

ANNUAL REPORT

2020



LETTER FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER



Dear Mahoning County residents,

The year 2020 brought about a challenging time for Ohioans due to the Coronavirus pandemic. As a first-year health commissioner, I never would have imagined being challenged by an intruder unseen by the human eye while giving us a year that would leave a profound impact on Mahoning County residents and businesses.

During the first quarter of the year, Mahoning County Public Health (MCPH) was alerted by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and was closely monitoring news of coronavirus outbreaks in other countries and the Pacific Northwest. Ohio marked its first cases of COVID-19 on March 9th and all three cases were roughly 70 miles away from Mahoning County. Seven days later, Mahoning County recorded our first two positive test results for COVID-19. MCPH, along with the Mahoning County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), activated the Emergency Operations Center and started operating in Incident Command as a Coronavirus Response Team. The team was supported by local fire and police, Mercy Health, Akron Children's Hospital, Youngstown City Health District, the Mahoning County Prosecutors' Office and elected county and city officials. The goal of MCPH and the Coronavirus Response Team was to work closely with community and faith-based leaders, K-12 school administrations, higher education, local government officials, and business owners on providing guidance on Ohio Department of Health orders and guidelines to keep communities healthy and safe during the pandemic.

During the second quarter of 2020, Mahoning County observed an increase in community wide spread of COVID-19 as an average of 30 cases per day were being recorded. During these months, contact tracing and epidemiological surveillance took precedence as MCPH staff were reassigned and additional staff were hired to assist with working long hours during the week, weekend, and holidays. MCPH staff responded to numerous concerns with businesses where our response efforts helped counsel and educate business leaders on ODH guidance as an assurance to keep residents of Mahoning County safe. Mahoning County also introduced its first comprehensive COVID-19 dashboard and continued to make improvements to the dashboard to inform and educate the public of disease numbers and spread within the county.

During the mid to late summer months of the third quarter, the impact from basic public health efforts could be observed as the spread of COVID-19 was starting to decrease and plateau. The summer months offered some relief as outdoor sporting events under guidelines were able to take place, but large event gatherings were still of concern. This brought about the announcement that the Canfield Fair was cancelling their 2020 event but worked with MCPH to offer a safe and healthy Junior Fair. On July 23rd the state also issued a statewide mask mandate as preliminary data indicated that the rate of increase in new cases decreased in high-risk counties where masks were mandated.

The last quarter of the year brought many new challenges as schools were starting to resume under guidelines set forth by the state and case numbers were once again increasing. MCPH supported our local school districts and through our joint efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 the districts were able to make decisions on safe in person instruction. Knowing the colder months and the holidays were going to bring a potential spike in COVID-19 cases, MCPH heavily focused on education and prevention measures. Through the use of CARES funds, MCPH worked with 898 Marketing on developing educational Holiday PSA's that aired on local media networks from Thanksgiving until New Year's Eve. I would personally like to thank Jeff Ryznar and his team at 898 Marketing for incorporating our vision into the production of two holiday COVID-19 safety commercials. The holiday kickoff commercial included actor and Youngstown native Ed O'Neill who graciously donated time to message his hometown residents on staying healthy during the holidays. A follow-up to reinforce Ed O'Neill's message included nine local children who delivered holiday safety messaging in a PSA named "Kids Say the Smartest Things". Educational reinforcement was also coupled with "Black Friday Bags" which included a mask, hand sanitizer and an educational card on COVID safety measures during the holidays. Four thousand of the Black Friday Bags were assembled by MCPH staff and distributed to holiday shoppers by Southern Park Mall personnel and Second Harvest Food Bank volunteers. In addition to the Black Friday Bags, MCPH assembled and distributed "COVID-19 Care Bags" to testing centers throughout Mahoning County. The COVID-19 Care Bags were then issued to individuals and families who were being tested for COVID-19 and included an information booklet on COVID-19, facial coverings, hand sanitizer, a thermometer, and a pulse oximeter.

