

2021 Annual Report

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From the Health Commissioner Desk



I am pleased to present this 2021 New Philadelphia City Health Department Annual Report.

In 2021 our Department continued the most challenging fight of our careers against the devastating effects of the COVID-19 virus.

I will be forever grateful to our hard-working and dedicated staff and volunteers as we navigated vaccination clinics at both our clinic and

the Tuscora Park for months. In 2021, we also continued to investigate every positive test result in our jurisdiction followed by contact tracing.

The Fall brought the ability to increase COVID-19 testing with the supply of rapid at-home test kits we were able to give to our residents, businesses and community partners. Our staff continued to support our residents by offering education on methods to slow the spread of the virus and referral to treatment services.

Each statistic in this annual report represents a life-changing event in that person's life. It is not just a number; it tells a story of struggle, sadness, sacrifice, and triumph. It tells a story of how our community responded, and continues to respond, to a great challenge.

We continue to be thankful for falling case numbers and prepare for spikes and surges ahead. As in the last 168 years, New Philadelphia City Health Department continues to serve and protect our residents against disease and promote health and wellness.

Looking forward to 2022, please consider performing an act of kindness to a relative, friend, neighbor, or a stranger. Remember the importance to do something positive to nurture yourself both physically and mentally.

My heartfelt thanks and appreciation go out for the work achieved by my staff and our community partners as we strive to achieve better health for all. We are in this together!

Sincerely,

Vickie Tonno, RN, Health Commissioner

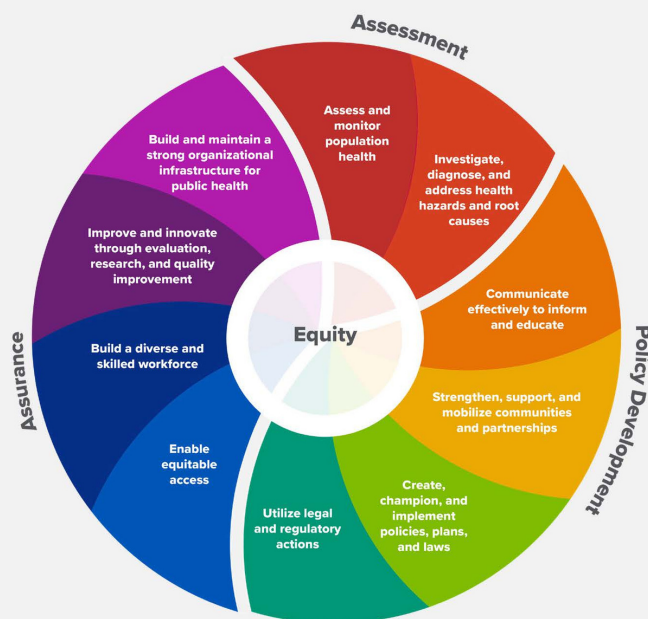
New Philadelphia City Health Department is working to promote better health for our citizens; to provide personal and community health services; to maintain a healthful environment and is desirous of cooperating with other community and State agencies in the prevention and control of diseases and disabilities.

There are 3 Core Functions of Public Health: Assessment, Policy Development and Assurance. These core functions are achieved through the 10 Essential Services of Public Health. New Philadelphia City Health Department (NPCHD) strives to incorporate the 10 Essential Public Health Services in its activities.

THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities

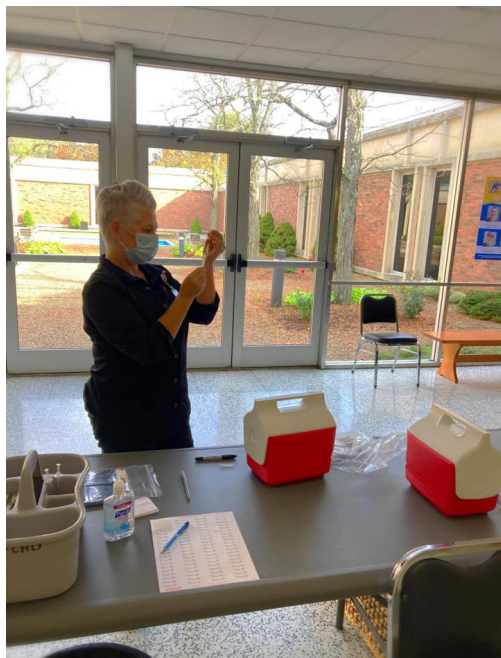
The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve equity, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and overall community conditions that enable optimal health for all and seek to remove systemic and structural barriers that have resulted in health inequities. Such barriers include poverty, racism, gender discrimination, ableism, and other forms of oppression. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve optimal health and well-being.



