2021 SALEM CITY BOARD OF HEALTH

In compliance with Section 3707.47 of the Ohio Revised Code, this report is presented to the Citizens of the city of Salem, Salem City Council, and the Director of the Ohio Department of Health.

Its purpose is to offer a synopsis of the various activities of the Salem City Health Department throughout the calendar year 2021 in furtherance of the mission of the department:

The Salem Health Department exists for the residents of the city of Salem, Ohio:

- To protect people from disease and injury,
- Monitor health status,
- Assure a safe and healthy environment,
- Promote healthy lifestyles,
- Address the need for personal health services and administer the health district as required by Chapter 3709 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SALEM CITY BOARD OF HEALTH 2021 ANNUAL REPORT

The Salem City Board of Health consists of community minded individuals who combine their wide variety of experience and expertise to direct the Salem City Health District (SCHD). The objective of the Board is to assist and support the SCHD in achieving their mission of improving, protecting and providing for the health and safety of the people of Salem. This year has again found us all involved in the continued response to COVID19 and navigating the everchanging landscape. With health care, food service, public service and management skill sets, the Board works to serve as liaisons, advocates, authorities, and directors for the SCHD on these and other issues.

In a time when Public Health is more important than ever, the Board has worked to encourage and support the continued authority and adherence to scientific data for the district. This included working with elected state officials to have our voice heard at the state level on proposed legislation. The challenges the pandemic has presented have allowed the department to show its excellence and offer outstanding service to our community.

The department has furthered its work towards accreditation which will allow continuance of the exceptional local and accessible services to which our city has become accustomed. The Board is responsible for the continued fiscal status of the department along with staffing, expansion, legal and policy issues. Addition of the City of Salem Housing Department under the umbrella of the Health District has allowed quicker resolution, improved communication and continuity of response on city wide issues. The Board also reviews the Community Health Needs Assessment and Community Health Improvement Plan which address how the SCHD can best provide for local needs and support programs. Very importantly this year, the Board has supported the staff in their COVID response efforts. Approving increased staffing needs, equipment and materials, helped by grant monies, has been a vital role for the Board. We are extremely proud of the SCHD’s interactions with our community partners both county wide and city wide and the Department’s ability to handle even the most monumental events while continuing local services.

Despite unexpected and enormous challenges this year, the Board continues to take great pride in our exceptional staff. Those who work in Public Health are dedicated professionals and our staff is the classic example. They have given of their time and talents in the most selfless manner. The City of Salem should be thankful that we have our own Health District and its incredible staff within our city ready to protect us.

Respectfully submitted,
Salem City Board of Health

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

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SALEM CITY 2021 PERSONNEL

Health Commissioner
Alanna Stainbrook BSN, RN
Medical Director
Joseph Rousher D.O.
Director of Nursing
Kristin Toy BSN, RN
Public Health Nurse
Marilyn Wilson, RN
Sheri Egli, LPN
Director of Environmental Health
Alan Masters, REHS
Registrar of Vital Statistics
Terri Hunter
Deputy Registrar
Sara Houchins
Director of Housing
Sal Salvino
Accreditation Coordinator
Sara Houchins

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

With deep gratitude to all, in a year with so many lives needlessly taken, we turn the page on turmoil, respecting how we as a public health community were shaken. COVID 19 is still playing havoc on our socialization and the lives of our residents. Many variants have come to the surface this year, including Mu, Delta and Omicron. I walk the streets of Salem and see individuals with masks on and others without. I wonder how many of our residents have been fully vaccinated. It is so important to be vaccinated against this wicked virus with Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Now more than ever, it’s critical to follow prevention strategies including getting vaccinated, getting a booster shot if eligible, wearing face masks, washing your hands frequently, getting tested, and staying home if sick, even if symptoms are mild.

Our accreditation documentation was uploaded into Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) on November 19, 2021. We are awaiting our site visit, which should occur sometime in 2022.

The Salem City Health District Nursing Division promoted Kristin Toy BSN, RN to the Director of Nursing position. We also hired two part-time public health nurses, Marilyn Wilson, RN and Sheri Egli, LPN. COVID 19 continues to consume their time with case investigations, contact tracings and vaccine clinics. In the City of Salem there were 1504 COVID 19 cases with 19 deaths from COVID 19. Please get vaccinated to protect yourselves, your loved ones, and our community. We will continue to fight for you, when you won’t fight for yourself. Please get vaccinated. Quarantine if you are symptomatic and get tested.

Salem City Health District welcomed the Housing Division as part of the Environmental Health Department, with Sal Salvino as the Housing Director. Environmental Health continues to investigate COVID 19 complaints and welcomes new food service organizations into the city. The Housing Director worked on Vacant Structures and will continue to investigate complaints regarding rental units.

