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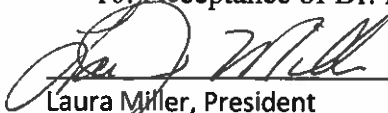
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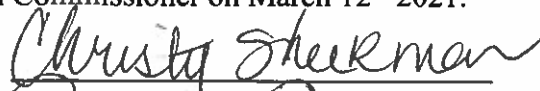
## Board of Health Agenda

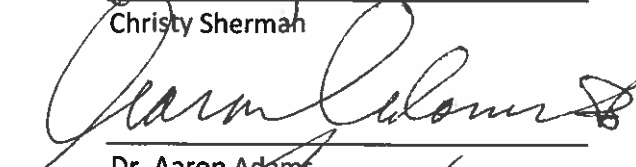
Meeting Called to order:

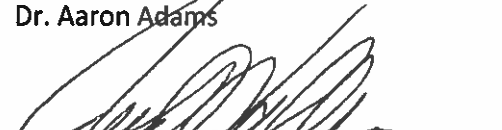
1. Approve Minutes.
2. Approve- Payment of Bills and Financial Report.
3. Review and Approve 2020 Annual Report
4. C.A.R.E.S. Reimbursements.
  - Discussion concerning non-payment and effects on funds.
  - Future plans for C.A.R.E.S. Cost Reimbursements.
  - Future MAC Time Study Participants and Reimbursements.
5. Purchase new office equipment.
  - 1 Desk Nursing
  - 7 Desks Admin and Environmental and file cabinets and shelving.
6. Environmental.
  - Approve Repair Replacement of septic systems for Little's Excavating.
    - i. \$7350.00
    - ii. \$220.00
7. Nursing Report.
8. Health Commissioner's Report.
9. Acceptance of Dr. Walker's Resignation of Health Commissioner on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.
10. Acceptance of Dr. Michael Martin as Health Commissioner on March 12<sup>th</sup> 2021.

  
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Laura Miller, President

  
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Sean Sturgill

  
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Christy Sherman

  
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Dr. Aaron Adams

  
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Health Commissioner,  
Board of Health Secretary

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## SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

March 12, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Miller, Christy Sherman, Dr. Adams, Sean Sturgill

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Jerod Walker, Melissa Spears, Tracey Henderson, Garet Bennett, Dr. Michael Martin

### Meeting called to order– 12:10pm

1. **Approve the minutes of previous board meeting.** Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
2. **Approve Financial Report and payment of the bills.** Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
3. Submitted the 2020 Annual Report to the Board. Motion for approval – Dr. Adams; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.
4. **Discussed the delay of our last 2020 CARES Reimbursement from the county.** The Board instructed the Health Commissioner to inquire about the delay and the anticipated time for payment.
5. **Board approval for the purchase of new equipment and desks for the staff to move across the street to new location.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

### Environmental Report – Garet Bennett, Director

The Board approved payment to Little's Excavating of the Tri-State for work completed for the Repair/Replacement Program of Failing Septic Systems \$7,350.00. Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second-Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

The Board approved moving ahead with the hiring of a new employee for sanitarian. Motion to approve – Sean Sturgill; Second- Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

### 6. Nursing Report – Tracey Henderson, Director

#### COVID-19:

##### Cases:

I am no longer able to run total cases out of the Ohio Disease Reporting System for County only. They no longer allow a total case data pull. Total for County and City combined (per State numbers on 2/11/21) is 5728 – about 1042 more than four weeks ago. Scioto County had 884 new cases in January. Cases numbers have declined in the past 2-3 weeks but we are still getting 15-25 new cases a day.

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### Contact Tracing

- About a month ago our contact tracers were overwhelmed with new cases and we were about 6 days behind. We hired more contact tracers and also sought help from the State. They provided a temporary strike force that helped us get rid of the backlog. Then new case numbers dropped significantly, so we haven't needed some of the new part-time contact tracers we have hired. Morgan and one new contract employee are handling it at this time. We still have assistance from the State Contact Tracing Pool.
- The State is talking about hiring a private company to handle the operations currently handled by the State Contact Tracing Pool. We are not sure what the implications will be for us. We may not have continued help since our numbers have decreased.
- We had gone to the abbreviated contact interviews during our surge around Thanksgiving instead of doing the full CDC interview form (with many questions not necessary for quarantining.) The State contact tracing pool has asked if they can resume doing the full interviews now that numbers are down.