Services Offered by NPCHD

Clinical

A1c Testing
Blood Pressure Clinics
Bureau for Children with
Medical Handicaps (BCMHC/CMH)
Communicable Disease Control
Health Education
HIV Counseling, Testing & Referral for Services
Immunizations:
Adult immunizations
Allergy injections
Childhood immunizations
Covid-19 vaccinations
Flu vaccinations
TB testing
Vivitrol Injections



Pictured: NPCHD Public Health Nurse Maegan Cummings, RN drawing vaccine at a clinic for Kent State University Tuscarawas.

Vital Statistics

Birth Certificates
Death Certificates
Burial/Cremation Permits

Environmental

Epidemiological Investigations
Environmental Health Complaint Investigations
Licensing Permits & Inspections:
Body art
Food service operations
(including mobile and temporary)
Food handling
Institutional/ Schools/ Jails
Manufactured home parks
Public swimming pools
Retail food establishments
Water & sewage
Mosquito Surveillance & Control Program
Nuisance & Complaint Investigations
Rabies Control Investigations
Smoking Control Program
Soil Borings/ Geoprobe Inspections
Temporary Camp/ Campground Inspections

Board of Health Members

Member	Term Expires
Barb Schwartz President- Pro-Tem	February 01, 2026
Judee Dzigiel, Esq.	February 01, 2027
Diane Rusznak	February 01, 2023
Anne Geib	February 01, 2024
Lori Kuene, MD	February 01, 2025

The New Philadelphia City Health Department is governed by a five-person Board of Health, as required by state law, with Mayor Joel Day acting as Board President. Each of the members is appointed by the Mayor of New Philadelphia for a five year term and serve without compensation. The Board functions as a policy, governance, advisory and regulatory board and provides oversight of major financial and programmatic decisions.

Health District Licensing Council

Retail Food Establishments: Marty Peters, Marty's Coaches Corner

Public Swimming Pools: Lisa Speicher, Colonial Estates

Food Service Operations: Barbara Schwartz, Maggoo's

Mobile Home Parks: Donna Beitzel, Starlite Mobile Home Park

Financial Report

2021

TYPE	AMOUNT
2021 OPERATING EXPENSES	155084.18
SALARY & FRINGE SUBTOTAL	563544.29
TOTAL EXPENSES	718628.47
2021 RECEIPTS	
BCMH	1820.00
PATIENT FEES - CLINIC	11652.07
MEDICAID	1011.50
FOOD SERVICE (FOOD)	35902.00
FOOD SERVICE (VENDING)	158.34
RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENT	15203.25
FOOD HANDLING PERMITS	885.00
MANUFACTURED HOME PARKS	750.00
SWIMMING POOLS	6125.00
WELL PERMITS	925.00
PLAN REVIEW	2100.00
BODY ART	2000.00
MOSQUITO CONTRACT	476.36
VITAL STATS	47307.58
STATE SUBSIDY	3243.32
SMOKE FREE OHIO	
OTHER REIMB (FLU)	9868.92
GRANT FUNDING	336148.02
TOTAL RECEIPTS	475576.36

2020

TYPE	AMOUNT
2020 OPERATING EXPENSES TOTAL	131377.95
SALARY & FRINGE SUBTOTAL	437780.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	569158.83
TOTAL RECEIPTS	247770.45

Sound management of financial resources is a basic function of a public health department. Health departments are accountable to their governing entity, elected officials, and the public they serve for the responsible use and oversight of public funds.

