



# WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

## Prevent-Promote-Protect



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## NEWS & INFORMATION

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### National Public Health Week

#### We Want Your Input!

A survey has been developed that will allow Warren County seniors, their families, and their caregivers to identify their priorities to improve the quality of life for Warren County seniors.

The results of the survey will be used to bridge gaps in services, evaluate existing program goals, and showcase the importance of existing programs in the community.

Please take a moment to fill out this survey to help the Warren County Senior Services Task Force understand how we can help to improve the quality of life for Warren County seniors. Take the survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZVQXOK>

Public health promotes and protects the health of people and the communities where they live, learn, work and play.

While a doctor treats people who are sick, those of us working in public health try to prevent people from getting sick or injured in the first place. We also promote wellness by encouraging healthy behaviors.

From conducting scientific research to educating about health, people in the field of public health work to assure the conditions in which people can be healthy. That can mean vaccinating children and adults to prevent the spread of disease. Or educating people about the risks of alcohol and

tobacco. Public health sets safety standards to protect workers and develops school nutrition programs to ensure kids have access to healthy food.

Public health works to track disease outbreaks, prevent injuries and shed light on why some of us are more likely to suffer from poorer health than others.

The many facets of public health include speaking out for laws that promote smoke-free indoor air and seatbelts, spreading the word about ways to stay healthy and giving science-based solutions to problems.

The Warren County Health District (WCHD) is dedicated to making Warren County a healthy place to live, work, and play by

preventing the spread of disease, promoting health lifestyles, and protecting the community from exposure to health risks. The Warren County Health Levy enables WCHD to investigate infectious disease outbreaks, provide primary care services, link individuals to other healthcare and behavioral care services, build community partnerships, and investigate environmental public health hazards.

The dedicated staff at WCHD provide quality, accessible, respectful, and credible services to all members of the community. WCHD is working to build a healthier Warren County every day.

For more information regarding the programs and services offered by the WCHD visit [www.warrenchd.com](http://www.warrenchd.com).

**The 2017 WCHD Annual Report is now available!**

Visit our website at [www.warrenchd.com](http://www.warrenchd.com) to view this document.

### Rabies Control Program

State law requires all animal bites from animals with the ability to transmit rabies to humans be reported to the local health department for investigation.

Upon receipt of an animal bite report, our Environmental Health Staff issues a written quarantine notice to the owner of the dog, cat, ferret, pig, or other domestic animal capable of contracting and transmitting rabies. The animal can be quarantined at its usual residence or at an animal boarding establishment for the duration of

the quarantine. Following the quarantine period the animal's condition is checked for symptoms of rabies. The animal is subsequently released from quarantine, if properly vaccinated against rabies. At the end of the quarantine period the victim is notified of the animal's condition.

If a problem is found with the condition of the domestic

animal involved in the bite or if a wild animal is involved, the animal is humanely euthanized, the rabies specimen collected and the specimen is sent by courier to Columbus, Ohio, for rabies analysis.

For more information visit the WCHD website at [www.warrenchd.com](http://www.warrenchd.com) or call the WCHD Environmental Division at 513-695-1220.



## Need a Birth Certificate?

The State of Ohio has statewide issuance for birth certificates. If you or your loved one were born anywhere in Ohio you can come to or contact our office to obtain a certified copy of your birth certificate.

It is quick, easy and convenient, just follow the procedure below. Certified copies of death certificates that are on file at the Warren County Combined Health District can also be obtained by one of the following procedures:



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1. Visit the Warren County Health District office located at 416 South East St. Lebanon during office hours, 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday thru Friday.

2. Request by mail. Please mail the request form, check or money order for \$22 per copy requested and a self-addressed stamped envelope to: Warren County Health District Birth and Death Records 416 South East Street, Lebanon OH, 45036. Request forms can be found on our website at

[www.warrenhd.com/home/birth-and-death-records](http://www.warrenhd.com/home/birth-and-death-records)

3. For your convenience, you can also process online requests through an independent company, VitalChek and all major credit cards are accepted, including American Express®, Discover®, MasterCard®, or Visa®. There is no need to pay for extra shipping, all certificates ordered from the Warren County Combined Health District will be processed in 1-2 business days.

For more information check our website at [www.warrenhd.com](http://www.warrenhd.com) or call 513-695-1249.

## Hepatitis B

Hepatitis B is the most common serious liver infection in the world. It is caused by the Hepatitis B virus (HBV) that attacks liver cells and can lead to liver failure, cirrhosis (scarring) or cancer of the liver later in life. The virus is transmitted through contact with infected blood and bodily fluids.

The good news is that there is a safe and effective vaccine for Hepatitis B. More than 1 billion doses have been given around the world. The vaccine is a series of three shots given over a six-month period that will provide a lifetime of protection. You cannot get Hepatitis B from the vaccine – there is no human blood or live virus in the vaccine. The American Academy of Pediatrics is now recommending the Hepatitis B vaccine for all newborns and children up to 18 years of age, and all high-risk adults. All infants should receive the first dose of the vaccine at birth, or before leaving the hospital. In Ohio, children need the Hepatitis B vaccine for school entry. We also recommend this vaccine for anyone who lives in close contact with, or is a sexual



partner of an infected individual. In addition, the vaccine is recommended to anyone who is at risk of infection through their job, lifestyle choices, or other life circumstances. Those at risk for contracting Hepatitis B:

- Health care workers and emergency Personnel
- Infants born to mothers who are infected at the time of delivery
- Partners or individuals living in close household contact with someone who is infected
- Individuals who have had multiple sex partners, or who have been diagnosed with an STD
- Individuals who use illegal drugs
- Men who have sex with men
- Individuals who received a blood transfusion prior to 1992
- Individuals who get tattoos or body piercings
- Individuals who adopt children from or travel to countries where Hepatitis B is common (Asia, Africa, South

America, the Pacific Islands, Eastern Europe, and the Middle East)

- Individuals migrating from countries where Hepatitis B is common, or are born to parents who migrated from these countries
- The Warren County Health District offers the vaccine as well as most doctors offices. For more information on vaccination services offered by the Warren County Health District visit [www.warrenhd.com](http://www.warrenhd.com) or call 513-695-1228.

### 2018 County Health Rankings

Warren County was ranked as the **5<sup>th</sup> healthiest** county in health outcomes and **2<sup>nd</sup> healthiest** in health factors among the 88 counties in Ohio.

For the full report visit:  
[www.countyhealthrankings.org](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org)