CANTON CITY HEALTH DISTRICT

Promoting and Protecting Health since 1849
Mission Statement
The Canton City Health District works to improve the health of the local community by providing comprehensive services utilizing a well trained and qualified staff

Vision Statement
Working together for a healthier community
Value Statements

- We value empowering our community with the knowledge needed to make healthier choices
- We strive for excellence in everything we do
- We are accountable to the community to which we serve
Organizational Chart

Mayor

City Council

Board of Health

Patrick Wyatt
Dr. Stephen Hickman
Dr. Marc Fiorentino
Bernadine Snell
Mayor Thomas Bernabei
Dr. Amy Lakritz
Organizational Chart

Jim Adams
Health Commissioner

Dr. Jon Elias
Medical Director

Canton City Health District

ORGANIZATIONAL CHART
Divisions

- Administration
- Air Pollution Control (APC)
- Environmental Health (EH)
- Laboratory
- Nursing
  - Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- Office of Public Health Information (OPHI)
- Vital Statistics (VS)
Administration

Jim Adams, Health Commissioner

Christi Allen, Fiscal Officer

- Human resources management

- Finance management
  - Payroll
  - Grant reporting
  - State/local requirements
  - Cash management
  - Budget management
Air Pollution Control (APC)

Terri Dzienis, APC Administrator

Permitting and Compliance (P&C) Group

Monitoring and Inspections (M&I) Group

Administration (Clerks)

Contract and Funding

APC is contracted to represent and funded by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) for air pollution matters in Stark County

APC is one of 9 “Local Air Agencies” contracted in Ohio

- There are also 5 Ohio EPA District offices for DAPC
Services Provided

- Permitting and compliance
- Facility inspections
- Ambient air monitoring
- Complaints investigation
- Asbestos program
- Open burning permit program
- Anti-tampering inspections
- Outreach and coordination
- Enforcement

Services Not Provided

These are services that are asked frequently of APC, but APC does not provide

- Indoor air quality
- Radon
- Emergency response (handled by Ohio EPA DERR)
- Radioactivity/radio nucleotide emissions
- Hazardous materials storage with no emissions
Permitting and Compliance

Write permits for the installation, modification, and operation of stationary sources of air contaminant emissions (facilities) to ensure they don’t negatively impact air quality.

Review facility submitted reports to determine compliance with permit and regulations.

Selected types of permitted facilities in Stark County you may be familiar with:
- Refinery, steel mills/foundries, landfills, coating operations, asphalt batching, concrete batching, dry cleaners, gas stations, auto-body shops, etc.

Permitted facilities in Stark County (as of 2016 end):

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Facility Inspections

Conduct facility inspections to determine compliance, which include:
- Observe emission tests or for other reasons (i.e. permitting)
- Complaint investigations
- Full Compliance Evaluations (FCEs) for large permitted facilities
Ambient Air Monitoring

- Operate 5 ambient air monitoring sites in Stark County (see map to right) to monitor air quality to ensure health standards are met.
- Pollutants measured: fine particulate (PM$_{2.5}$), particulate speciation, ozone and carbon monoxide.
- Continuous ozone and PM$_{2.5}$ data reported daily to public as Air Quality Index (AQI), including pollen counts and mold counts.

Asbestos Program

- Ensure demolition and renovation projects follow regulations to minimize asbestos emissions release to protect public health by conducting inspections.
- Conduct annual inspections at asbestos landfills to ensure compliance with regulations.
Complaint Investigations

Receive air pollution complaints from citizens, other agencies, etc.
100% of complaints are investigated
Types of complaints:

- Open burning
- Odors
- Fugitive dust
- Asbestos
- Facility related
- Other

Enforcement

Any inspection or compliance review conducted that determines non-compliance gets concluded with the necessary enforcement action.
Cases of significant non-compliance are turned over to Ohio EPA for further enforcement action, which may include civil penalties or court action.
Open Burning Permit Program