In 2021, NPCHD was able to decrease its use of the City of New Philadelphia General Funds by \$78,336.27. This was accomplished through strong financial stewardship, increased grant funding and realignment of resources to match current needs.

Division Highlights

Clinic

2021 Total Clinical Services

	TOTAL
Communicable Disease Investigations/Consults	871
Blood Pressure Monitoring	57
Employee Health	5
Flu Vaccines	622
Health Education	425
Immunizations	1608
Vivitrol Injections/Consults	130
BCMH Activities	241
Coronavirus Activities	21398
COVID-19 Vaccines (1st, 2nd, Boosters)	8333
All Other Services	735
Misc	76
Totals	34501

2020 Total Clinical Services

	TOTAL
Communicable Disease Investigations/Consults	1647
Blood Pressure Monitoring	113
Employee Health	9
Flu Vaccines	851
Health Education	570
Immunizations	1140
Vivitrol Injections/Consults	175
Coronavirus Activities	11614
COVID-19 Vaccines (1st, 2nd, Boosters)	98
Accreditation Hours	320
All Other Services	1288
Misc	0
Totals	17825

Vital Statistics

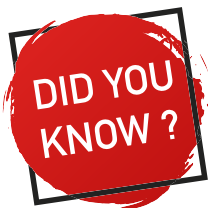
2021 Total Vital Stats Activity

	TOTAL
Burial/Transit Permit Issued	553
Certified Birth Certificates	365
Certified Death Certificates	1359
Vital Stats Counsel/Consult	592
2021 Death Certificates Filed	396
Misc	10
Totals	3275

2020 Total Vital Stats Activity

	TOTAL
Burial/Transit Permit Issued	516
Certified Birth Certificates	274
Certified Death Certificates	1251
Vital Stats Counsel/Consult	752
2021 Death Certificates Filed	391
Misc	0
Totals	3184

With COVID-19 dominating much of NPCHD's activities in both 2020 and 2021, the Department saw an increase in the number of services provided to the community. The clinic saw an astounding 93% increase in number of services offered while vital statistics saw a 2.85% increase in number of services offered to the community.



NPCHD strives to provide information to the public to address health risks, health behaviors, disease prevention and wellness. One way the Department accomplishes this goal is by utilizing social media to communicate timely and accurate information. Facebook reach describes the number of people who saw any content from the Page or about the Page, including posts, stories, ads, social information and from people who interact with the Page.