### COVID Vaccine:

- As of yesterday, we have administered 3167 doses of vaccine. (This compares to 595 a month ago.)  
Moderna: 1970  
Pfizer: 1197  
First doses: 2315  
Second doses: 852
- Pfizer vaccine is more difficult to handle but we are used to it. SOMC is assisting by storing the Pfizer in their ultra-freezer and sending our requested vials to us every afternoon by courier. It's very difficult on the final Pfizer day for the week because we don't want to underestimate or overestimate doses. Once pulled from the ultra-freezer, we have 5 days to use the vaccine. Melissa has ordered a small ultra-freezer which will make handling the vaccine much easier.
- We have been running clinics 5-6 days a week. Capacity for 225 on weekdays, 300 on Saturdays. Could expand to 300 on weekdays if we had more vaccine and more staff. Now, the limiting factor is vaccine.
- Phase 1A was completed this Wednesday, except for a few stragglers.
- We moved upstairs to the main floor of the courthouse for more social distancing and faster flow. We can accommodate 6 vaccine administration stations, but usually have only 3 or 4 going during the week.
- The Probation department continues to help us with registration, ushering and monitoring after the shots. This has been possible because they have split their staff (one week in office, one week work from home) with no in-person probation check-ins. However, starting March everyone will be back in the office full time and they will be seeing probationers in office again. So we will lose our help for weekday clinics starting in March. They still want to help us for Saturday clinics. We will need to find other staff or volunteers starting in March. We have reached out to the Sheriff's department, waiting to hear.

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- We are no longer doing County schools; they opted to go with their primary care clinic, Scioto Advantage.
- Prefer to do elderly in-house by appointment rather than in a mass drive-through clinic.

Tracey Henderson asked the Board for raises for Morgan Flocker and Vickie Patrick as to the fact that their job duties had increased and they have both been given different job titles. She also asked they be retro-active back to the starting date of their new duties.

The Board viewed this as favorable and will take action on it at the April Board Meeting. They first want the Finance Officer to view our Financial Records to check if this was feasible.

Dr. Adams questioned: Where are we at with herd immunity?

Tracey Henderson – We have offered the vaccine to everyone, but not everyone wants or is able to get the vaccine.

To say complete herd immunity – no. We are working through our population but we can only do so much. We are unable to fill our schedules.

-We will be doing nursing homes since their provider failed to handle them.

- Nursing Home Report was submitted for approval. Motion to approve – Dr. Adams; Second – Sean Sturgill. All voted in favor.

#### 7. Health Commissioner's Report – Dr. Walker

Dr. Walker informed the Board that he has been part of the Governor's Morning Conference Phone Calls – The problem of filling schedules is not just locally, this is a problem state-wide.

VMS – which is the State's scheduling system for COVID Vaccine will be mandated, there are problems with the system. It is an ever evolving system.

The State has schedule 18 Mass Vaccination Clinics across the state, only Cleveland is open and is able online.

Phone Conference with Superintendents of Schools:

They are now wondering how to do Proms, Graduations and events.

Last order Governor released stated no dancing. They can attend and have a dinner.

Most school teachers have now been vaccinated.

Dr. Walker informed the Board that he was resigning his position of Health Commissioner. He also informed the Board that he informed the Advisory Council and they voted to reinstate him on the Board of Health. Motion to accept Dr. Walker's resignation- Christy Sherman; Second Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.



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Dr. Michael Martin informed the Board that he is now able to resume the position of Health Commissioner. Motion to accept Dr. Martin as Health Commissioner- Sean Sturgill; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

8. **Motion to Adjourn** – Christy Sherman; Second Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.  
**Meeting adjourned – 1:25pm.**

**Dr. Adams will not be at the next Board Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2021**



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Laura Miller, Board President



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Dr. Terod Walker, Health Commissioner

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**SCIOTO COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

**2020 ANNUAL STATISTICAL REPORT**

**PRESENTED TO SCIOTO COUNTY TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

**MARCH 2, 2021**

**SCIOTO COUNTY COURTHOUSE – 1<sup>ST</sup> FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM**

- I. Nursing Report**
- II. Environmental Report**
- III. Vital Statistics Report**



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Scioto County Health Department -- Nursing Division

2020 Annual Statistical Report

**IMMUNIZATIONS**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>Mobile Immunization Clinics:</b>	14	45	27	16
<b>Grand Total Number of Immunizations:</b>	1634	3766	4710	1601
<b>Immunizations by Type:</b>				
COVID-19	325	---	---	---
Hep A	90	1463	1958	79
Hep A&B combination	10	146	771	44
Hep B	46	114	186	95
Influenza	824	1026	941	634
Tetanus/Tetanus+Pertussis	85	361	297	319
Meningococcal (MCV4 and Men B)	96	202	193	171
Pneumococcal (Pneumovax 23 and Prevnar-13)	21	63	44	43
Human Papilloma Virus (HPV)	16	94	74	54
Shingles	40	92	60	6
MMR	37	82	76	47
Varicella	33	56	60	47
Typhoid	7	56	32	69
Other (includes Polio, Hib, Rotavirus)	7	11	18	2
<b>Immunizations by Program:</b>				
ODH Vaccines for Children (uninsured children)	144	303	336	204
ODH 317 (uninsured adults, selected vaccines)	155	1101	1127	87
ODH Pandemic (COVID)	325	---	---	---
Privately purchased vaccines (insured or cash)	1010	2362	3247	1310

**2020 Notes:**

- A large multi-state Hepatitis A outbreak greatly increased demand for Hep A vaccine in 2018 and 2019. 2017 vaccine numbers are baseline numbers.
- SCHD's first shipment of COVID-19 vaccine arrived on 12-21-2020. 325 COVID-19 vaccines were administered in 2020. Supplies of COVID-19 vaccine increased in January 2021.



