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Oct 8th, 2021

## Board of Health Agenda

Meeting Called to order:

- ✓1. Approve Minutes.
- ✓2. Review and Approve - Financial Reports.
  - Monthly Expenses
- ✓3. Approve New Fund – County ARP Vaccine Program.
  - Fund is for ARP funds received from County Commissioners for on- and off-site vaccine clinics (\$114,300.00)
- ✓4. Approval of advertising for the RADx-UP Community COVID Health Worker/Educator.
- ✓5. Approval for Hiring of the COVID Health/Educator. This is a 1 yr., Full Time position with benefits with fund reimbursements through The Ohio State University.
- ✓6. Approve the renaming of the Home Health Fund. Since we do not do actual in-home nursing the fund name is misleading. The fund is now “Public Health Nursing.”
7. Environmental
  - ✓• Approval & Signing of Resolution for the use of Food Equipment that has not been approved by a recognized testing agency.
  - ✓• Approve Payment Request for Little’s Excavating of the Tri-State, LLC for work completed in the Septic Repair/Replacement Program – H2Ohio.
    - i. Contract #12 - \$1340.00
  - ✓• Approve Septic Site Inspection Fee of \$60.00. This inspection does not require a soil evaluation and is a reduction of the \$210.00 that is normally charged for a Site and Soil Invultuation.
- ✓8. Nursing
  - ✓• Approval of Hiring Ashley Buckle, RN for the BCMH Program.
    - i. Part Time 56 hrs. a pay
    - ii. OPERS
    - iii. Sick Time
    - iv. Starting \$23/hr. Paid from Health Services Fund Annual \$35,000.00 from County Commissioners.

9. Health Commissioner Report

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## SCIOTO COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH MINUTES

October 8, 2021

Board Members in Attendance: Laura Miller, Christy Sherman; Dr. Aaron Adams; Dr. Jerod Walker

Also in Attendance:

Dr. Martin, Melissa Spears, Tracey Henderson, Gareth Bennett

Meeting called to order-- 12:00pm

1. **Approve the minutes of previous board meeting.** Motion to approve-- Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
2. **Approve Financial Report and payment of the bills.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Walker. All voted in favor.
3. **Approve new fund – County ARP Vaccine Program.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second- Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
4. **Approve advertising for the RADx-UP Community COVID Health Worker/Educator.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
5. **Approval for the hiring of the COVID Health/Educator, 1 year full time employee with benefits.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
6. **Approval for renaming the Home Health Fund due to the fund name being misleading as we do not do actual in-home nursing. The fund name will be Public Health Nursing.** Motion to approve – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Walker. All voted in favor.
7. **Environmental Report – Gareth Bennett, Director**
  - **Approval & signed resolution for the use of Food Equipment that has not been approved by a recognized testing agency.** Motion to approve – Dr. Walker; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
  - **Approve Payment Request for completion of work to Little's Excavating of the Tri-State, LLC in the WPCLF Repair/Replacement Program for Repair/Replacement of Failing Septic Systems. Contract # 12 - \$1340.000.** Motion to approve Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.
  - **Approve Septic Site Inspection fee as ½ of the Site and Soil Evaluation Fee of \$210.00. The new fee is \$105.00 for just a Site Evaluation.** Motion to approve Dr. Adams; Second – Christy Sherman. All voted in favor.
  - **Gareth Bennett also spoke about the properties located on Wheeler's Mill that are part of the Riverstone Subdivision. All the systems are failing due to poor soil conditions. 10 lots are left which can still be sold. Gareth is researching funding for a Community Sewage Treatment Facility. He (Gareth) also informed the board about Pershing Ave in Highland Bend, there is sanitary sewer in the area but it needs to be extended to include more homes. These parcels are too small for on-lot systems.**
  - **Gareth has spoken with Ohio EPA and was told there is funding available and "to go for it."**
8. **Nursing Report – Tracey Henderson, Director**

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## **COVID-19:**

### **Cases:**

Total for County and City combined as of 10/7/21, per the ODH website, is 11,080. This is 2039 new cases over the past four weeks, and 4320 new cases since July 1. See attached table to view the significant increases in weekly new cases since July 1. Case numbers have declined somewhat since the peak in mid-September, but are still high.

**Schools:** We have seen a significant increase in school cases over the past four weeks. (See attached table.) So far this school year, there have been 575 reported student positives in schools and 91 reported staff positives in schools. This is an increase over the past four weeks of 381 students and 62 staff. Current student totals (after only 8 weeks of school) are 171% of the entire previous year total. Current staff totals are about 42 percent of the previous school year. To assist the schools, we are now reporting new student cases to all superintendents on a spreadsheet as they come in, once or twice daily. This was approved by the Prosecutor's office as not being a HIPAA violation.