	2021
Facebook Page Reach	73,849
Facebook Page Visits	8,621
New Facebook Page Likes	371

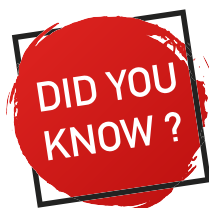
Division Highlights

Environmental Health

2021 TOTAL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM ACTIVITIES								
FSO/RFE	Insp	Consult	Calls/Email	Office	Re Insp	Samples	Misc	TOTAL
FSO--Food Service Ops	192	63	86	70	8	0	22	441
FSO CCP--Critical Control Point	72	4	0	0	0	0	0	76
RFE--Retail Food Estab.	72	32	95	33	12	0	8	252
RFE--Process Review	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	5
Food Handling Operation	24	2	13	0	0	0	1	40
Plan Review/Related	3	2	28	12	0	0	5	50
FSO Vending/Related	31	2	15	3	0	0	0	51
Temporary FSO-RFE Insps	23	0	17	6	1	0	10	57
Mobile FSO-RFE Insps	13	7	37	9	0	0	10	76
RFE MicroMarkets	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	25
Recalls/Tainted Foods	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	2
Foodborne/Restaurant Compl	19	0	12	1	2	0	0	34
Cottage Food/Bakery Issues	0	0	13	1	0	0	0	14
Total--FSO/RFE	477	112	320	135	23	0	56	1123
Environmental Health Progs								
Rabies--Animal Bite	28	4	91	17	29	3	8	180
Swimming Pool/Spa Insp	67	23	26	16	21	0	17	170
Manufactured Home Park	10	1	9	12	8	0	5	45
Jail Inspection/related	1	0	5	3	2	0	2	13
School Inspections/related	2	1	2	2	0	0	1	8
Tattoo/Piercing/related	5	6	34	7	0	0	39	91
Epidemiology	0	0	10	10	0	0	2	22
Private Water Systems	11	3	26	11	0	0	3	54
Sewage Treatment Systems	54	3	40	31	2	0	4	134
Reg Plan/Flood Plain	1	0	19	3	0	0	0	23
Solid Waste--Haz Waste	35	1	6	4	1	0	0	47
Const & Demo Debris	22	0	1	2	0	0	0	25
Solid Waste District	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	2
Infectious Waste	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	2
Smoking Program	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	5
Lead Issues	1	0	12	2	0	0	1	16
Camp/RV Program	16	5	1	2	0	0	0	24
Emergency--Alert Info	5	14	134	62	0	0	57	272
Total--Environ Hlth Progs	259	61	416	191	63	3	140	1133
Misc Envir Issues/Calls/Other								
Water Well non-potable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monitoring well	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Geothermal Systems	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soil Borings/Soil Samples	23	2	14	16	13	0	6	74
Mosquito/Tick	14	3	61	59	0	0	200	337
Drug Testing Program	0	0	18	12	0	0	3	33
Env Assess/Phase I-II	3	0	3	7	0	0	0	13
Stormwater/Oil n Gas Issues	2	0	3	0	0	0	0	5
Total--Misc Envir Issues/Other	42	5	99	94	13	0	209	462
Nuisance Complaints								
Animal Related	45	3	30	14	0	0	5	97
Food Related	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Housing/Building	37	18	134	36	3	0	10	238
Trash/Garbage/Junk	886	9	71	47	4	0	6	1023
Insect/Rodent	1	2	5	0	0	0	0	8
Misc Nuisance	15	3	26	4	0	0	0	48
Total--Nuisance Complaints	984	35	266	101	7	0	21	1414
Accreditation	0	0	1	8	0	0	0	9
Presentations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	14	208	115	126	0	0	658	1121
Totals	1776	421	1216	647	106	3	1084	5262

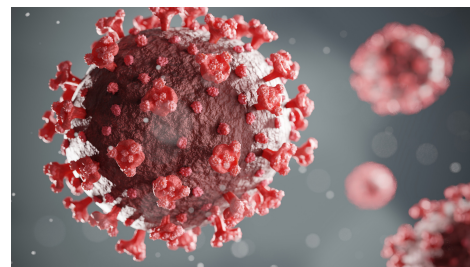
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FSO/RFE	Insp	Consult	Calls/Email	Office	Re Insp	Samples	Misc	TOTAL
FSO--Food Service Ops	105	28	77	38	2	0	78	328
FSO CCP--Critical Control Point	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	39
RFE--Retail Food Estab.	60	14	26	16	12	0	29	157
RFE--Process Review	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Food Handling Operation	3	2	17	0	0	0	1	23
Plan Review/Related	1	3	19	9	0	0	3	35
FSO Vending/Related	3	0	7	2	0	0	0	12
Temporary FSO-RFE Insps	7	3	16	1	0	0	2	29
Mobile FSO-RFE Insps	7	3	27	2	0	0	3	42
RFE MicroMarkets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Recalls/Tainted Foods	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Foodborne/Restaurant Compl	17	0	4	0	0	0	0	21
Cottage Food/Bakery Issues	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total--FSO/RFE	247	53	194	68	14	0	116	692
Environmental Health Progs								
Rabies--Animal Bite	29	2	110	20	17	5	8	191
Swimming Pool/Spa Insp	46	12	21	6	7	0	1	93
Manufactured Home Park	6	4	3	13	9	0	0	35
Jail Inspection/related	3	1	1	2	0	0	0	7
School Inspections/related	7	1	4	1	0	0	0	13
Tattoo/Piercing/related	2	9	27	11	0	0	5	54
Epidemiology	4	0	2	6	0	0	1	13
Private Water Systems	7	2	22	15	0	0	3	49
Sewage Treatment Systems	43	3	29	33	6	0	10	124
Reg Plan/Flood Plain	0	1	22	4	0	0	0	27
Solid Waste--Haz Waste	55	2	11	2	7	0	1	78
Const & Demo Debris	27	0	2	2	0	0	0	31
Solid Waste District	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Infectious Waste	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Smoking Program	0	1	12	9	0	0	1	23
Lead Issues	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Camp/RV Program	7	0	3	6	0	0	3	19
Emergency--Alert Info	109	42	473	140	0	0	261	1025
Total--Environ Hlth Progs	346	80	742	270	46	5	294	1783
Misc Envir Issues/Calls/Other								
Water Well non-potable	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Monitoring well	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	4
Geothermal Systems	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
Soil Borings/Soil Samples	34	1	15	18	2	0	2	72
Mosquito/Tick	25	8	35	34	8	0	72	182
Drug Testing Program	3	0	8	9	0	0	3	23
Env Assess/Phase I-II	1	0	4	3	0	0	0	8
Stormwater/Oil n Gas Issues	1	0	3	1	0	0	0	5
Total--Misc Envir Issues/Other	68	10	67	66	10	0	77	258
Nuisance Complaints								
Animal Related	14	2	30	10	8	0	1	65
Food Related	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Housing/Building	22	11	55	12	1	0	2	103
Trash/Garbage/Junk	579	11	56	16	1	0	2	665
Insect/Rodent	58	3	11	6	1	0	0	79
Misc Nuisance	2	0	2	1	0	0	0	5
Total--Nuisance Complaints	675	27	154	46	11	0	5	918
Accreditation	0	0	4	45	0	0	156	245
Presentations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Misc	2	8	121	92	0	0	108	331
Totals	1225	167	1207	502	77	5	587	4015

