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SERVICES DIRECTORY

Providing Infant to Senior Care

419-626-5623

ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

It shall be the purpose, function and goal of the Erie County General Health District to identify and plan the most effective use of health services available, to plan and implement programs and to provide needed services and resources for the prevention of illness, promotion of health and the improvement of health status within the health district.

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Hours of operation:

Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Thursday 8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 12:00 pm

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Service Numbers

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Epidemiology and Surveillance	419-626-5623 ext. 141
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Nurse Line	419-626-5623 ext. 142
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DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

This division is charged with the financial planning and all details surrounding the fiscal management of the agency including billing, accounts receivable, accounts payable, purchasing, logistics, facilities management, work force training, vital statistics, payroll, and various departmental programs.

- **Vital Statistics**
  The Vital Statistics Office in the Administrative Division maintains certificates for all birth and death events that have occurred in Erie County from 1908 through the present.
- **Child Fatality Review Board**
  State law mandates that each county form a Child Fatality Review Board (CFRB) for the purpose of reviewing the deaths of children under 18 years of age.

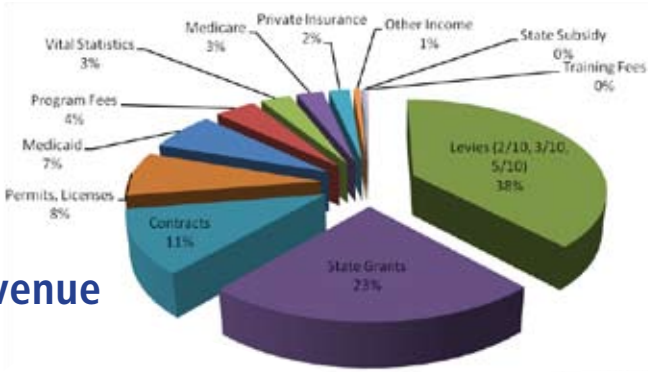
To obtain your birth or death certificates, visit our office Monday - Friday, 8:00am - 5:00pm (excluding holidays), charge by phone, or send in a request to us. Request for Birth/Death Certificate must include the following information:

Birth Certificate:
Birth Name
Date of Birth
Current Address
Current phone number

Death Certificate:
Name of deceased
Date of Death
Current address
Current phone number

Additional information and current fees can be found on our website by going to www.eriecohealthohio.org

ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FINANCES



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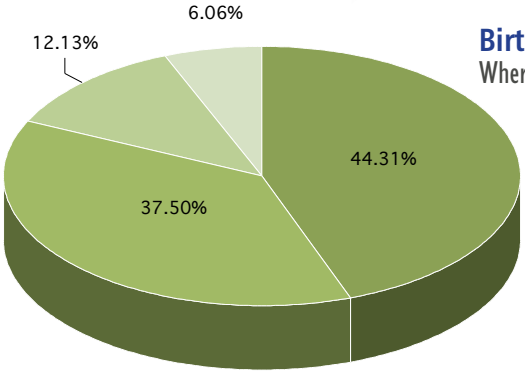


Birth and Death Certificate Fee

Where does it go?

- Erie County General Health District
- Ohio Department of Health
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Ohio Department of Public Safety

DIVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES

• Clinic Services

- Women's Health Services
- Breast and Cervical Cancer Program (BCCP)
- Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) Clinic
- Hepatitis C testing
- Immunizations
- Seasonal flu vaccine
- Travel Vaccine Clinic
- Fluoride Varnish for child dental care
- Family Planning Services
- Prenatal/Postpartum Care
- HIV testing
- Child Lead Testing
- Work and Sport Physicals
- H1N1 (Swine flu) vaccine
- Tuberculosis (TB) testing
- Mobile Dental Van service

• Family Practice

The Erie County Health Department has expanded our services, and is now offering:

- Immunizations
- Men's Health
- Pediatrics
- Senior's Health
- Women's Health
- Sports Physicals
- Preventative Care
- Work Physicals

• Dental Services - Call toll-free 1-866-378-6965

Smile Express - The Mobile Dental Van and Make-A-Smile Dental Service

• Sudden Infant Death Syndrome

This program works with the Sudden Infant Death (SID) Network of Ohio and offers information, counseling, referral and other supportive services.