**INFECTIOUS DISEASES: SURVEILLANCE & FOLLOW-UP**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>TOTAL New-Onset Disease Reports</b>	<b>3874</b>	<b>628</b>	<b>621</b>	<b>473</b>
<b>COVID-19</b>	<b>3408</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>	<b>---</b>
<b>Bloodborne Diseases - Total</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>208</b>
Hepatitis C	117	161	185	171
Hepatitis B	50	60	23	34
Perinatal Hepatitis B (# children following)	0	0	1	0
Perinatal Hepatitis C (# children following)	1	1	2	0
HIV	1	1	5	2
<b>Sexually Transmitted Infections - Total</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>131</b>
Chlamydia	98	149	131	111
Gonorrhea	27	74	54	17
Syphilis	5	11	4	2
<b>Enteric Diseases (foodborne/waterborne) - Total</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>41</b>
Campylobacter	17	44	12	28
Cryptosporidium	0	3	5	2
Salmonella	5	7	4	4
Hepatitis A	0	2	43	4
Amebiasis	0	1	1	0
Brucellosis	0	1	0	0
Giardiasis	2	3	3	0
Listeriosis	1	1	0	0
Shiga-toxin-producing E coli	1	0	1	0
Shigella	1	0	1	3
Yersiniosis	1	1	0	0
<b>Tickborne Diseases - Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>33</b>
Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever	10	7	11	12
Lyme Disease	19	14	8	11
Ehrlichiosis	9	5	3	8
Anaplasmosis	1	0	4	2
Babesiosis	0	0	1	0
<b>Other Diseases - Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>119</b>	<b>60</b>
Hospitalized Influenza (by calendar year)	81	55	96	32
Invasive Streptococcus pneumoniae	12	6	7	12
Varicella (Chicken Pox)	1	6	2	5
Pertussis (Whooping Cough)	1	4	4	4
Aseptic (viral) meningitis	2	4	4	4
Bacterial meningitis (NOT N. meningitidis)	0	2	0	0
Legionella (Legionnaires' Disease)	0	0	3	1
Haemophilus influenza meningitis	1	4	2	1
Coccidioidomycosis	0	1	0	1
CP-CRE	2	0	1	---



**CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL HANDICAPS PROGRAM (BCMh)**

	2020	2019	2018	2017
<b>TOTAL Clients on BCMH Programs</b>	237	243	241	227
Total clients requiring follow-up (TRT/HMG/SVC/ACF)	179	193	195	187
Total clients requiring follow-up who were contacted (or at least 3 contact attempts were made)*	161	193	195	185
Total clients requiring follow-up who were visited (home, clinic, community or phone)	131	124	151	131
% of clients requiring follow-up who were visited (home, clinic, community or phone)	73%	64%	77%	70%

\* Note: BCMH is a voluntary program. If parents do not respond after 3 contact attempts, we no longer pursue attempts to do client visits.

**Child Fatality Review / SIDS-Bereavement**

- 2019 cases were reviewed on March 6, 2020.
- Eight child fatalities (under age 18) occurred in 2020 (Scioto County/Portsmouth City combined). The review of these cases, which was to take place in March 2021, has been postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Fatalities from 2020 and 2021 will be reviewed in one combined meeting early next year.

**School Health and Support to School Nurses**

- The fall and spring in-person school nurse meetings were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Annual scoliosis screenings in schools were cancelled due to COVID-19.
- 2 Zoom meetings were conducted with school nurses about COVID-19 screening, case management and quarantine for schools.
- Mass vaccine planning event was conducted at Valley High School with the Valley Superintendent and school nurse.
- COVID-19 vaccines were offered to Scioto County school nurses.
- Developed COVID-19 protocols for schools; provided County school districts with quarantine orders to issue to students and staff exposed in the school setting. In frequent communication with schools to answer their questions about quarantine.
- Disease management calls, immunization questions, etc.
- Provide prescriptions for epi-pens and defibrillators for schools that need them.
- Provided flu immunization clinics at 2 schools.
- Early 2020: Participated in Appalachian Whole Child Partnership Initiative with Portsmouth City Schools, Minford Schools, and Northwest Schools. This is a planning process to introduce or increase school-based health care services for school children and their families, led by Ohio State University, Wright State University, and Nationwide Children’s Hospital. This process came to a halt in spring 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Support to / Collaboration With Other Agencies**

