

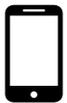
2025

Annual Report

Improving Health Where We Live, Work, & Play



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WELCOME

It is my pleasure to present the 2025 Medina County Health Department (MCHD) annual report. In these pages, you will see a snapshot of just some of the work we did in communities throughout Medina County last year. From our more well-known programs like body art and restaurant inspection, to our lesser-known traffic safety efforts and low-cost primary care clinics, your health department demonstrates an ever-present commitment to the health and safety of all those who live, work, and visit our great county.

We engage health providers, elected officials, businesses, non-profits and citizens to assure that everyone has a voice in not only identifying issues affecting health, but in the solutions to improving it. Staff members are part of 61 different community groups, and the Health Department chairs 13 of them. Each has a different primary focus, but being at so many tables allows MCHD to connect individuals and ideas. I say this all the time – no county works together better than Medina County.

I encourage you to follow the work of your local public health agency by signing up for our Community Newsletter and exploring our website. My staff and I truly welcome your ideas and engagement.

Krista R. Wasowski, MSW, MPH | Health Commissioner



“We are committed to the health and safety of all who live, work, and visit our county.”



Community Newsletter Sign-Up

2025 Data at Work: Sustaining Our Mission

To Prevent Disease

- **Vaccines:** Conducted **39 vaccine clinics**, administering **954 doses** across diverse settings including schools, businesses, long-term care facilities, government agencies, community events, and homebound visits.
- **Long-Term Care Infection Prevention:** Led **2 workgroups** providing specialized training and support to staff serving Medina County’s most vulnerable residents, **9 agencies** participated across both sessions.
- **Harm Reduction:** Expanded access to naloxone by increasing the number of **purple naloxone boxes from 5 to 10** county-wide. Installed **2 harm reduction vending machines** - one at Hope Recovery in Medina and another at Community Action in Lodi. Administered **25 confidential HIV screenings**.
- **Medical Reserve Corps (MRC):** Facilitated **5 community preparedness trainings**, including Children in Disasters, Volunteer Reception Center operations, CPR, Red Cross Shelter Operations, and Point of Distribution (POD) with **152 volunteers** trained.
- **Tobacco and Vaping:** Educated **1,330 students** through **36 school and community presentations** on nicotine risks. Provided tobacco cessation resources to **790 community members** across **17 events**.



To Promote Well-Being



- **Health Center:** Provided **6,577 medical and dental appointments** to **3,426 patients**. Administered **937 vaccines**. Received a School-Based Health Center (SBHC) Planning Grant to determine the need for a SBHC in the Cloverleaf Schools. Expanded services to include short-term counseling by our Licensed Social Worker.
- **Community Events:** Attended over **75 community events**, reaching approximately **11,069 community residents**. Utilized these events to promote Health Department services and helpful resources.
- **Complex Medical Help (CMH) Program:** Provided support to **550 residents** (primarily children and young adults), including **52 home visits**.
- **Lodi Farmers' Market and Walking Group:** Hosted a community farmer's market in Lodi with **176 attendees**, featuring **15 vendors** and **4 local farms**. Led **107 participants** during Walking Group sessions at Cloverleaf Rec Center and other community sites.
- **Pediatric Medical Evaluations:** Conducted **6 exams** in collaboration with Akron Children's Hospital and the Children's Advocacy Center.
- **Newborn Home Visits:** Processed **432 NBHV referrals**, each receiving a phone call from a nurse, Newborn Booklet, and welcome letter. Completed **55 home visits**, providing Bundle of Joy packages to support new parents.
- **Women, Infants, and Children (WIC):** Provided nutrition education, breastfeeding support, and supplemental nutritious food packages across **5,226 appointments**. Expanded community outreach by establishing monthly WIC services in Brunswick and Lodi.

To Protect Our Environment and the Lives in Our Community

- **Car Seat Inspections:** Provided **198 car seat inspections** revealing an **82% misuse rate**, allowing opportunities for education and proper correction of car seat installation.
- **Community Blood Drives:** Partnered with American Red Cross to host **5 community blood drives** collecting **107 units of blood**, serving **117 total donors**.
- **Food Program Licensing:** Issued **1,105 licenses** for Retail Food Establishments and Food Service Operations.
- **Sewage System Oversight:** Inspected and approved the replacement of **140 sewage systems** across the county, along with the formal abandonment of **24 decommissioned systems**.
- **Vector Surveillance:** Continued to prevent the spread of mosquito and tick borne diseases throughout the county:
 - **17 mosquito trap** locations
 - **6,336 mosquitoes trapped** and submitted to the Ohio Department of Health for testing
 - **188 miles** of roadside ditches treated
 - **1,281 catch basins** treated
 - **151 ticks** were submitted and processed for species identification

New for 2025

Environmental Health staff used specialized fabric to collect local ticks for submission to the Ohio Department of Health. This data helps identify pathogens and assess community health risks.

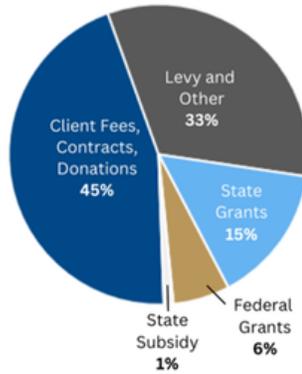
Quality Improvement

- **Quality Improvement (QI): 4 QI projects** were completed, making improvements to our car seat program, personnel management files, coalition coordination, and our sewage program.

2025 Financial Report

Revenue

Client fees, contracts, donations	\$5,049,198
Levy tax & other	\$3,682,791
State grants	\$1,676,951
Federal grants	\$685,542
State subsidy	<u>\$114,978</u>
	\$11,209,469



Expenses

Salaries	\$5,413,894
Benefits	\$1,855,698
Contract Services	\$1,791,451
Supplies	\$490,040
Remittances to State	\$274,058
Other Expenses	\$190,854
Travel & Training	\$90,402
Equipment	\$83,480
Advertising & Printing	\$72,624
Property/Liability Insurance	\$41,857
Utilities	\$41,455
Postage	<u>\$32,848</u>
	\$10,378,661

Birth & Death Statistics

Births - 2025*

- Total Resident Births: **1,678**
- Resident Births in County: **66**
- Resident Births Outside of County: **1,612**

Leading Causes of Death in Medina County - 2025*

1. Heart Disease	408
2. Cancer	394
3. Cerebrovascular Disease	106
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	96
5. Unintentional injuries (accidents)	96

Statistics provided by the Ohio Department of Health and the Medina County Health Department staff epidemiologist. Data is presented by county of residence, not place of death.

*Data in this table is preliminary and may be subject to change.

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Hours of Operation:

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Health Center Hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Tuesday

8:00 am - 7:00 pm

Friday

8:00 am - 2:00 pm

All departments can be reached by dialing 330-723-9688 and selecting the appropriate option number listed.

Health Center

Option 1

Community Health

Option 2

Environmental Health

Option 3

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC)

Option 4

Car Seat Checks

Option 5

Administrative Services

Option 6

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Krista Wasowski, MSW, MPH

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