• Influenza Clinics

• Immunizations

• Traveler's Health

Any person expecting to travel outside the country can call and speak with the immunization nurse, who will determine the protection needed for visiting any area of the world.

• Institutional Care

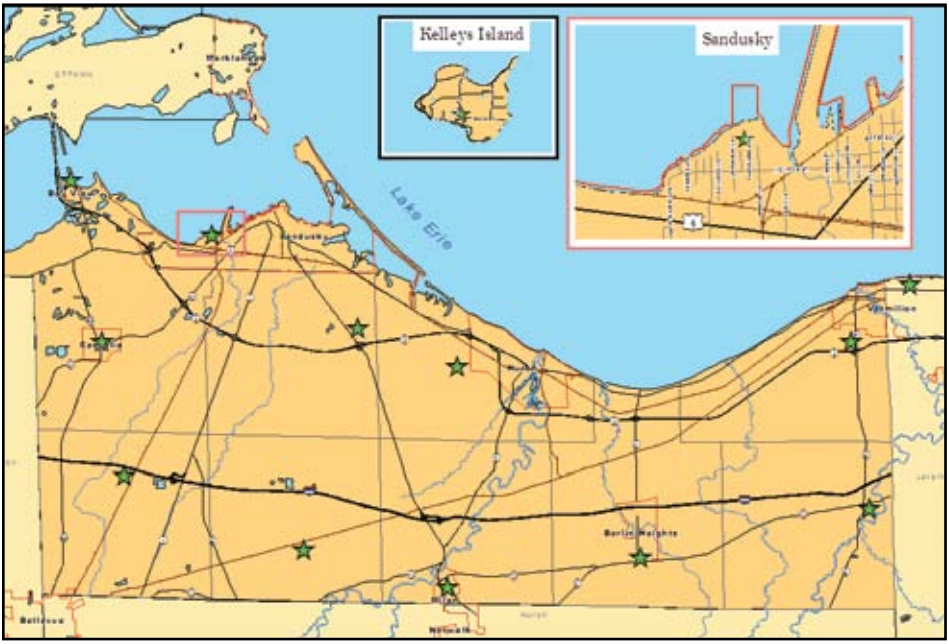
The Nursing Division of the Erie County Health Department provides nursing care to youth at the Erie County Juvenile Justice Center and Northern Ohio Community Correctional Center, as well as the adults at the Erie County Jail. These services include: health assessments and monitoring; administration of prescribed medications and medical treatments; identification of medical needs; and health promotion and education.

• Public Health Outreach Clinics (See Map)

The Erie County Health Department expanded with 12 new clinic sites across the county in order to create easier access to health care services for our residents. * No appointment necessary*

Services provided at all sites

- Infant Immunizations
- Adult Immunizations
- Blood Pressure Screening
- Child Lead Screening
- Health Referrals
- Information and Referral Resource
- Traveler Immunizations(advance notice)
- Blood Lipid Profile
- Height/Weight/BMI
- Healthy Lifestyle and Safety Education
- Adolescent Immunizations
- Hemoglobin A1C
- Blood Glucose



Sites	Address
Bay View Village Hall	304 East Bay View Drive, Bay View
Berlin Twp Hall	12101 St. Rt. 61, Berlin Heights
Florence Twp Hall	11011 Chapel St., Birmingham
Groton Twp Hall	9414 Portland Rd., Castalia
Huron Twp Hall	1820 Bogart Rd., Huron
Kelleys Island Library	528 Division St., Kelleys Island
Margaretta Twp Hall	114 Main Street, Castalia
Milan Village Hall	11 S. Main St., Milan
Oxford Twp Hall	11104 Ransom Rd., Monroeville
Perkins Twp Hall	5420 Milan Rd., Sandusky
Vermilion On the Lake	Vermilion YMCA, 320 Aldrich Rd., Vermilion
Vermilion Twp Hall	1907 St. Rt. 60, Vermilion