- Southern Ohio Medical Center – collaboration on COVID-19 vaccine effort.
- Shawnee State University
  - Clinical Precepting for Student Nurses: Cancelled for 2020 due to pandemic.
  - Nursing Program Advisory Council: annual meeting
  - We are collaborating with SSU on COVID-19 vaccine planning.
- Family and Children First Council – mandatory monthly meetings (until pandemic)
- Early Childhood Coordinating Committee – monthly meetings (until pandemic)
- Head Start Advisory Board – 2 meetings/year (canceled due to pandemic)
- Help Me Grow – cross-referrals
- Scioto County Children’s Services -- They refer medically-fragile children to us for BCMH assistance; coordination of specialty care..
- Scioto County Health Coalition – SCHED Nursing is part of the Tobacco Committee and we lead the Nutrition and Fitness Work Group. This work has been set aside as of Spring 2020 due to the COVID pandemic.
- Community Health Improvement Plan -- We are the lead agency for the Community Health improvement Plan Work Group on Nutrition and Physical Activity. In this effort, we coordinate the activities related to community nutrition and physical activity among the following participating organizations: Scioto County Health Coalition, Portsmouth City Health Department, ADAMHS Board of Adams, Lawrence, and Scioto Counties; Scioto County Collaborative Opioid Consortium; Community Action of Scioto County; Portsmouth City Schools; Steven A. Hunter Hope Fund; OSU Extension; SOMC; KDMC-OH; Main Street Portsmouth; CONNEX; Southern Ohio Senior Games; Friends of Portsmouth; Compass Community Health; Portsmouth Skateboard Project. This work has been set aside due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Nursing homes / long-term care facilities – Infectious disease assistance and follow-up.
- Portsmouth City Health Dept. – collaboration on many programs including COVID-19 response.
- Ohio Department of Health – on many programs, including COVID-19 response, influenza prevention and response, etc.
- Nationwide Children’s Hospital – on School-based Asthma Treatment program. (Work on this has been postponed due to COVID-19.)

### **Public Health Education and Information**

- No health fairs in 2020 due to COVID-19
- Quarterly Newsletters: 1

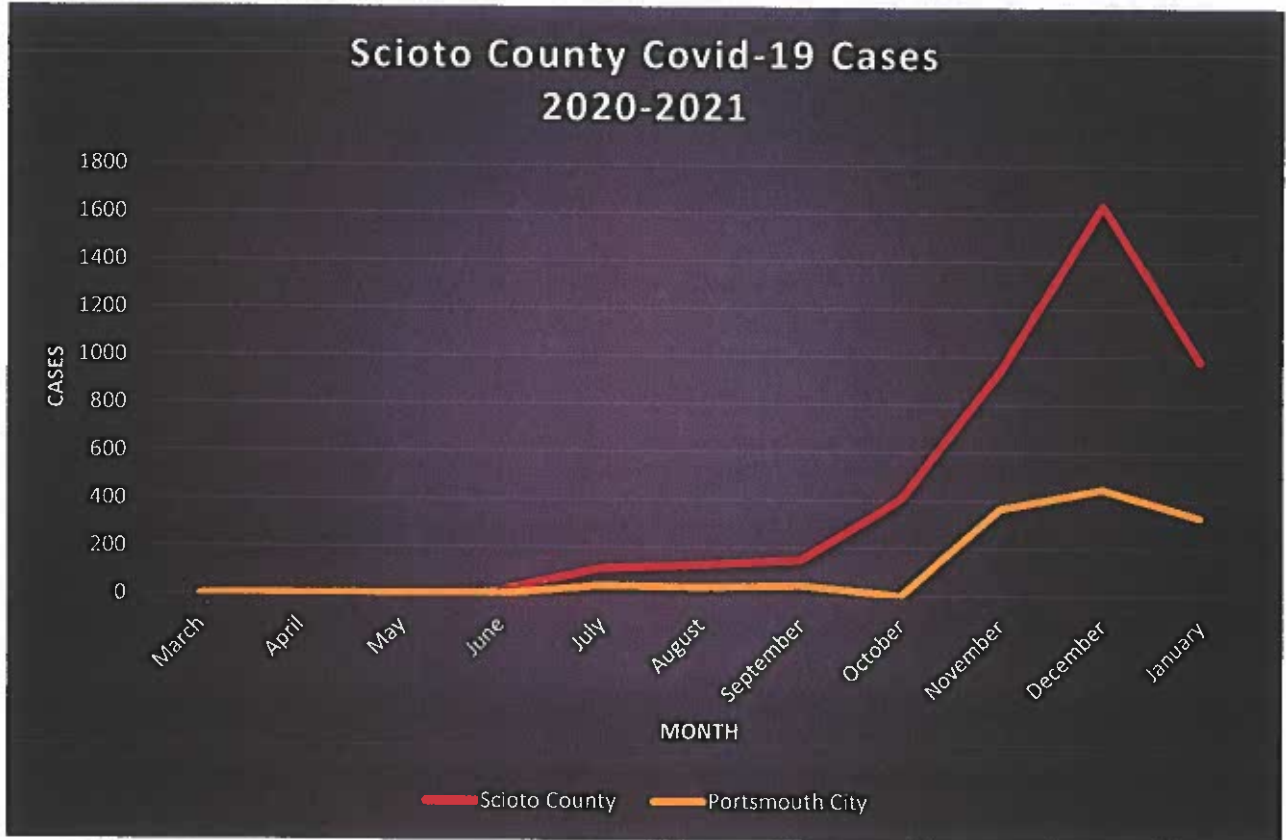
### **County Fair – First Aid Clinic and Cooling Station**