- Certain open burning is allowed if permission is requested and granted
  - Fire training, land clearing, horticultural/wildlife management, etc.
- Process open burning permission requests as agent for Ohio EPA Director

Anti-tampering Inspections

- Conduct anti-tampering inspections at automobile dealerships
- Ensure used vehicle emission controls are not bypassed or removed

Outreach and Coordination

- Send letters, conduct trainings, and conduct consultations with public
- Coordinate with other agencies to reach impacted parties sooner
Environmental Health (EH)

- Mark Adams, Director of Environmental Health

- Staff Sanitarians

- Administration (Clerk)
Services Provided

- Food protection program
- Other inspections
- Lead testing program
- Vector control program – prevent spread of disease
- Recycling center
- Community health programs
- Drinking water and wastewater program
Food Protection Services

The food protection program is aimed at preventing harmful growth of bacteria on food products. The following are services provided by our food inspectors:

- Issuance of food licenses (yearly)
- Food service inspections
  - Restaurant
  - Grocery stores
  - School kitchens
  - Nursing home kitchens
  - Daycares
  - Temporary and mobile food stands
  - Vending locations (coffee and hot/cold food vending machines)
- Frozen dessert sampling and testing
- Foodborne outbreak investigations
Other Inspections

- Jails – kitchens only
- Swimming pools
- Schools, type B day care centers
- Tattoo and body piercing parlors
- Facilities that generate infectious waste (hospitals, doctor’s offices)
- Solid waste transfer facilities
Lead Testing

The lead testing program investigates potential exposure to lead based paint in our environment. Testing is done:

- On dwelling units
- On a fee or contract basis

Vector Control – Prevent Spread of Disease

- Investigates animal bites (for rabies)
- Helps control growth of mosquitoes (West Nile Virus) and other vectors (ticks, fleas, rats, etc.)
Recycling Center

Through a joint venture with Canton’s Health and Sanitation Departments, residents can recycle their household items.

Located at 742 Schroyer Avenue SW, Canton

**Open**: Monday through Friday, 10:00am-2:00pm (except for legal holidays)

No charge to drop off recyclables

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The Health District’s website at [www.cantonhealth.org](http://www.cantonhealth.org) has a complete list of acceptable items.
Community Health

Response and investigation to complaints of these items:

- Smoking in public businesses
- Nuisance
- Housing sanitation
- Garbage, trash & debris
- Animal waste
- Rodents (mice, rats, etc.)
- Insect infestation (roaches, bed bugs, etc.)
- Environmental hazards (tires)
Drinking Water and Wastewater

To ensure compliance with state law with respect to drinking water and household sewage, the Health District provides inspections of:

- Private water wells
- Septic systems

(within the City of Canton)

Septic System and Drainfield
Laboratory

Christina Henning, Laboratory Director

Laboratory Technicians
Services Provided

- Drinking water testing
- Seasonal spore and pollen counts
- Medical testing
  - Pregnancy tests (for individuals being serviced in clinics)
  - STI’s including HIV/AIDS, gonorrhea, syphilis and chlamydia
- Food testing
  - Frozen dessert bacterial examination
    Includes ice cream, mix, ice sherbet, frozen custard, French ice cream, French custard ice cream, milk sherbet, ices, imitation ice cream, ice milk, frozen dairy dessert, quiescently frozen confection, quiescently frozen dairy confection and other similar products
  - Physical contaminants
Drinking Water Testing

Testing is done on public and private drinking water in accordance with the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) bacterial standards

- Colilert and Colisure reagent methods performed

Available to anyone

Drop off water:
- Call the Laboratory for drop-off times & further information

Cost for service

Must use pre-approved containers
Seasonal Spore and Pollen Counts

- Mold spores and pollen counts are obtained seasonally Monday through Friday
- Services provided to aide in allergy identification among members of the community
- Information on current counts can be found in the Laboratory section of the Canton City Health District’s website www.cantonhealth.org
Nursing

