliminate the potential for bloodborne disease transmission. In addition, all complaints of unlicensed providers operating out of homes are investigated.

Food Protection | 937-374-5605

The Food Protection program oversees the licensing and inspection of all restaurants, grocery stores, vending machines, mobile food operations, and temporary food operations. Environmental Health Specialists inspect licensed food service operations and retail food establishments for proper food storage, handling, preparation and serving. Inspections occur twice per year, not including follow-up inspections. We conduct reviews of all new and remodeled facilities and food mobile operations within Greene County. You can view inspection reports for any food operation in Greene County by visiting www.yourfoodsafety.com/greene/.



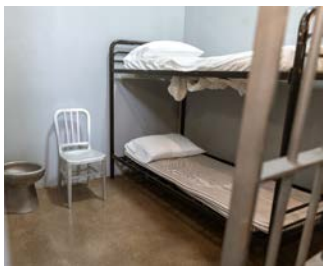
Anyone planning to begin construction of a new food operation or food mobile unit must submit plans to our agency for review and subsequent approval. Plans are also required for any substantial alterations. Public health works hand in hand with local building and other inspection authorities to ensure that all applicable code requirements for facilities and equipment are met.

We also offer Person-In-Charge Certification and ServSafe® Manager Certification in Food Protection classes. Each class is designed to promote proper food handling procedures to prevent foodborne illness. Call our office or visit our website for more information.

Housing | 937-374-5607

The Housing program enforces local housing regulations in villages and townships within the county to ensure that all housing units meet minimum sanitation conditions.

Jails & Detention Centers | 937-374-5607



Jails/detention facilities are required to be inspected upon request from the sheriff 's office or city police department, or if a complaint is received. We evaluate the sanitary and structural conditions of the jail cells, shower and restroom facilities, and any common areas in the facility to prevent diseases, safety hazards, and unsanitary conditions in jails. Any food service operation located within a jail/detention facility is inspected under the Ohio Food Code.

Mosquito Control Program | 937-374-5607

We work with contracting jurisdictions throughout Greene County to prevent the spread of West Nile Virus and other vector-borne diseases, and to reduce the nuisance from biting mosquitoes. Integrated Pest Management techniques such as trapping mosquitoes, testing mosquitoes for West Nile Virus, surveillance of mosquito populations, larvicide treatment and adulticide applications, along with community education, all help control and reduce mosquito populations to prevent the spread of disease.



Nuisance Abatement and Demolition | 937-374-5607

This program oversees the clean-up or elimination of blighted areas or buildings, including the removal of garbage, refuse, debris, and the elimination or rehabilitation of building structures to alleviate adverse or unhealthy and unsafe environmental conditions favorable for the breeding of insects, rodents, etc., or safety and public health hazards to the community. All demolition activities are subject to review of the jurisdictions' governing councils.

Plumbing Inspections | 937-374-5661

Our certified plumbing inspectors work with commercial plumbers and homeowners to ensure that all new and modified plumbing within Greene County is properly installed according to the Ohio Plumbing Code and is safe and free from cross contamination and backflow. We inspect all residential and commercial plumbing installations in Greene County.

Private Water & Sewage Systems | 937-374-5661

The **Private Sewage System** program designs and/or approves submitted design plans for new or proposed sewage treatment systems on vacant lots; evaluates property line changes for existing homes and proposed vacant lots; provides guidance to homeowners that are experiencing problems with their existing sewage treatment systems; evaluates the need for alteration, repair or replacement of a malfunctioning sewage treatment system; inspects all installations of sewage treatment systems; and inspects existing sewage treatment systems when requested or required. Services include registration of installers, service providers, septage haulers, and land application sites.



The **Private Water System** program is responsible for conducting inspections of private wells and water systems that have been issued permits for installation or alteration. Private water systems include dug wells, drilled wells, cisterns, hauled water storage tanks, springs and ponds. Water samples are also collected and tested for the presence of bacteria, pollutants, and other types of contamination. We recommend that private water systems be tested regularly for bacteria. We will also inspect private water systems at the request of the system owner or potential buyer of the property. We will also inspect private water systems at the request of the system owner or potential buyer of the property.



Rabies Control | 937-374-5607

The Rabies Control program quarantines dogs, cats and ferrets that are involved in biting/exposure incidents for a period of 10 days to ensure the animal did not transmit rabies to the victim. Prior to being released from quarantine, these animals must be observed by health district personnel and be current on their rabies immunization. Recommendations for medical treatment for bite victims are given as appropriate. However, if you have been involved in a biting incident, you should seek guidance from your physician. Our agency cooperates with law enforcement agencies, hospitals, urgent care facilities, physicians, and animal control agencies in providing this program.

**I MIGHT BE
MORE DANGEROUS
THAN I LOOK**



Rabies is most often seen in wild animals such as raccoons, bats, skunks and foxes.

Radon Education Program

Ohio Department of Health toll-free number: 1-800-523-4439

The Radon Education program educates residents of Greene County about the serious health effects of radon. It encourages them to take action against radon in the homes in an effort to reduce health risks.

You can't see it, smell it, or taste it, but it could be invading your home. Radon is the 2nd leading cause of lung cancer. Home testing is simple with a radon kit. Test your home today. If you are interested in testing your home for radon, low-cost test kits can be ordered online at <https://secure.airchek.com/cgi-bin/ohio-2020.cgi>. For more information on radon, you can also visit <http://www.eng.utoledo.edu/aprg/radon/>.



