

# Public Health Saves Lives

# HEALTH COMMISSIONER

2019 marked the 100th Anniversary of Public Health in Ohio. It has been a year of celebrating the accomplishments of public health to protect the health of our state populous. It is with great pleasure that I present the 2019 Annual Report for the Holmes County General Health District which provides a brief overview of our previous year and our goals and direction moving forward in 2020.

In 2019, the Health District completed a site visit with the Public Health Accreditation Board in the process of becoming accredited. We continue to work toward accreditation which is expected in late 2020. Becoming accredited will allow our health department to be held to the highest of standards in promoting public health in Holmes County.

The Community Health Assessment (CHA), Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP), and HCGHD Strategic plan continued to be a focal point in staff and community collaborative meetings throughout 2019. Through community feedback provided in the CHIP and CHA, we have been able to dedicate resources to priority populations and prevention efforts in the community.

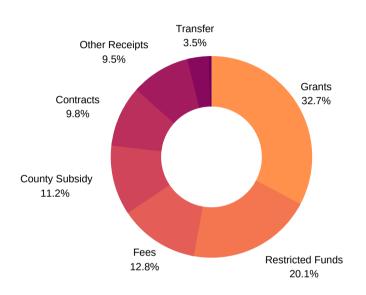
In 2019, the Health District continued to provide community outreach and education opportunities, more efficient program delivery and implementation, and introduced new programs. The Health District participated in the Holmes County Fair, Amish Health and Safety Day, and Killbuck Early American Days and hosted the Patriotic Falls Walk, Kids Day and the annual Sewage Installer's Meeting.

I could not be more proud of our fine staff and the Board of Health for the manner in which they shared, supported and implemented our programs and services. As stated from Benjamin Franklin, "An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." The Health District, with the support of our staff, Board of Health, and community partners, will continue to uphold the preventative values of public health in order to prepare Holmes County for a healthy future.

MICHAEL DERR, MBA Health Commissioner

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### **FINANCES**



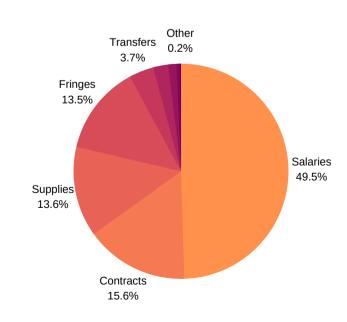
#### **INCOME**

**REVENUE \$1,887,057.41** 

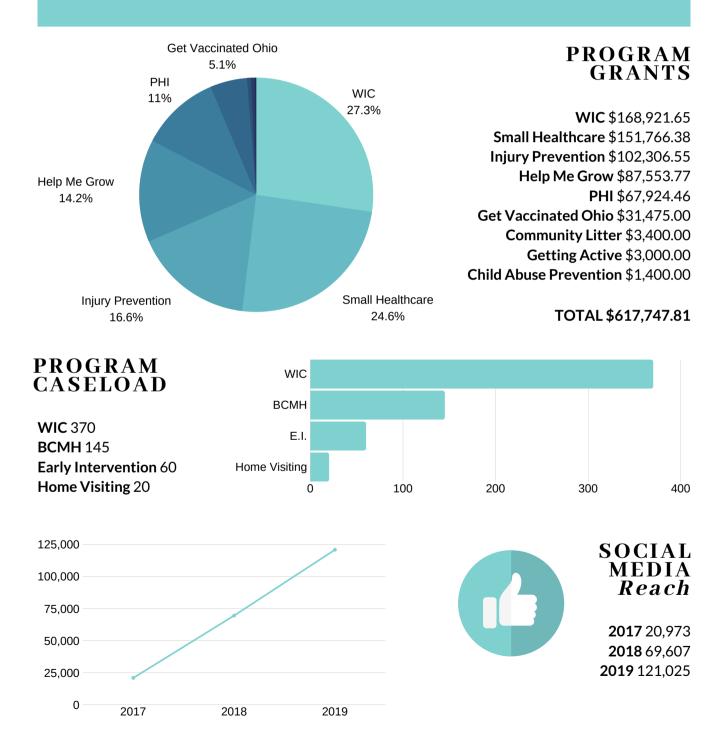
#### **EXPENSE**

Salaries \$935,717.37 Contracts \$293,892.12 Supplies \$256,231.86 Fringes \$254,519.93 Transfers \$70,015.02 Office Space \$42,753.88 Travel/Conference \$23,214.30 Equipment \$9,454.69 Other \$3,338.57

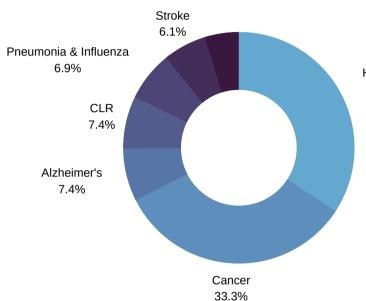
TOTAL \$1,889,137.74



## **PROGRAMS**



# VITALS STATISTICS



#### LEADING CAUSES of DEATH 2018

Heart Disease 34.2%

**Heart Disease** 79

Cancer 77

Alzheimer's 17

**Chronic Lower Respiratory 17** 

Pneumonia or Influenza 16

Stroke 14

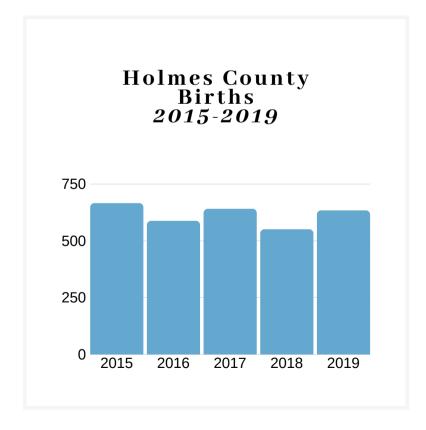
**Accidental Injury 11** 

# BIRTHS 2019

Births Records (Holmes County) 633 Hospital Births 521 Home Births 65 Birthing Center 47 Out-of-County Births 378 Certified Birth Certificates 2,128