Dr. Jon Elias, Medical Director

Diane Thompson, Director of Nursing

Office Manager
  Public Health Clerks

Gina Premier, Family Nurse Practitioner/Nursing Supervisor
  Public Health Nurses

Health Services Coordinator

Dental Program Manager (Part-Time)
Services Provided

- Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) program
- Early Head Start (EHS) collaborative outreach with YWCA
- Newborn Home Visits in collaboration with THRIVE
- Territory nurse follow up and monitoring
- Childhood immunization clinic
- Travel clinic
- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) clinic
- Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)
- Counseling and Testing Site (CTS) clinic – HIV/AIDS testing
- Tuberculin skin testing
- Dental sealant program
- Educational programs
- Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)
- Communicable disease program
Bureau for Children With Medical Handicaps (BCMH) Program

BCMH is a health care program that links families of children with special health care needs (aged 0 to 21 years) to a network of providers and helps families obtain payment for the services their children need.

Public Health Nurses work with BCMH to:
• Identify children with special health care needs and refer them to appropriate doctors and other services and supports.

The Public Health Nurse can provide the following services to families:
• Visit the family and/or child in the home, school, Health District, etc.
• Help the family understand their child’s plan of treatment.
• Assist families with completing forms for BCMH.
• Attend Individualized Education Plan (IEP) meetings with family.
Territory Nurse Follow Up and Monitoring

The territory nurses follow up and monitor:

- Home births
- Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS)
- Abnormal newborn screenings
- Tuberculosis (TB) infection and disease
- Help Me Grow referrals
- Lead cases
- Referrals from Akron Children’s Hospital
  - Infants discharged from the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) who may need Public Health Nurse follow up and access to community services
- Canton City Schools - lice visits
Childhood Immunization Clinic

The childhood immunization clinic provides:

- Immunizations for infants through age 18
- Education for parents/guardians on age appropriate vaccinations for children

Open:  Monday, 8:20 – 11:20am and 1:20 – 3:20pm
        2nd Thursday of the month, 4:00pm - 6:40pm

- By appointment, please call 330-489-3322
  ✓ Age appropriate vaccines will be given if your child presents without an immunization record.
  ✓ Application for Sliding Fee Discount requires income and address verification.

Provides various off-site immunization clinics in the community

- Adolescent school-based clinics
- Influenza clinics
- Outreach clinics (Mercy St. Paul’s)
Travel Clinic

The travel clinic is for adults and children traveling to another country:
  • Immunizations
  • Health information/education

By appointment only

Cost for service
Prices available in the Nursing section of the Canton City Health District’s website
www.cantonhealth.org
Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Clinic

- The STI Clinic provides:
  - Testing, diagnosis, treatment and education for STD’s
  - Counseling and testing for HIV (AIDS) antibody

- Ages 13 and older
- Walk-in basis

- **Open**: Tuesdays and Fridays, 8:00am - 10:30am (doors open at 7:30am)

Disease Intervention Specialist (DIS)

- The DIS follows individuals diagnosed with syphilis and/or HIV. Sex partners of clients exposed to syphilis and/or HIV are notified. This follow up can occur either in the Health District clinic or in the community

- The DIS is trained to keep client’s identity confidential

- Makes referrals to other community resources such as medical care, support groups, counselors and legal or financial aid
Counseling and Testing Site (CTS) Clinic – HIV/AIDS Testing

The CTS Clinic provides:
• Counseling and testing for HIV (AIDS) antibody
• Education regarding AIDS transmission and prevention
• Confidential and anonymous testing

Age 13 and older
Walk-in basis
Open: Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 3:00pm; 2nd Thursday of the month, 4:00pm – 6:40pm
Couples HIV counseling and testing services are available
• Open: Wednesdays, 1:30pm – 3:00pm (by appointment only)
Various off-site HIV testing provided in the community