Recreational Vehicle (RV) Camps | 937-374-5607



Our agency conducts regular inspections of all licensed recreational vehicle parks, combined park-camps, and temporary park-camps in Greene County to ensure that they are operated in accordance with Chapter 3701-26 of the Ohio Administrative Code to prevent diseases, safety hazards, and unsanitary conditions.

School Inspections | 937-374-5607

This program ensures that all Greene County schools (public and non-public) meet minimum sanitation standards by identifying conditions within the school building and grounds that may be detrimental to the health or wellbeing of building occupants. Upon identification of such conditions, the school board voluntarily abates these conditions in a timely manner.



Solid & Infectious Waste | 937-374-5607

Our agency registers all trash trucks that carry garbage and other debris to the sanitary landfills or transfer facilities. Employees inspect all licensed facilities that handle solid and infectious waste to ensure proper disposal. Trash, garbage, tires, infectious waste, and other miscellaneous debris (construction and demolition debris) must be properly disposed of at an approved Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) facility. Improper disposal of items can lead to potential water contamination, increase rodent activity, and an aesthetically unpleasant appearance.

Swimming Pools & Spas | 937-374-5607

Our agency performs regular inspections of all licensed public swimming pools, public spas and special use pools in Greene County to ensure that they are operated in accordance with the Ohio Public Swimming Pool, Public Spa, and Special Use Pool Rules, and are safe and free from physical and water related hazards.



Maternal & Child Health

Breastfeeding Peer Helpers | 937-374-5637

The Breastfeeding Peer Helper program is designed to enhance the breastfeeding support services provided by WIC (see page 14). Breastfeeding peer helpers are individuals from the community with personal breastfeeding experience.



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) | 937-374-5645 or 937-374-5653



Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) is a health care program in the Ohio Department of Health. CMH links families of children with medical conditions to a network of quality providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need.

Cribs for Kids® | 937-374-5617

This program is funded by the Ohio Department of Health Bureau of Maternal and Child Health. The program provides a free pack 'n play, along with important safe sleep education. To be eligible, a woman must be at least 32 weeks pregnant, have an infant four months old or younger, be eligible for WIC, and not have a safe sleep environment for the infant, such as a crib.

Help Me Grow™ Family of Programs

Early Childhood Home Visiting | 937-374-5679 or 937-824-0889

- **Healthy Families America (HFA)** works with pregnant and parenting families of children prenatally up to age three. The model is grounded in an infant mental health framework and aims to cultivate and strengthen nurturing parent-child relationships, promote healthy childhood growth and development, and enhance family functioning by reducing risk and building protective factors.
- With your very own free **Nurse -Family Partnership** personal nurse, you will get the support, advice and information you need during your pregnancy and when your baby arrives, up to age two. You must be a first-time mom that is pregnant 28 weeks or less, but your nurse would love to work with you as early in your pregnancy as possible. There is also an income eligibility requirement.

Help Me Grow™ Family of Programs *cont'd*

- **Family Connects** is an evidence-based model designed to support whole-person, integrated health for all families of newborns at a moment of life-changing transition. Family Connects nurses are trained to carefully assess newborns and mothers and discuss concrete next steps to address opportunities and concerns, including seeking immediate medical care when necessary. These nurses also keep the whole family in mind, recommending appropriate mental health services or medical care for other family members as needed—and they follow up to make sure families' needs are met. It is a model that provides vital in-home clinical care by nurses and referrals to local supports for newborns and their family members. The program is designed to support optimal maternal-child health and advance equitable outcomes, while promoting better aligned community care systems.

Early Intervention | 937-824-0828

Early Intervention (EI) is a program that provides coordinated early intervention services to parents of eligible children under the age of three who are dealing with a medical diagnosis, developmental delay(s) or have a disability. Early Intervention services include developmental evaluation and assessment to determine your child's strengths and needs; service coordination to link families with needed community resources; individualized family service plan (IFSP); family support/education; and transition services.

Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

937-374-5641 Xenia | 937-879-4093 Fairborn

WIC is a nutrition program aiding women, infants, and children during critical growth periods. It offers education, breastfeeding support, nutritious foods, and referrals. Participants use an EBT card for specific food purchases at authorized stores. WIC targets those lacking essential nutrients, providing support for pregnant women, breastfeeding women, recent mothers, infants, and young children up to five years old at risk of poor nutrition.

The program includes education and monitoring of nutritional needs and intake.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE FOR WIC?

- Pregnant and postpartum women
- Infants
- Children up to age 5
- Income-qualified and/or receive Medicaid, SNAP, or TANF
- Demonstrated nutritional risk

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District Advisory Council

Greene County Public Health serves the townships, villages and contract cities of the county. The chief executive of each of the villages, the president of the Greene County Board of Commissioners and the chairperson of each township's board of trustees are the designated members of the District Advisory Council. They are required by law to meet annually in March, and their statutory powers and duties include selecting board of health members, considering special reports from the board of health and reviewing the health district's budget.

Who We Serve

Serving more than 167,000 residents every day, including:

Bath Township | Beavercreek | Beavercreek Township | Bellbrook | Bowersville
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