2021 provided many opportunities for the Environmental Health (EH) Division to serve the community. A large portion of focus was spent on restaurant and food service inspections, public swimming pool inspections and mosquito abatement. Additionally, the EH Division saw a 31% increase in number of services offered, with all programs showing an increase in utilization.



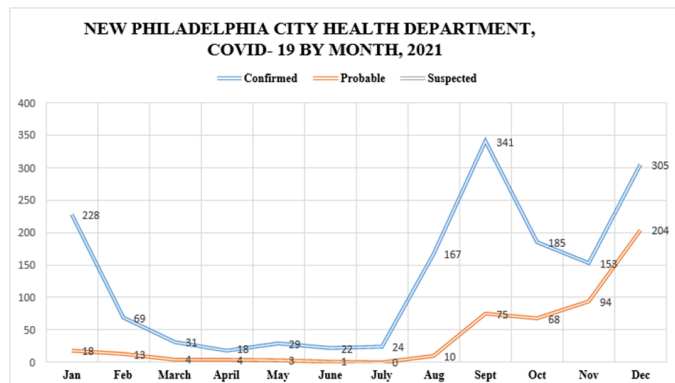
NPCHD EH Division has a robust mosquito surveillance program. Each season, our Environmental Health Specialists identify areas to be treated with insecticide and larvicide using an integrated pest management plan that includes trapping and counting the number of mosquitoes in an area, sending them to be tested for diseases and then spraying only when necessary. In 2021, NPCHD sprayed 135 miles using 31.8 gallons of insecticide.

COVID-19 Impact



From COVID-19 case investigations and management, to vaccination clinics and health education, NPCHD staff worked tirelessly throughout 2021 to protect its citizens and the community. Below is a snapshot of the work accomplished by NPCHD in 2021.

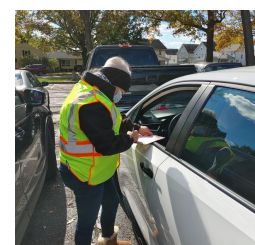
COVID-19 Disease by Month, New Philadelphia City, Ohio, 2021



COMMUNICABLE_DISEASE_ANNUAL_SUMMARY_2021_FINAL.pdf (newphilaoh.com)

NPCHD investigated 1823 positive COVID-19 cases within its jurisdiction in 2021. Additionally, there were 18 deaths reported to the Department with COVID-19 marked as the cause of death.