Health Services Coordinator
The Health Services Coordinator works with HIV/AIDS programming, community organizations and the Regional Advisory Group (RAG) to develop a comprehensive HIV prevention and education plan. Ensures that the program and services are accessible and culturally sensitive.
Tuberculosis (TB) Skin Testing

- Tuberculosis (TB) is caused by bacterium called Mycobacterium tuberculosis. You can get infected by breathing in TB germs that a person with TB coughs into the air.
- A skin test is a way to tell if you have TB infection
- Cost for service
- Walk-in basis

Open: Mondays, 8:00am – 11:00am
Dental Sealant Program

- The Health District’s Dental Sealant Program Manager and a Hygienist (contracted through the Health District) visit targeted Stark and Carroll County Schools to:
  - Screen for cavities; and
  - Apply sealant
- A Dentist is available for consultation with the dental sealant team as needed
- Free service

Educational Programs

- The nursing staff provides education in the community on:
  - Communicable diseases
  - STD’s & HIV (AIDS)
  - Immunizations for children and adults
  - Lead poisoning prevention
Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)

PREP focuses on educating direct-care staff of youth in foster care and those youth involved in the juvenile justice system ages 14 to 19 years old. This evidence-based curriculum includes both abstinence and contraception to prevent pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections (STI), including HIV/AIDS. These educational programs are provided exclusively to the youth in foster care and those involved with the juvenile justice system.

The curriculum also incorporates three adulthood readiness topics: 1) financial literacy, 2) healthy relationships and 3) educational career success.

Goals of Ohio PREP

- Reduce the rate of teen pregnancy and STI including HIV/AIDS
- Increase the number of youth in the target population who successfully transition to adulthood
- Increase and enhance workforce development of child welfare and juvenile justice professionals by providing standardized service training
- Develop a coalition of representatives of agencies/organizations from participating counties who work and are familiar with the target population
Communicable Disease Program

The communicable disease staff is responsible for the review and investigation of emerging and reportable infectious or communicable diseases within the Canton City Health District.

Program objectives:

• *Case investigation* – to gather specific details of a possible source, symptoms, contacts and course of illness

• *Surveillance* – to systematically collect and analyze numbers pertaining to specific diseases

• *Resource reference* – to facilitate access to medical and community resources

• *Education* – to provide health/disease information to healthcare professionals and the public (group presentations, written materials, etc.)

Coordination and collaboration with Stark County, Alliance City and Massillon City Health Districts, other local health jurisdictions and the Ohio Department of Health is an ongoing, integral component to the comprehensive operation of our program.
Women, Infants & Children (WIC)

- Laura Roach, WIC Director

- WIC Dietitians

- Breastfeeding Coordinator
  - Peer Helpers

- WIC Clinic Supervisor
  - WIC Assistants
What is WIC?

Women, Infants & Children (WIC) is a health program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture.

WIC reaches income-eligible pregnant, postpartum and breastfeeding women, infants and children up to five years of age with a health or nutrition risk.

The primary goal is to improve nutrition and overall health status of program participants.

Program eligibility information can be found in the WIC section of the Canton City Health District’s website at www.cantonhealth.org.
Services Provided

- Nutrition education and counseling
- Breastfeeding education and support
- Nutrition assessment
- Supplemental and nutritious foods
- Referrals to health care providers and community programs
Program Facts

WIC is a proven effective health care program:

- WIC improves pregnancy outcomes by providing or referring to support services necessary for full-term pregnancies
- WIC reduces infant mortality by reducing the incidence of low birth weight
- WIC provides infants and children with a healthy start in life by combating poor and/or inadequate diet
- WIC children are better immunized and are more likely to have a regular source of health care
WIC in Stark County

Canton City WIC is the lead agency for the Stark County WIC Project

Stark County WIC services over 6,000 program participants monthly at 4 clinic locations:

• Canton City Health District
• Alliance City Health Department
• Massillon City Health Department
• Stark County Combined General Health District