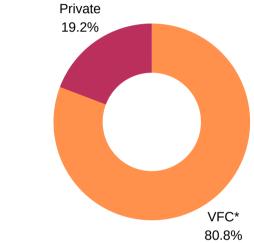
# **DEATHS 2019**

Deaths Recorded 315
Fetal Deaths 2
Infant Deaths 1
Deaths < Age 18 3
Injury Deaths 13
Certified Death Certificate 836



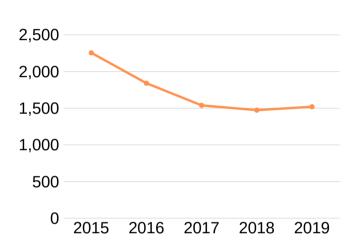
# DISEASE SURVEILLENCE & PREVENTION

# VFC & PRIVATE 2019



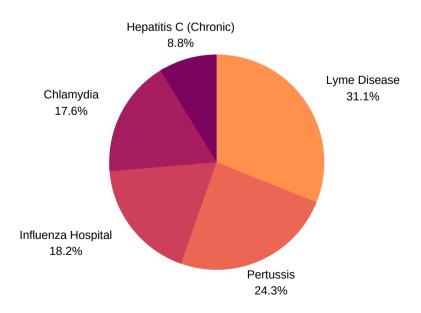
#### \*VFC: Vaccine for Children

# IMMUNIZATIONS 2015-2019



#### TOP 5 COMMUNICABLE DISEASES 2019

Lyme Disease 46
Pertussis 36
Influenza Hospital 27
Chlamydia 26
Hepatitis C (Chronic) 13



Totals based on combined Confirmed, Probable and Suspected cases.

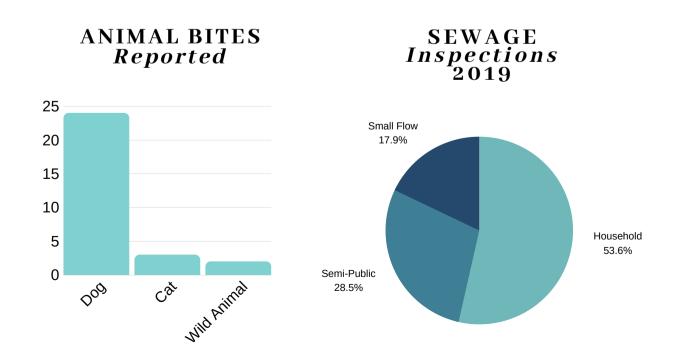
# ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH



**RFE** 

32.6%





#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

#### ESTHER SPRENG AWARD

#### **Beth Crone**



The Esther Spreng Award is presented to honor the memory of the late Esther Spreng who served as a Board of Health member and President of the Board of Health for many years in Holmes County. The award is given to a woman who has made significant contributions to the health and wellness of Holmes County. This year, the award was presented to Beth Crone, an employee at the Health Department. Beth has been a nurse with the Health Department for 32 years. She served as the Director of Nursing and now works at an Early Intervention Service Coordinator. In addition to her love for public health, Beth has a servant's heart. She truly cares for her clients, coworkers, and the Holmes County community. She is always willing to help wherever she is needed, be it at an immunization clinic, a communicable disease investigation, or at various outreach events. In addition to her role as an El Service Coordinator, Beth is an active member of the Quality Improvement Council and she is a certified Tai Chi instructor. Beth is a true public health servant whose service and dedication to the Holmes County community has not gone unnoticed.



#### **MAURICE MULLET AWARD**

#### Sam George

Each year, the HCGHD awards the Maurice Mullet award to an individual who shows exceptional dedication and service to the community. Dr. Mullet was a former Holmes County Health Commissioner, a family physician, and a dedicated public servant. This award is presented in his honor. In 2019, the recipient of the Maurice Mullet award was Sam George, a Registered Sanitarian in the Environmental Health department. Sam aims to make Holmes County a safe place to live, work and play. He has contributed to the growth of the Health District through hard work and dedication. Sam is willing to take on additional roles to assist with quality improvement, leadership responsibilities and assisting in the mentoring and coaching of new employees. He is open to new ideas, selfimprovement and takes on challenges. Sam helps the county maintain a clean and safe environment. It was an honor to acknowledge the contributions of Sam by awarding him with the 2019 Maurice Mullet award.

#### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION**

#### RETIREMENT

# 31 Years of Service Jon Croup

Jon Croup, Director of Environmental Health, retired from the Holmes County General Health District in 2019. Jon had been with the Health District for thirty-one years and for twenty-two of those years he served as the Director of Environmental Health. Jon was honored by the Board of Health with an official resolution to commemorate his retirement. Jon earned a distinguished reputation in Holmes County for his integrity, dedication, and respect for the people he served. His colleagues and staff expressed their admiration and gratitude for his leadership and commitment to providing high quality service to Holmes County residents. Jon has been an integral part of the Environmental Health department for many years, and will be missed by the Health District, the Board of Health, and the Holmes County community. We wish him the best in his retirement.



#### YEARS OF SERVICE

20 Years of Service Raquel Miller

5 Years of Service Jennifer Talkington

1 Year of Service Taylor Krebs

#### **EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT**

Rebecca Starner Sam George Beth Crone

#### **QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

Returning QI Kerry MacQueen Sam George Cathy Kick

First Year QI Julia DeNiro Jodi Gearhart Jeff Kaufman