NPCHD conducted 52 mass vaccination clinics outside the Department to help better serve the community. Between these clinics and vaccinations given in the clinic, NPCHD administered 8333 COVID-19 vaccinations in 2021. This includes primary, booster and pediatric doses.



Pictured: Scenes from COVID-19 vaccination clinics.



<https://www.abbott.com>

Even while vaccines are rolling out, Covid-19 testing remained crucial to helping the community return to normal. Recognizing the need for quick, accurate testing, NPCHD distributed 4400 rapid at home test kits to 31 zip codes both within and outside Tuscarawas County.



Public Health Accreditation

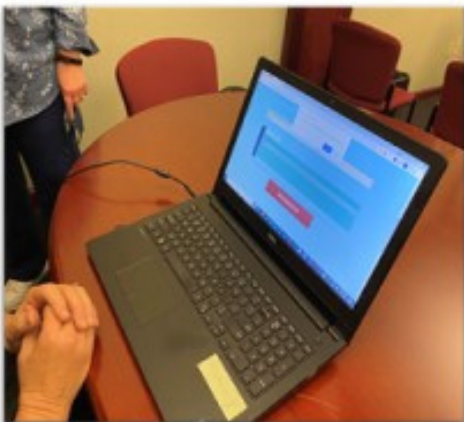
In 2013, the 130th Ohio General Assembly required all local health districts to start the process to become an Accredited Health Department. Accreditation is processed by the Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB). The mission of PHAB is to advance and transform public health practice by championing performance improvement, strong infrastructure, and innovation.

Accreditation:

- Promotes a culture of quality and performance improvement.
- Increases capacity to respond to public health emergencies and threats.
- Encourage the use of health equity as a lens to identify health priorities.
- Strengthens health departments to work with their partners to better serve their communities.

NPCHD began the labor-intensive Accreditation process on June 18, 2018. The process entailed gathering nearly 400 various plans, documents, and examples to satisfy Accreditation requirements. After the documents were gathered, they were uploaded into a dashboard for PHAB to review. On August 11, 2021, NPCHD 'pushed the button' and submitted its documents for this review process. Once the review is complete, which is anticipated to take a year or longer, PHAB will schedule a site visit and make a determination as to NPCHD's accreditation status.

<https://phaboard.org>



Pictured: "Pushing the Button" to submit Accreditation documents



Pictured: NPCHD staff and Board of Health "Pushing the Button"

Public Health Policy Spotlight

In April 2021, New Philadelphia City Health Department learned of an effort put forth within Ohio House Bill 110, State Operating Budget for FY 2022 that would have abolished City Health Departments that served a population less than 50,000 residents. This would have closed approximately 19 health departments around the state, including NPCHD.

Armed with the knowledge of the need within the community for the valuable services provided by NPCHD and led by Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno and Mayor Joel Day, a panel of NPCHD supporters trekked to the Statehouse to testify about the importance of a local health department in the community. In addition to panel testimony, many community partners and members provided written testimony advocating for the removal of abolishment language from House Bill 110. State Representative Brett Hillyer commented at the time that it was the most telephone calls and letters of support he had seen for any one issue. With the help of Senator Jay Hottinger, House Bill 110 language was eventually amended to remove abolishment language provided City Health Departments begin accreditation proceedings by 2025, which NPCHD has already accomplished.



Pictured L to R: City Council President Don Kemp, Director of Nursing Nichole Bache BSN, RN, Law Director Marvin Fete, Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno, RN and Mayor Joel Day

Performance Management Spotlight

Performance management identifies actual results against planned or intended results. Performance management systems ensure that progress is being made toward department goals by systematically collecting and analyzing data to track results to identify opportunities and targets for improvement. Quality improvement is an element of performance management that uses processes to address specific targets for effectiveness and efficiency. Quality improvement in public health is the use of a deliberate and defined improvement process that is focused on activities that are responsive to community needs and improving population health.