**Contact Tracing:** As of October 1, PCG, the state contact tracing group that calls positives, does the interviews and issues the isolation and quarantine letters, was 10 days behind on attempting to call cases. In a meeting with PCG, they gave us 2 options: continue taking cases in chronological order, or taking a "clean slate" approach, in which they would abandon efforts to interview any new cases reported Sept. 20 – October 3, and start fresh on October 5, interviewing cases reported to them on October 4. We chose the clean slate approach and put out info on our website to notify the public and provided instructions and a letter that positives can print and give to an employer or school. We hope that this action, combined with lower case numbers, will allow interviews to be done and letters sent in a more timely manner.

### **COVID Vaccine:**

- Daily COVID vaccine numbers for in-house and mobile clinics are unpredictable. We have given 739 COVID shots since the last Board report. Daily totals in the past 4 weeks have ranged from 12 to 142.
- 10 mobile COVID vaccine clinics since last board meeting: County Jail, Minford Schools (twice), Wheelersburg Schools, Green Schools, New Boston Schools, Amazing Grace (twice), Clay Schools, and Star Justice (monthly).
- All school districts in our jurisdiction have hosted vaccine clinics except Valley, Vo-Tech and CAPE School at ESC. Vaccine numbers are variable (range 7 – 73).
- When Pfizer is approved for ages 5 – 11, we will again offer mobile clinics to schools, and encourage them to consider hours from parent pick-up through early evening to accommodate working parents.
- We continue to do homebound shots when requested. Several per week. Occasional nursing home shots.

· We were expecting a huge demand for Pfizer booster shots and have gone to a “mini-mass-vac” format in our clinic, with 3 shooting stations. We brought in a volunteer nurse and usher 3 mornings a week. Demand was increased but not as overwhelming as we expected. We have seen an increase this week.

· We have been giving vaccines for 41 weeks. Vaccine totals to date:

**TOTAL: 12931 (increase of 759 since September Board report)**

**Moderna: 8035 (increase of 86)**

**Pfizer: 4015 (increase of 523 ) 531**

**Janssen: 879 (increase of 142)**

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**First doses: 6081 (increase of 232 – does not include Janssen.)**

**Second doses: 5755 (increase of 266)**

**Third doses: 133 (increase of 119)**

**Other:**

**Flu Shots: We started our flu mobile clinics last week to keep our long-term clients. Have done 6 mobile flu clinics at the Vern Riffe School, CAO Head Start, Star Justice, SOCF, Portsmouth Metropolitan Housing Authority, and AAA7 so far. 6 more mobile flu clinics planned over the next 2 weeks. So far, our flu shot numbers are down significantly compared to previous years.**

**Staffing: We hired Ashley Buckle RN as BCMH nurse, replacing Kristin McLaughlin (new nurse who replaced Morgan on contact tracing.)**

DISTRICT	2021-22	2021-22	Increase in	Increase in	2021-22	2020-21
	Student Totals to Date (10/3/21)	Staff Total to Date (10/3/21)	Student cases past 4 weeks	Staff cases past 4 weeks	Student Total (entire school year)	Staff Total (entire school year)
Bloom- Vernon	30	4	20	4	27	19
Clay	57	2	36	1	18	9
Green	40	3	34	2	15	17
Minford	79	13	65	8	48	29
New Boston	13	6	10	5	11	10
Northwest	57	7	29	4	40	22
Valley	85	16	33	8	30	20
West	74	15	45	8	45	27
Whealersburg	93	13	81	11	61	16
Vo-Tech	42	5	25	4	41	8
ESC	5	7	3	7	0	39
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>575</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>336</b>	<b>216</b>

