

Protecting Health Improving Lives



Columbus Public Health 2015 Annual Report



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Columbus Public Health's Mission is Protecting Health and Improving Lives.

Our key mission is that the Columbus community is protected from disease and other public health threats, and that everyone is empowered to live healthier, safer lives. Columbus Public Health strives to be the leader for identifying public health priorities and mobilizing resources and community partnerships to address them. I am proud to share our 2015 report.



- Teresa C. Long, MD, MPH, Health Commissioner

Columbus is the opportunity city - and an active and healthy city provides opportunity for all residents. As one of the first accredited health departments in Ohio, Columbus Public Health is working to protect the health and improve the lives of everyone who lives, works and plays in our great city. Together, we are working to eliminate health disparities so everyone has the opportunity for a healthier and safer life.



- Andrew J. Ginther, Mayor

Why Our Work is Important:

65% Over 65% of adults are overweight
OVERWEIGHT

20 YEARS 20 year gap in life expectancy based on where you live

12% DIABETES Nearly 12% have diabetes

150 BABIES 150 babies die each year before their first birthday

22% SMOKE Over 22% smoke

Improving the Health of Mothers, Babies & Families

We are helping all babies live to celebrate their first birthdays by improving all areas that impact health. Our goal is to reduce infant mortality by 40% and cut the racial disparity in half. Here are some of the ways we worked to achieve our goal in 2015:



172,680 WIC clinic visits for healthy foods and nutrition education

863 pack 'n plays distributed for infants without a safe sleep surface

664 infant/child car seats distributed

70+ public presentations on the ABCs of Safe Sleep

66 community meetings for 400+ residents of Near East, Near South and Linden neighborhoods

4 South Side residents trained as Connector Corps community health workers

First Ladies Summit held for women faith leaders in Columbus

2,547 new mothers and their newborns were visited by a nurse

616 families received pregnancy and infant health services at home

265 Franklin County families with a fetal or infant loss were offered support

40 pregnant women were helped to quit smoking

2,284 women and their partners received reproductive health services

63% of WIC participants who gave birth began breastfeeding

Preparing for and Responding to Emergencies

We ensure our community is protected from disease and other public health threats by analyzing health indicators, investigating infectious diseases and implementing public health interventions. Our 2015 successes include:



476 travelers

from West Africa monitored for 21 days each during the largest Ebola outbreak in history

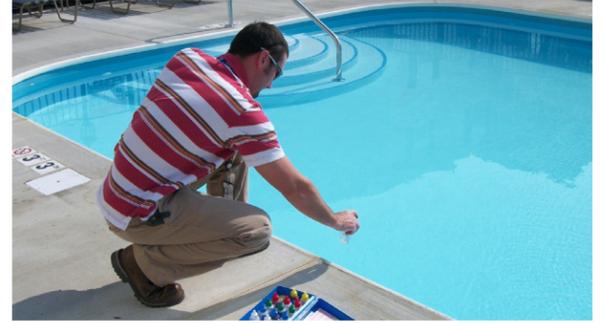


1,500 people per hour

served during a full scale mass antibiotics dispensing exercise

Preventing the Spread of Infectious Diseases

We work with local emergency responders, healthcare providers and community organizations to stop the spread of deadly diseases and protect health. In 2015:



5,019 students
in 132 schools vaccinated



6,646 food service facilities
licensed and inspected



8,252 standing bodies of water
treated to prevent mosquitoes

103 infectious disease outbreaks investigated

3,898 individual infectious disease reports investigated

PrEP (Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis) education to reduce the risk of HIV

963 domesticated animals quarantined or tested for rabies

145 square miles sprayed to eliminate disease-carrying mosquitoes

750 pools, spas and spray parks licensed to keep water safe

8,773 clients received clinical sexual health services

1,510 HIV and 4,075 syphilis tests were provided at community sites

2,457 people living with HIV got support needed to better manage their illness

152 pregnant women with hepatitis B were helped to prevent their babies from being exposed

29,672 immunizations given to protect residents from preventable diseases

70 active and 124 suspect TB cases provided treatment and follow-up

Reducing Chronic Diseases

We are combating obesity and related chronic diseases through active living features such as protected bike lanes, CoGo stations, walking maps, community gardens and farmers markets. Thanks to our work in 2015:



1,507 walkers participated in Columbus Walk With a Doc Walking Clubs



545 cyclists biked in the Mayor's Twilight Ride Finale



15 schools participated in Safe Routes to Schools

57,790 individuals had healthier food and physical activity options through 26 partner organizations

53,327 students impacted by Columbus City Schools Travel Plan, improving safety and transportation for area schools

\$26,280 in support was provided to 160 community gardens

2,200 children improved their food and activity options while in childcare

674 residents involved in April's Minority Health Month activities

384 walkers joined in Columbus Art Walks and Landmark Talks

900+ residents engaged in a Local Food Action Plan to improve food options

15 schools took part in activities to help more kids walk or bike to school

Lowering Disparities to Achieve Health Equity

Good health is more than just health care. Jobs, education, access to care, housing, safety and where you live all play a role. As a result, health disparities - or differences - occur among different groups of people in our community. We are working to achieve health equity so that all people have the same options for good health. Here's how:



16,745 people received alcohol and drug prevention services



968 clients provided addiction counseling or were in specialized groups



3,161 vouchers totaling \$47,415 distributed to WIC clients at our annual Farmers Markets

New Central Health Advisory Committee added serving the Greater Linden, Milo Grogan and North Central communities. (Added to existing groups for North Side, South Side, Near East and Westside.)

First **Greater Columbus LGBTQ Health Equity Conference** held

36 cultural competency trainings for more than 1,100 residents

Kept status as a Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality by the Human Rights Campaign

Monitoring the Community's Health Status

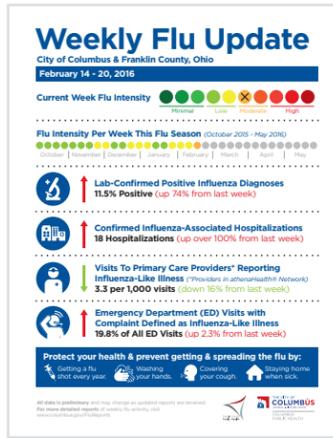
We aim to be a leader in monitoring and identifying public health priorities and mobilizing resources and community partnerships to address them. To help inform and guide our efforts in 2015, we:

Produced monthly and quarterly **infant mortality reports**.

Provided **weekly surveillance** on influenza, heat and cold related illnesses and other infectious diseases.

Published **9 key health status reports** to guide community efforts.

Distributed **nitrate health advisories** to inform residents and distributed bottled water to needy pregnant women and infants in areas with high nitrates in the drinking water.



Increasing Access to Health Care

Increasing residents' access to quality, affordable health care is one of the ways we protect health and improve lives. Here are some highlights of our work in 2015:



3,964 health screenings provided at 462 community sites

2,149 individuals received dental treatment services

388 applications for Medicaid and 97 for Health Insurance Marketplace processed

5,537 children given dental screening and 3,852 received dental sealants

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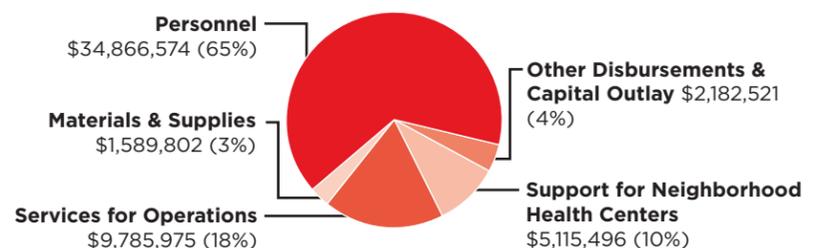
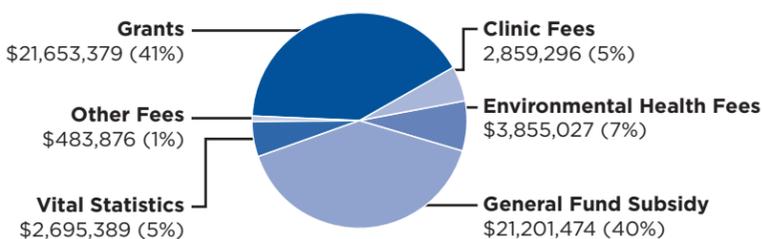
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Our Budget

2015 Total Receipts (By Source) - \$52,748,441

2015 Total Expenditures (By Category) - \$53,540,368



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