PUBLIC HEALTH PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



While new to performance management and quality improvement, NPCHD recognized its benefits and adopted a whole systems approach toward driving results for the department. NPCHD staff selected one performance management objective and respective quality improvement project in 2021 to complete. The performance management objective focused on Environmental Health Services and was designed to educate and promote safe regulatory practices to reduce disease outbreaks due to environmental factors. NPCHD identified increasing inspections of Level III and Level IV food service operations so that 75% of facilities will have received three inspections within a rolling 12-month period as the quality improvement project to achieve this performance management goal for Environmental Health Services. This objective exceeds the state minimum required number of inspections for food service facilities which is only two inspections within a rolling 12-month period.

NPCHD identified this performance management goal to occur over a four-year timeframe, culminating in 2024. When analyzing the number of inspections completed in 2021, it was determined that that 0% of Level III and Level IV food Service facilities were inspected a third time in 2021 and approximately 3% were inspected a third time in 2020, well short of the progress needed toward the 75% goal. However, it should be noted that food inspections for 2020 were paused across the state due to food establishments closing because of COVID-19 pandemic restrictions and 2021 food inspections focused on getting the Food Program back to pre-pandemic inspection frequency. The next page displays the performance management objective dashboard for Environmental Services.

Performance Management Spotlight

Performance Management Objectives-Environmental Services

Goal: Educate and promote safe regulatory practices to reduce disease outbreaks due to environmental factors.
What we Do Objective: Increase inspections of Level III and Level IV food services so that 75% of facilities will have received three inspections within a rolling 12-month period.

Number of tasks completed:



Percent of goal complete:



Action	Responsible	Start date	End date	Required resources	Status
Create baseline food services spreadsheet for 2019, including dates of inspections (approx. 200 facilities total)	Director of Environmental Health	12/1/2019	3/1/2020	HealthSpace, Excel- Note: maintaining spreadsheet will be ongoing as operations open and close and inspections are completed. End date chosen as 3/1/2020 due to licenses applications are due for the following year	
Continue inspections for 2020 year using spreadsheet to document when/how many inspections occur	EH staff	1/2/2020	12/30/2020	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Compare number of 2020 inspections to number of 2019 inspections	Director of Environmental Health	1/2/2021	1/30/2021	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Continue inspections for 2021 year using spreadsheet to document when/how many inspections occur	EH staff	1/2/2021	12/30/2021	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Compare number of 2021 inspections to number of 2020 inspections	Director of Environmental Health	1/2/2022	1/30/2022	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Continue inspections for 2022 year using spreadsheet to document when/how many inspections occur	EH staff	1/2/2022	12/2/2022	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Compare number of 2022 inspections to number of 2021 inspections	Director of Environmental Health	1/2/2023	1/30/2023	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Continue inspections for 2023 year using spreadsheet to document when/ how man inspections occur	EH staff	1/2/2023	1/30/2023	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	
Compare number of 2023 inspections to number of 2022 inspections	Director of Environmental Health	1/2/2024	1/30/2024	Spreadsheet, HealthSpace	

2020

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2021

NPCHD Staff Recognition

2021 was perhaps the most challenging year ever faced by the New Philadelphia City Health Department. In the midst of the second year of the Coronavirus pandemic, the department had to fight for its own survival.

The Ohio General Assembly was considering legislation that could have closed our department. Health Commissioner Vickie Ionno rallied local support of the City Health Department and led a team of City officials to Columbus to testify before the Ohio Senate's Health committee against the legislation. The result was an amendment that removed the threat of closure.

Commissioner Ionno deserves special recognition for the leadership she displayed on the front lines of both fights: responding to the COVID-19 pandemic's challenges and the threatened closing of the City Health Department. Despite the pressures, she and her staff never wavered in their mission to guide and protect our citizens and businesses. Their commitment to public health was exemplary, and in my mind, made ours "The Hardest Working Health Department in Ohio".

Words cannot express the gratitude the City Board of Health has for the sacrifices made by Commissioner Ionno and the department's staff during this time. COVID-19 reporting, contact tracing and vaccination clinics required them to work long hours and many weekends. This was in addition to their typical weekly duties.

On behalf of the Board of Health members, I want to thank Commissioner Ionno and the entire staff of the New Philadelphia City Health Department for their selfless service to our community.

Sincerely,

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