- No County Fair in 2020 due to COVID-19

**COVID-19: 2020 Numbers and Current Update**

**COVID-19 Case Count (as of 2/25/2021)**

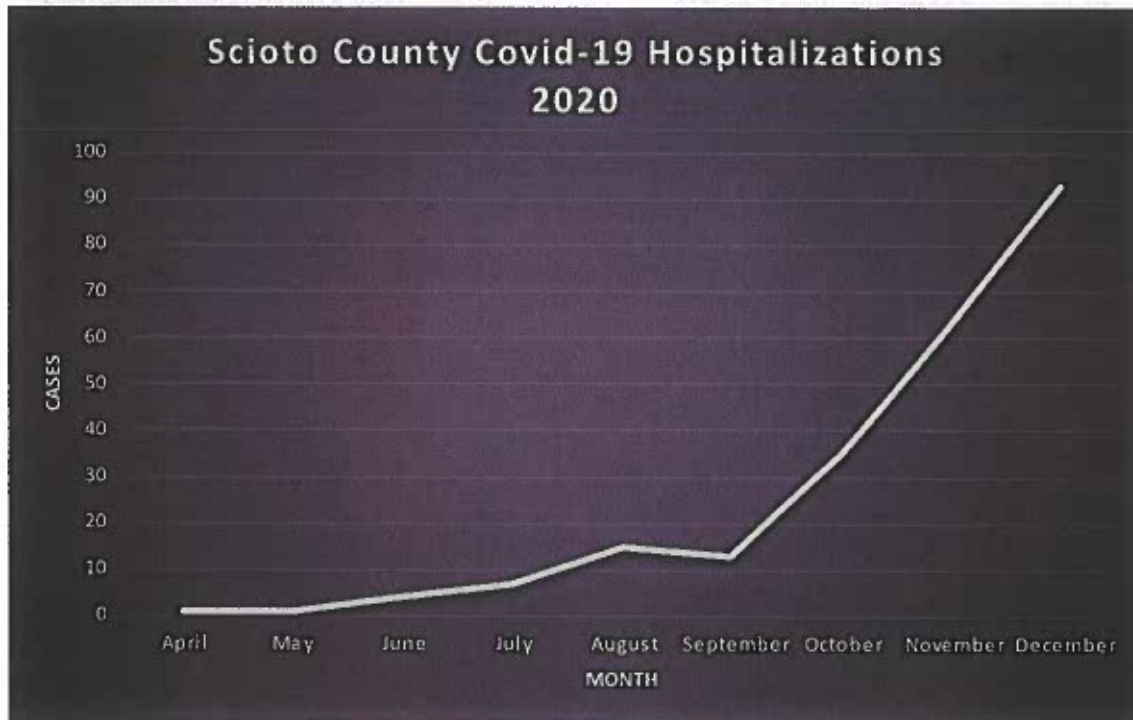
Scioto County (excluding City)	4658
Portsmouth City	1490
<b>TOTAL (Scioto County + Portsmouth City)</b>	<b>6148</b>



**COVID-19 Hospitalizations (Scioto County excluding Portsmouth City)**

2020 Hospitalizations: 236

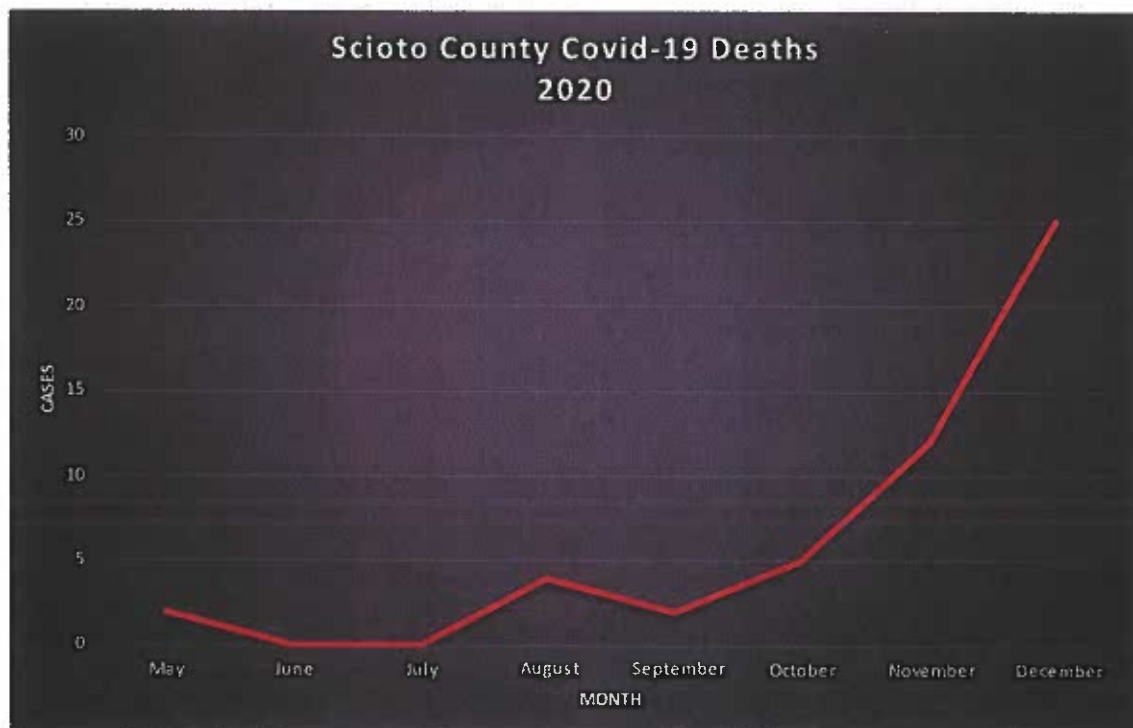
Total Hospitalization as of 2/25/2021): 306