The Vital Statistics Department continues to issue birth and death certificates. We have remained consistent with the past years. With the resignation of Pat Howard, Sara Houchins was hired as the Deputy Registrar.

As we continue to battle this virus pandemic and many other issues and concerns in public health, be strong, be well, be resilient. Care for your families, friends, colleagues, and our nation’s community, for our public health work will triumph, as we turn all corners on the nation’s immunity. Leaning our gaze to a new and more health work will triumph, as we turn all corners on the colleagues, and our nation’s community, for our public strong, be well, be resilient. Care for your families, friends, many other issues and concerns in public health, be

For the capacity for hope is within our collective, human might.

Alanna Stainbrook, BSN, RN
Health Commissioner
VACCINES FOR CHILDREN (VFC) PROGRAM
The Vaccines for Children program is a publicly funded program and is open to individuals who are eligible for Medicaid, uninsured, underinsured, Alaska Native and American Indian. Vaccines available at SCHD include DTap, Haemophilus Influenzae Type B (HIB), Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B, Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Influenza, Meningitis ACWY, Meningitis B, MMR, Pneumococcal, Polio, Rotavirus, TDaP, and Varicella.

ADULT 317 PROGRAM
The adult 317 program is a publicly funded program and is open to adults over the age of 18 who are uninsured or underinsured. Currently, the vaccines available at SCHD include Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Influenza and TDaP. The CDC recommends any adult that will be in the company of a newborn should get a TDaP immunization to protect themselves and the child against pertussis, also known as whooping cough.

DISEASES REPORTED IN SALEM CITY JURISDICTION YEAR-TO-DATE 2021

VAXCARE
Vaxcare is a program for insured or self-pay participants. At the current time we offer influenza and high dose influenza for individuals over the age of 65.

YEAR END 2021 COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT
In looking at the year-end communicable disease report extracted from the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS), the City of Salem's most prevalent communicable disease remained COVID-19 with 1515 reported cases. That was a 110.42% increase from 2020. Chlamydia, which was previously the most prevalent communicable disease in the city before the emergence of Covid-19, was down from 24 cases in 2020 to 22 cases in 2021. That is a 8.33% decline (25% decrease from 2019). Gonorrhea cases had been on the rise in the previous few years, topping with 14 cases in 2020. 2021 saw only 6 cases reported, which is a 57.14% decline. There were 12 cases of Chronic Hepatitis C and 2 cases of Chronic Hepatitis B. There were 4 cases of CP-CRE reported in 2021, which is equivalent to the number of cases reported in the previous 4 years combined and a 75% increase from 2020. 1 case each of Campylobacteriosis, Cryptosporidiosis, E. coli, Haemophilus influenzae, Lyme disease, aseptic/viral Meningitis, Streptococcal Group A (invasive), and Streptococcus Pneumoniae. These numbers are all similar to previous years' values. 2 cases of Candida Auris and 1 case of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease were reported in 2021, neither of these communicable diseases have been reported in the Salem City jurisdiction in the past. All total communicable disease for the City of Salem increased 99.5%, the great majority of that increase being the past. All total communicable disease for the City of Salem's most prevalent communicable disease remained Covid-19, was down from 24 cases in 2020 to 22 cases in 2021.

CLINIC ACTIVITY 2021

NURSING DIVISION
Salem City Health District (SCHD) promoted Kristin Toy, RN, BSN to Director of Nursing and hired Marilyn Wilson, RN and Sheri Egli, LPN as part-time Public Health Nurses. The Public Health Division has continued giving vaccines to children and adults through the VFC, 317 and Vaxcare programs.
COVID-19 GLOBAL PANDEMIC - YEAR 2
After emerging as a new virus that spread throughout the world, creating a global pandemic in 2020, no one expected Covid to still be going strong at the end of 2021 but unfortunately, Covid has proven to be very tenacious. As we entered 2021, the new Covid vaccines gave us hope of returning to what we called normal life. We started by vaccinating the oldest and most vulnerable of our population and vaccinated our way through the generations. It was an honor to get to meet so many, and such a variety of people from the community. People were excited to be vaccinated and spoke of getting to see family they hadn’t seen since Covid began and returning to their normal activities. Many shared stories of being vaccinated for military service, many more recalled when the polio vaccine came out and even more yet shared memories of the old school building that SCHD is now housed in. As people chatted and laughed while they waited their 15 minutes, one could sense the hope we all had of returning to normalcy. The spring and early summer months offered a reprieve as Covid numbers declined to the lowest numbers since the beginning of the pandemic. The City of Salem had only 10 Covid cases in the month of June. Unfortunately, this reprieve was short lived and with the emergence of the Delta variant, Covid cases drastically started to rise in August and continued through the end of the year, each month surpassing the previous one. Coinciding with the increase of cases, was a drastic increase in Covid related hospitalizations, as well as an increase in Covid-related deaths. Our small Salem community lost far too many of our own during these months. The Delta variant brought additional challenges. It did not discriminate between the old and the young, the healthy and the “vulnerable”, even children were considered at risk. The unvaccinated were at significantly higher risk of severe illness or death. While some of the vaccinated still got Covid, most often they recovered. Since the emergence of Covid-19, in the State of Ohio, there have been 2,659,929 reported Covid cases, 112,867 Covid-related Hospitalizations and 37,018 Covid-related deaths. Columbiana County has had 24,280 reported cases, 1,059 Covid-related hospitalizations and 37,018 Covid-related deaths. These numbers are staggering and many of us have been affected by the loss of a loved one, a friend, a neighbor or a colleague. As we neared the end of 2021 scientists and politicians started talking about “learning to live with Covid” and “the new normal”. While some of us may grieve the loss for how things used to be, we can move forward. We are a resilient community and the City of Salem has shown that it will come together and support each other when and where needed. Our “new normal” may look a bit different but we’ll be stronger for what we have endured.