Interested applicants should call their local WIC offices for appointment information

• Contact information can be found in the WIC section of the Canton City Health District’s website at www.cantonhealth.org
Office of Public Health Information (OPHI)

**Epidemiology**
- Amanda Archer, Epidemiologist II

**Emergency Planning**
- Patty McConnell, Emergency Planning Coordinator

**Canton-Stark County THRIVE Infant Mortality Review**
- Dawn Miller, Project Manager
- Rochelle Reamy, Executive Assistant
- Latoya Dickens, Fetal Infant Mortality Review Coordinator
- Annie Butusov, Epidemiologist I
Epidemiology

Epidemiology is the study of medicine that deals with the distribution and determinants of health and disease, morbidity, injury, disability and mortality in populations.

**Epidemiologist Responsibilities:**

- Coordinate and conduct disease/outbreak investigation
- Collect, analyze and distribute public health data and information:
  - Provide information on existing, emerging, and/or potential health threats to medical care providers and the public:
    - Monthly EpiGram Report, Health Alert Network (HAN), Stark County Medical Society Newsletter, community presentations
  - Monitor and support surveillance activities for reportable disease as well as potential disease clusters
- Participate in Public Health Emergency Planning (PHEP)
- Assess the health status and health needs of Canton’s population
- Implement and evaluate interventions that are designed to improve the health of Canton’s population
Emergency Planning

The Emergency Planning Coordinator provides the following services:

- Writes and maintains emergency response plans for the Health District
- Manages the Health Alert Network (HAN) database and messaging
  - Provides community partners with health related information
  - Comprised of churches, government agencies, doctors, schools, veterinarians, fire & police, health departments, hospitals, stat cares, day cares and other community affiliates
- Manages social media outreach for information and emergency purposes and to promote programs and services offered by the Health District: Facebook, Twitter
- Serves as Public Information Officer
  - Health District point of contact to the media during an emergency situation that affects the health and well being of the community
Canton-Stark County

THRIVE

Toward Health Resiliency for Infant Vitality & Equity

- Improve infant mortality
- Eliminate disparities
- Built on broad based community collaboration
- Implement evidence based interventions
- Measure results for success
Fetal Infant Mortality Review

- The Fetal Infant Mortality Review (FIMR) Committee reviews individual cases of fetal and infant death.

- The purpose of FIMR is to assess a wide array of social, economic, health, educational, environmental and safety issues related to infant loss on a local level. This information is used to improve community resources and systems of care to reduce fetal and infant mortality.
Vital Statistics (VS)

- Jim Adams, Local Registrar
- Fiscal Officer
- Executive Assistant/Deputy Registrar
- Public Health Clerks
Services Provided

**Birth Certificates**
- Issue certified copies – any person born in Ohio
- Assist with correcting errors on birth certificates
- Register births that occur in the City of Canton
- Create birth certificates for non hospital births that occur in the City of Canton
- Assist with application to establish paternity for single parents

**Death Certificates**
- Issue certified copies – any person who died in the City of Canton
- Issue burial/cremation permits to funeral homes
- Register deaths that occur in the City of Canton
How to Obtain Vital Records

Certified birth and death certificates are available for purchase:

• At the Health District (Monday – Friday, 8:00am - 4:30pm)
• Through the mail
• Over the telephone (330-489-3231)
• On the internet http://www.cantonhealth.org/vital/vitalorder

Genealogy Services

• Birth and death records dating back to 1908
Contact Information

- Administration (330) 489-3231
- Air Pollution Control (330) 489-3385
- Environmental Health (330) 489-3327
- Laboratory (330) 489-3231
- Nursing (330) 489-3322
- Public Health Information (330) 489-3327
- Vital Statistics (330) 489-3231
- Women, Infants & Children’s (330) 489-3326
- Website www.cantonhealth.org
- E-mail info@cantonhealth.org
- Facebook https://www.facebook.com/pages/Canton-City-Health-Department/82193794276