**COVID-19 Deaths (Scioto County excluding Portsmouth City)**

2020 Deaths: 50

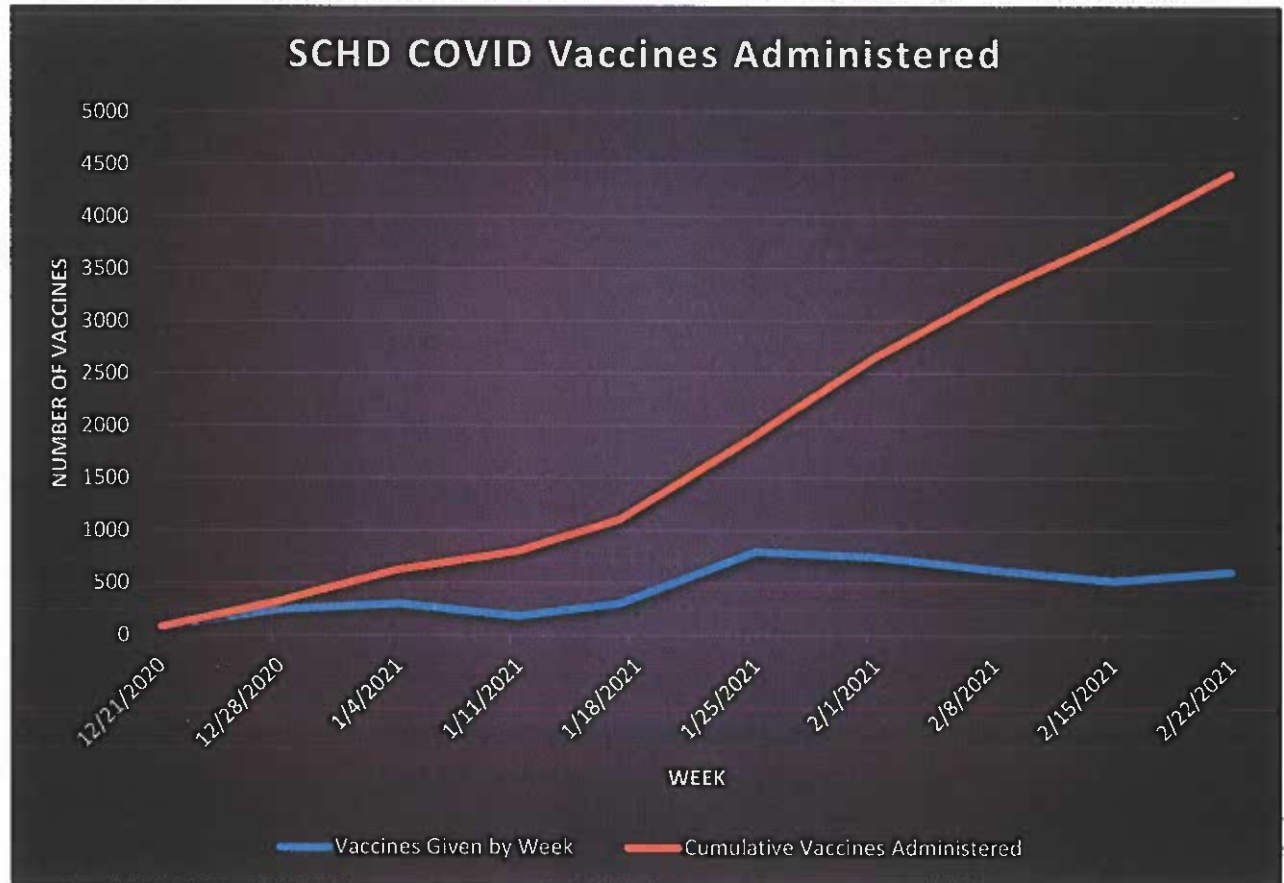
Total Deaths as of 2/25/2021): 66



**COVID-19 Vaccines Administered by Scioto County Health Dept. (as of 2/27/2021)**

**TOTAL: 4413**

By Vaccine Brand -- Moderna 2213      Pfizer 2200  
By 1<sup>st</sup> vs 2<sup>nd</sup> Dose -- 1<sup>st</sup> Dose 2254      2<sup>nd</sup> Dose 1859