During the colder months Mahoning County case counts were averaging well over 180 cases per day. However, it was arrival of the COVID-19 vaccine in late December that brought energy and hope to our community. MCPH began administering the first doses of the Moderna vaccine to our local healthcare heroes (Emergency Medical Service responders and direct patient care medical providers) who have been on the front lines of COVID-19.

In addition to the pandemic efforts throughout the year, MCPH continued with normal but modified public health program activities. The COVID-19 pandemic presented many challenges, but I am proud of our MCPH team and their dedication during this challenging year to serve the residents of Mahoning County. I am also honored to be your Health Commissioner serving alongside a dedicated public health team and supportive community leaders.

Special thanks to the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners for their support and CARES dollar funding during the coronavirus pandemic.

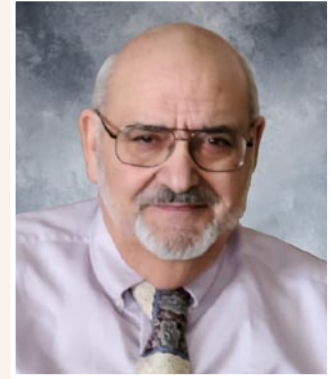
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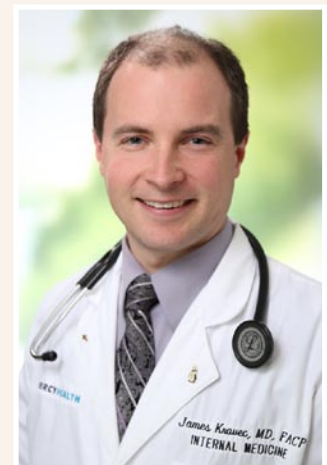
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REVENUES

LOCAL REVENUES	
Environmental Health License, Registration, and Permit Fees	\$1,544,303
Local Taxes: Inside Millage and Tuberculosis Levy	\$1,125,080
Notes Proceeds for Acquisition of Real Property	\$995,000
Contracts with Governmental Agencies/ Non-profits	\$431,347
Laboratory Services Fees	\$402,753
Insurance Reimbursements	\$126,615
Donations	\$72,038
Rental Income	\$55,980
Personal Health Services Patient Paid Fees	\$31,938
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$3,116
SUB-TOTAL LOCAL REVENUES	\$4,788,170

EXPENDITURES			
	FEDERAL STATE	LOCAL	TOTALS
Personal/ Community Health Services	\$4,262,414	\$542,235	\$4,804,649
Environmental Health Services	\$71,139	\$1,913,246	\$1,984,385
Administrative & Support Services	\$85,486	\$1,637,906	\$1,723,392
Laboratory Services	0	\$415,408	\$415,408
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$4,419,039	\$4,508,795	\$8,927,834

STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES
Ohio Department of Health Funded Grants/Project

STATE FUNDED DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$305,836
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ohio Equity Institute 2.0 Grant Moms Quit for Two Grant Cribs for Kids Safe Sleep Grant 	
FEDERAL FUNDED DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$2,688,915
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Coronavirus Response Grant Contact Tracing Grant Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Grant Maternal and Child Health Program Grant Public Health Emergency Preparedness Grant Cribs for Kids Safe Sleep Grant Integrated Naloxone Grant Prescription Drug Overdose Prevention Grant 	
MEDICAID/MEDICARE REIMBURSEMENT FOR SERVICES	\$327,663
OTHER STATE AND FEDERAL DOLLARS INCLUDE	\$1,790,565
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> MY Baby's 1st Program - Ohio Dept. of Medicaid CARES Act Grant - Mahoning County Commissioners HUB Grant - Ohio Commission on Minority Health Mosquito Control Grant - Ohio EPA Health Education Grants - Ohio Dept. of Aging Water Pollution Control Loan Fund - Ohio EPA 	
STATE SUBSIDIES	\$79,704
SUB-TOTAL STATE AND FEDERAL REVENUES	\$5,192,683
TOTAL REVENUES	\$9,980,853