VITAL STATISTICS DIVISION
Over the years, the federal and state governments have traditionally cooperated to improve vital statistics. Ohio birth and death records, dating back to 1908, are available thru Ohio Health Department offices. Certified death certificates are only available in the city or county where the person died but certified Ohio birth certificates are available at all ODH offices. All certified certificates have a Registrar’s raised, embossed seal, Registrar’s signature and the date the certificate was filed with the Registrar’s office.

BIRTH & DEATH INFORMATION
Birth Certificates are now filed by the hospital. This allows parents to purchase newborn certificates within days of birth. If a person was born in Ohio, you may purchase a Certified Ohio Birth Certificate at any ODH office. Deaths – Funeral homes, the Coroner’s office and Physicians are now encouraged to e-file death certificates directly to Ohio Health Departments. These changes enable a quicker turn around time for the filing of death certificates. We are also linked with VitalChek, an official source for ordering records throughout the country. Our customers can access this website at www.vitalchek.com and follow the easy instructions to place an order for a birth or death certificate online. In most instances, we can offer same day issuance. The entire online transaction is fully encrypted and firewall protected. This process can also be completed via phone orders by calling during business hours. VitalChek also provides us with the ability to process walk-in orders by accepting most credit cards.

ADOPTION INFORMATION
When a legal adoption is finalized, the government seals the original birth certificate and issues a replacement, substituting the individual’s birth name with the name selected by the adoptive parents, and replacing the birth parents’ names with the adoptive parents. In those cases, adopted individuals are not granted access to their own original birth certificates. As of March 20, 2015, adoptees in Ohio gained access to their birth records. This is to shed light on their biological backgrounds and provide potential life-saving medical histories.

Paternity Affidavit Information
All Ohio Health Departments have access to Acknowledgment of Paternity Affidavit forms. If a man voluntarily acknowledges a parent and child relationship by signing an acknowledgment of paternity affidavit, he assumes the parental duty of support which may be enforced through a child support order. Both parents are required to sign this affidavit in front of a Notary Public.

2021 BIRTHS & DEATHS REGISTERED*

| Death Total | 385 |
| Females    | 167 |
| Males      | 218 |

Manner of Death

| Natural     | 350 |
| Accidental  | 13  |
| Drug Related| 7  |
| Suicide     | 2  |
| Homicide    | 0  |
| Undetermined| 4  |

2021 VITAL STATISTICS

| Birth Certificates Issued | 1,609 |
| Death Certificates Issued | 1,672 |
| Disposition Permits Authorized | 267 |
| Phone - Online Orders | 731 |
| Medical Supplements Issued | 64 |
| Death Affidavits Issued | 88 |
| VA Death Certificates | 4 |

*Due to the closing of the Birthing Unit at Salem Regional Medical Center, the only “Registered” births for the City are home births. The actual “Registered” deaths are based on pronounced in the city of Salem.
ENVIROMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION
2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

1. Rabies/Animal Bite Program – In the year of 2021 the Salem City Health District investigated 40 dogs, 16 cats, 2 mouse and 1 ferret bites. Of the bite victim 3 started on Rabies Postexposure Prophylaxis (PEP) and 1 victim declined. The PEP use was indicated in the cases were 2 dogs, one cat and one bat were not able to be captured for observation quarantine or testing. Also, in the rabies program SCHD responded to 18 sick raccoon and 3 sick skunk reports. Of the 18 raccoons; 2 were not captured, 10 were tested positive to distemper, 2 were deemed injured and were euthanized as injuries considered life threatening. Lastly, 4 raccoons were observed for the ODNR permitted 4 days and were deemed healthy and returned to their neighborhood.