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**Scioto County Health Department – Environmental Division  
 2020 Annual Statistical Report**

**I. TESTING:**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u># of specimens collected</u></b>
Water	1
Food	-
BOD/SS	-

**II. ANIMAL BITES:**

<b><u>Type</u></b>	<b><u># reported</u></b>	<b><u># investigated</u></b>
Bats	1	1
Cats	43	43
Dogs	94	94
Other pets	-	-
Wild animals	-	-
Livestock	1	1
Other Domestic	-	-
<b>Total Incidents</b>	<b>139</b>	<b>139</b>

**III. SEWAGE INSPECTIONS (BANK LOANS):**

Total Number of Locations	10
Number of Inspections	13
Number Satisfactory or Corrected	8

**IV. STATE MANATED PROGRAMS:**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total # Licensed</u>	<u># of Inspections</u>
Manufactured Home Parks	5	0 (Contract with Ohio Dept. of Commerce)
RV & Combined Campgrounds	4	6
Resident & Day Camps	3	0
Swimming Pools	16	25
Tattoo Parlors	-	-

**V. FOOD PROTECTION:**

<u>Type</u>	<u>Total # Licensed</u>	<u>Total # Inspections</u>
Food Service Operations/Retail Food Establishments	207	541
Vending Machine Locations	11	11
Temporary Operations	3	3
Mobile Food Operations	17	17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>238</b>	<b>572</b>

	<u>Total # Received</u>	<u>Total # Inspections</u>
Food Service Complaints	1	1

**VI. PRIVATE SEWAGE SYSTEMS:**

<u>Type</u>	<u># inspections</u>	<u># permits issued</u>	<u># systems completed</u>	<u># variances granted</u>
New installations	~40	31	31	-
Alterations	-	-	-	-
Replacements	~20	11	11	-
Soil Evaluations	~35			
NPDES – Ohio EPA-Approved Off-Lot Discharge Systems	~12	6	6	-
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>~107</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>-</b>



**VII. PRIVATE WATER SYSTEMS:**

<u>Type</u>	<u># inspections</u>	<u># permits issued</u>	<u># systems completed</u>	<u># variances granted</u>
New installations	-	1	-	-
Alterations	-	-	-	-

**VIII. PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCES:**

<u>Type</u>	<u># Reported</u>	<u># Inspections &amp; Re-Inspections</u>
Environmental Health Comprehensive	70	122
Garbage & Refuse	26	50
Housing	22	28
Insect – Rodent	10	14
Sewage	43	80
Animals	3	3
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>174</b>	<b>297</b>

**IX. CONDEMNATIONS\*\***

Sewage Related Issues	5
Unfit for human habitation	11
Total	16

**\*\*List of locations attached with this report**

**X. SCIOTO RESIDENTIAL SERVICES – HOME SEPTIC INSPECTIONS**

Total number of places	5
Total number of inspections	5



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**Scioto County Health Department – Vital Statistics Division**

**2020 Annual Statistical Report**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Number of deaths recorded:	326	353	330	356
Number of births* recorded:	1	0	0	0
Number of death certificates issued:	1189	1038	978	987
Number of birth certificates issued:	427	492	278	291
Vital Statistics Revenue:	\$24,226.28	\$27,480	\$31,600	
Remittances to State Health Dept:	\$22,461.56	\$20,440.80	\$16,887	

\* Note – There is no hospital located within the Scioto County Health Department jurisdiction.  
 Therefore, any births in our jurisdiction would be home births or in-transit births.

The fee for birth and death certificates is \$25.00 each.

Ohio birth certificates are available through the statewide system at any local health department in Ohio.

Death certificates must be obtained from the local health department in the jurisdiction where the person died.



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3707.11 Application of quarantine or isolation orders.

Effective: June 23, 2021

Legislation: Senate Bill 22 - 134th General Assembly

A board of health of a city or general health district, or the authority having the duties of a board of health under section 3709.05 of the Revised Code, may only issue a quarantine or isolation order under this chapter that applies to individuals who have been medically diagnosed with the disease that is the subject of the order or individuals who have come in direct contact with someone who has been medically diagnosed with the disease that is the subject of the order.



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3709.212 Application of order or regulation for the public health or for prevention or restriction of disease.