Mahoning County Tuberculosis Program Data

TB skin tests administered	814
Laboratory samples obtained	260
New active TB cases	3
Active TB cases discharged from clinical care	3
Clients evaluated and started on treatment for Latent TB infection (LTBI)	27
LTBI cases discharged from clinical care	38
TB skin tests administered out of the office for community based testing	112

CAUSE OF DEATH	MAHONING COUNTY		OHIO	
	NUMBER	RATE	NUMBER	RATE
Diseases of the Heart	834	222.5	29,159	188.8
Cancer	538	147.6	25,166	163
Unintentional Injuries	175	75.6	8,291	67.1
Alzheimer's Disease	168	40.5	5,235	33.6
Stroke	151	38.3	6,504	42.1
Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	144	36.5	7,168	45.9
Diabetes	118	33.8	3,876	25.4
Diseases of the Kidneys	94	24.7	2,162	14.1
Influenza and Pneumonia	49	13.2	1,931	12.7
Septicemia	46	12.1	1,902	12.5

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Leading Causes of Death

Number and Average Age-Adjusted Death Rates per 100,000




Mahoning County townships, villages, and cities of Canfield, Campbell and Struthers (does not include Youngstown City)

Brucellosis	1
Campylobacteriosis	14
Chickungunya	1
Chlamydia Infection	420
COVID-19	11,226
CP-CRE	14
Cryptosporidium	5
Ecoli (non O157) shixa toxin	5
Giardia	6
Gonococcal Infection	170
Haemophilus Influenza	4
Hepatitis A	14
Hepatitis B Acute	1
Hepatitis B Chronic	24
Hepatitis C Chronic	120
Influenza-associated hospitalizations	172
Legionella	11
Listeria	2
Lyme Disease (Suspect)	37
Lyme Disease (Confirmed)	9
Meningitis-Aseptic/Viral	4
Meningitis- Bacterial (Other)	1
Meningococcal Disease (N. Mening)	0
MIS-C associated w/COVID	2
Mumps (suspected)	2
Q Fever	1
Pertussis	1
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	3
Salmonella	11
Shigella	0
Streptococcal-Group A invasive	15
Streptococcal-Group B-Newborn	0
Streptococcal Pneumoniae	10
Varicella	4
Vibriosis	1
West Nile Virus	0
Yersinia	1

Infectious Disease Follow-ups	12,312
Immunizations Administered - Adults	898
Hours of Case Management for Medically Handicapped Children	23.25
Immunizations Administered - Children	1,316
Flu Immunizations Administered	1,766
Flu Clinics Held	30
Tobacco Cessation Program Participants	22
TB Skin Tests Administered	814
Wellness Class Participants	0
Pack-n-Plays Distributed through the Cribs for Kids Program	227
Naloxone Kits Distributed Through Project DAWN	260
Naloxone Kits Distributed to First Responders	328
Number of Overdose Reversals/Lives Saved with Naloxone	111

Lead Abatement/Interim Control Clearance	13
Lead Inspection/Risk Assessment	44
Private Water Well Inspections and Samples	226
School/Playground Inspections	93
Pools, Spas, Camps and Bathing Beach Inspections	124
Plumbing/Downspouts Inspections	1,305
Landfill Inspections/Sampling	173
Food Program Inspections/Sampling	2,191
Sewage Program Inspections/Sampling	827
Real Estate Transfers - Sewage and Well Inspections	2,271
Potential Rabies Exposures Due to Animal Contact	226
Rabies Specimens Sent for Testing	9
Positive Rabies Results from Specimens	0
Nuisance Complaints Investigated	635
Tattoo Registrants	53
Tattoo Establishments Permitted	19
Environmental Laboratory Tests Conducted	24,880
Shale Testing	4
Lead Testing	2,837
Spore Tests from Tattoo Parlors	244
Microbial Samples	5,046
Groundwater Monitoring Samples	232

At-Risk Pregnant Women Enrolled in the HUB	224
Percent of HUB Births Full Term and Healthy Weight	88.2
Number of Pathways Initiated	3,295

Number of WIC Clients Served	3,639
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