2. FSO/RFE Program – The FSO/RFE program for the year was another year of combing COVID 19 protocols along with Food Safety. In as such the number one violation for the year was employee face mask utilization. Additional primary violations included equipment in poor repair, food and nonfood contact surfaces unclean to sight and touch, foods not dated properly, and incorrect sanitizer concentration. In addition, as Salem City has several older facilities, facility violations included cutting boards with deep grooves and non-cleanable, facility in need of more frequent cleaning and physical facility in poor repair. There were 62 food service complaints with 40 of the complaints being employee/management complaints and 22 complaints that were verifiable and resolved within the 72-hour remediation orders.

3. Nuisance Complaints – Processed via SCHD there were 44 nuisance complaints handled by SCHD during the year. All the complaints were garbage complaints. The complaints were remediated within one trash pick-up cycle.

4. Public Pools – One reportable public pool injury incident was reported in the for the 2021 recreational season. This incident was a trip and fall on the pool apron. The recreations pools maintained high levels of health and safety compliance throughout the year.

5. Body Art – There were 6 cease and desist orders for the year provided to nonregistered home body art operations and these orders remain active. The registered operations and artists also maintained a high degree of health and safety compliance during the year.

6. Vector/Zoonotic Diseases – East State Street Rodent Incident – is still active and however the parties have stated that the rodent issues are pretty much resolved and are awaiting additional mandated repairs to neighboring properties. SCHD mosquito trapping was minimal for the year because of vandalism of the traps throughout the season.

7. Housing Update – Submitted by Sal Salvino – Director of Housing Inspection Breakdown:
   Total Inspections: 342
   Total Re-inspections: 474
   Total Re-inspections Passed: 272
   Total Re-inspections Failed: 202

   Violation Detail:
   Unsanitary conditions: 165
   Parking in yard/Expired Plates: 41
   Improper Trash Storage: 25
   Faulty weather protection: 34
   Trucutural violations: 44
   Overgrown vegetation: 33
   Electrical requirements: 4
   Smoke detectors: 3
   Grass violations: 99
   Condemnation/Unfit dwelling: 8
   Screens for habitable rooms: 5
   Hazardous plumbing: 1
   Windows for habitable rooms: 12
   Nuisance: 5

   Cabinets: 1
   Lack of trash disposal: 1
   Fire extinguisher: 3
   Fire hazard: 1
   Inadequate sanitation: 7
   Court citation: 2
   Abandoned/Junk vehicles: 4
   Action during emergency: 1
   Minimum thermal standards: 1
   Faulty kitchen sink: 2
   Lack of functioning stove: 1
   Faulty flush water closet: 1
   Faulty lavatory sink: 1
   Lack of water heating facilities: 1

SALEM CITY HEALTH DEPARTMENT 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT
NOTE: This is an unaudited financial statement.

REVENUE
   Local funds
   Carryover .......................... $47,243.90
   Local General Revenue ........ $61,515.00
   Personal Health Services .... $601.00
   Environmental Health Services $30,859.09
   Vital Statistics ..................... $88,389.49
   Donations ........................ $65.73
   Miscellaneous Income ........ $14.00
   State Funds
   COVID-19 Funding ................ $97,494.27
   State subsidy .................... $3,398.77
   Federal Funds ................... $0.00
   TOTAL REVENUE ............. $329,581.25

REMITTED FUNDS
   Fees remitted to ODH, ODA and ODC ........ $48,496.12

EXPENDITURES
   Community Health ............. $34,222.00
   Environmental Health ....... $500.00
   General Administration ....... $0.00
   Vital Statistics ................ $44,109.55
   Accreditation ................ $5,600.00
   TOTAL EXPENDITURES ....... $84,431.55

TOTAL MONIES RECEIPTED FOR 2021
   CERTIFIED BIRTH CERTIFICATES $21,787.00
   CERTIFIED DEATH CERTIFICATES $22,321.76
   BURIAL PERMITS ................ $134.00
   VACCINE ADMINISTRATION FEES $179.00
   TUBERCULOSIS SCREENING PROGRAM FEES $422.00
   MISCELLANEOUS ............... $79.73
   FOOD SERVICE LICENSES .... $30,859.09
   TATTOO PERMITS ............... $392.00
   SWIMMING POOL LICENSES .... $815.00
   YEARLY FILING FEE CERTIFICATION FOR 2019 $0.00

REMITTANCE FEES TO THE STATE OF OHIO
   VITAL RECORD CERTIFIED COPY FEE $42,979.12
   FOOD SERVICE ................ $3,162.00
   SWIMMING POOLS ............... $350.00
   DIVISION OF REAL ESTATE - BURIAL PERMITS $715.00

ACCREDITATION COORDINATOR
We continue to strive to upload documentation for accreditation purposes. We had several measures reopened and was required to resubmit new documentation within 30 days; however, with COVID 19 looming over us, we were unable to submit until 11/24/2021. We are waiting for the dates of our site visit.