Effective: June 23, 2021

Legislation: Senate Bill 22 - 134th General Assembly

Any order or regulation for the public health or for the prevention or restriction of disease issued by a board of health of a city or general health district under section 3709.20 or 3709.21 of the Revised Code may apply to only the following persons:

- (A) Those who have been medically diagnosed with the disease that is the subject of the order or regulation;
- (B) Those who have come in direct contact with someone who has been medically diagnosed with the disease that is the subject of the order or regulation;
- (C) Those that have had a documented incident in the building of the disease that is the subject of the order or regulation.

As used in this section, "person" has the same meaning as in section 1.59 of the Revised Code.



## Ohio Revised Code

### Section 3707.26 Board shall inspect schools and may close them.

Effective: October 16, 2009

Legislation: House Bill 1 - 128th General Assembly

Semiannually, and more often, if in its judgment necessary, the board of health of a city or general health district shall inspect the sanitary condition of all schools and school buildings within its jurisdiction, and may disinfect any school building. During an epidemic or threatened epidemic, or when a dangerous communicable disease is unusually prevalent, the board may close any school and prohibit public gatherings for such time as is necessary.



**City of Portsmouth  
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March 25, 2021

Laura Miller, R.Ph, President  
Scioto County Board of Health  
602 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662

RE: Resolution #04 of 2021 – Condemning acts of hate and discrimination

Dear Ms. Miller:

Please find enclosed Resolution #04 that was passed by our City Council on March 22, 2021 denouncing all forms of hate, stigmatization, racism and discrimination within the City of Portsmouth. The majority of the Portsmouth City Council supports SB98 and calls upon the Ohio Department of Health and local public health departments to incorporate anti-racism messaging and outreach to impacted communities.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diana Ratliff".

Diana Ratliff  
Portsmouth City Clerk  
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728 Second Street, Suite 24  
Portsmouth, OH 45662  
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**RESOLUTION**Year - 2021 Number     04

A Resolution condemning acts of hate and discrimination in the city of Portsmouth, Ohio

Whereas, Hates' effect, being deadly, destructive, and claiming of innocent casualty, as a result of its' expression and overpowering effect on groups to incite, participate, and conduct violence, evidenced at the United States Capital on 06 Jan 2021 when demonstrators displayed hate symbols, disregarded police orders, battered police, looted, and destroyed public property. Capital Police Officer Brian Sicknick died defending the capital. Copious injury of others resulted; and

Whereas, the Pandemic caused public health crisis that magnified inequities plaguing our society; and due to histories of discriminatory policymaking correlating with poverty, life expectancy, and communities of color being well documented; and the pandemic has led to racially motivated and discriminatory responses to fear, disproportionately affecting marginalized groups in the United States; and

Whereas, following the spread of COVID-19 from China, discrimination towards Chinese and Asian American and Pacific Islander (AAPI) people increased; and people of Asian descent experienced individual acts of micro aggression or violence, and Asian businesses had a significant decline in customers prior to the shelter-in-place executive order as a result of fear; and

Whereas, people who are African American or Black contracted COVID at higher rates and are six times more likely to die as a result and the pandemic adds to the list of health disparities that Black communities already face, including a higher burden of cardiovascular disease, lower kidney transplant rates, and worse rates for maternal mortality; and while the virus does not discriminate upon whom it infects, our society's housing, economic, and health care policies can and do; and these health disparities are a result of historic and systemic housing devaluation, economic injustice, environmental racism, and discrimination in healthcare; and

Whereas, people of color are disproportionately more likely to be in low-paying or hourly-wage jobs that prevent them from providing care to family members; and they are more likely to face unsanitary conditions inside prisons, jails, and detention centers; and

Whereas, the City of Portsmouth, Ohio denounces acts of hate and discrimination in all forms; and under the leadership of Governor DeWine, the State of Ohio has been a leader in its public health response to the pandemic, and should be a leader in addressing acts of hate and discrimination as well. Now, therefore,



BE IT RESOLVED by City Council of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio:

SECTION I. Council condemns all acts of hate and discrimination in the City of Portsmouth, Ohio.

SECTION II. Council encourages the Ohio Legislature to support Continuing Resolution denouncing all forms of hate, stigmatization, racism, and discrimination.

SECTION III. Council supports Ohio Legislature passage of SB 98 to establish and fund the Ohio AAPI Affairs Commission.

SECTION IV. Council calls upon the Ohio Department of Health and local public health departments to incorporate anti-racism messaging and outreach to impacted communities.

SECTION V. This resolution shall be transmitted to Governor Mike DeWine, all members of the Ohio legislature, the Ohio Department of Health, and the Scioto County Board of Health.

SECTION VI. That this Resolution was passed and all actions and deliberations of the Council relating thereto were conducted in meetings open to the public pursuant to Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

SECTION III. This Resolution directing administrative action as provided for in Section 12 of the Charter of the City of Portsmouth, Ohio, shall be in force and effect from and after its adoption.

Adopted this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of March, 2021.

Attest:

  
City Clerk

  
Mayor