### Scioto County Covid-19 Case Counts by Week 2021

Prepared by: Holly Gargavel, Regional Epidemiologist

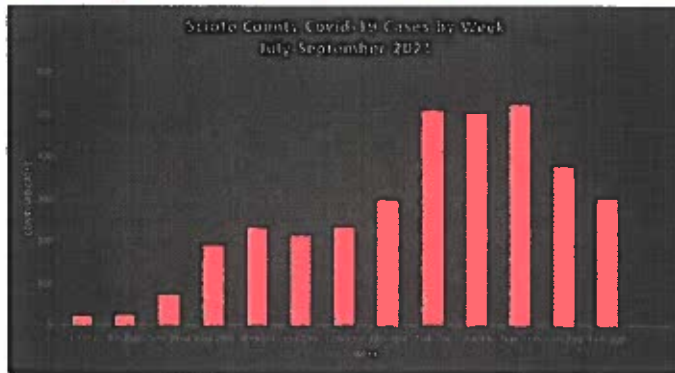
Date: 06/23, September 2021

Age Range: 9 days-102 years

Scioto County	Period	Cases
July	1-8th	22
	9-15th	20
	16th-22nd	63
	23rd-29th	163
August	30th-5th	188
	6th-12th	179
	13th-19th	169
	20th-26th	240
September	27th-2nd	366
	3rd-9th	371
	10th-16th	412
	17th-23rd	307
	24th-30th	233

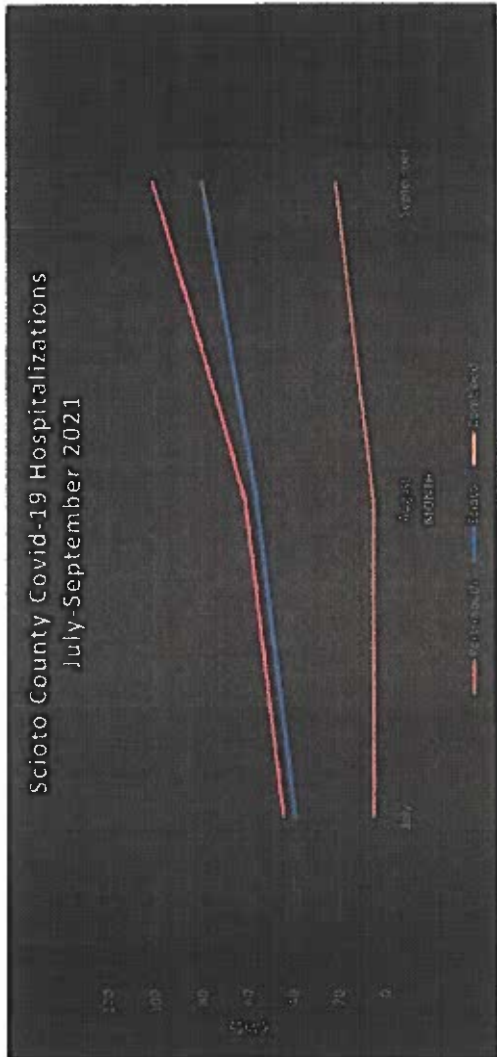
Portsmouth City	Period	Cases
July	1-8th	7
	9-15th	5
	16th-22nd	10
	23rd-29th	28
August	30th-5th	48
	6th-12th	35
	13th-19th	62
	20th-26th	88
September	27th-2nd	143
	3rd-9th	131
	10th-16th	111
	17th-23rd	70
	24th-30th	58

Cornhill	Period	Cases
July	1st-8th	22
	9th-15th	25
	16th-22nd	74
	23rd-29th	190
August	30th-5th	233
	6th-12th	214
	13th-19th	234
	20th-26th	298
	27th-2nd	508
	3rd-9th	502
	10th-16th	523
	17th-23rd	377
	24th-30th	302



**Scioto County Covid-19 Hospitalizations 2021**

Jurisdiction	July	August	September
Portsmouth	5	5	21
Scioto	39	56	80
<b>Combined</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>101</b>



## Scioto County Covid-19 Deaths 2021

	July	August	September	
PCHD	1	3		6
SCHD	3	0		8





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**9. Health Commissioner's Report – Dr. Martin**

Dr. Martin reported there are patients that are in SOMC for COVID. Additional there are 6 in ICU and 3 on vents.

Also the Governor was at the MInford airport for a quick talk concerning COVID vaccines. Chris Smith, City Health Commissioner, SOMC Representative, Lawrence County Health Department representative and Dr. Martin were all present.

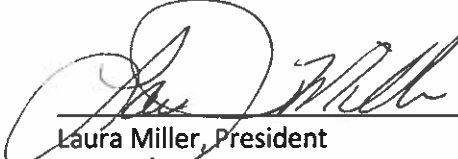
10. Meeting Adjourn - 1:00pm. Motion to adjourn – Christy Sherman; Second – Dr. Adams. All voted in favor.

  
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Laura Miller, President


  
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Dr. Michael Martin, Health Commissioner

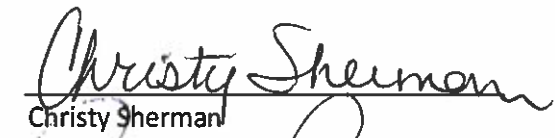



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