- **Home Health Agency Services**
  The Erie County Health Department is a Medicare and Medicaid certified home health agency. We provide the skilled services of nursing, physical, occupational, and speech therapy, medical social work and home health aide care in the comfort of your home. Requests for home health services may come from physicians, hospitals, rehabilitation centers, nursing facilities, and residents or their families. All services must be ordered and approved by a physician.

- **BCMH Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps**
  The Ohio Department of Health's Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMH) is a health program that links families of children having special health care needs to a network of quality providers in their local community. It also helps families obtain payment for diagnostic and treatment services when medical and financial criteria are met.

- **Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Clinic and HIV Education and Testing**
  The Erie County Health Department receives grant funding from the Ohio Department of Health and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, to provide human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) prevention education for the counties of Erie, Huron, Ottawa, Sandusky, and Seneca, along with free HIV testing in Erie, Huron, Sandusky and Seneca counties. Testing is offered at the Erie County Health Department's HIV test sites and, like HIV, testing for this disease has risen steadily over the past three (3) years.

- **Hepatitis C Testing**
  Testing is offered at the Erie County Health Department's HIV test sites and, like HIV, testing for this disease has risen steadily over the past three (3) years. Free Hepatitis C testing is offered to persons who meet the guidelines set forth by the Ohio Department of Health.

- **School Nursing Services**
  - Health Education
  - Nutrition and Physical Activity
  - Parent/Community Involvement
  - Policy Development
  - Safe School Environment
  - Counseling/Mental Health
  - Staff Wellness
  - Appropriate Delegation of Nursing Tasks

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

- **Food Protection Program**
  - Inspects restaurants, grocery stores, convenience food stores and temporary food vendors
  - Eliminates issues that would increase the risk of food-borne illness to consumers
  - ServSafe advanced food safety training

- **Marinas and Pools**
  - Inspections of public pools, spas and marinas that focus on items with the greatest risk of disease transmission or injury

- **Manufactured Home Parks & Campground Programs**
  - Sanitarians focus specifically on items related to the collection and disposal of sewage and solid waste, as well as the safe distribution and conveyance of potable water

- **Beach Program**
  - Monitors 23 beach locations four times a week for the presence of E-coli bacteria
- **Solid Waste**
  - Conducts compliance inspections in all composting facilities, large-quantity infectious waste generators, waste transfer stations, and landfills
- **Private Water Program**
  - Provides safe water sampling from private water sources
- **HUD Lead-Based Paint Hazard Control Program**

  The Erie County Health Department is providing qualified staff to:
  - Conduct pre- and post-hazard control blood lead level testing of children 6 years old and younger
  - Blood lead testing to protect the health of lead-hazard control workers, supervisors and contractors
  - Home lead risk assessment and lead clearance inspections
  - Construction management and project specification production for lead hazard control
  - Community awareness, education, and outreach programs
- **Private Residential Sewage and Semipublic Sewage Program**
  - Ensures that all sewage treatment systems that are newly installed, repaired or replaced do not represent a possible contamination hazard for our water
- **School Inspection Program**
- **Tattoo and Body Piercing Program**
  - Prevents the spread of infectious disease during and after tattoo and body piercing procedures
- **Rabies Control**
  - Animal quarantines and rabies shot clinics

DIVISION OF COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES

- **WIC Women, Infants, and Children**

  Breastfeeding support, Nutrition Education, and Supplemental food packages
- **Health Education Outreach Programs/Health fairs**
- **Community Health Assessment & Health Statistics**
- **Smokefree Workplace Program**
- **2-1-1**

  The 2-1-1 system of Erie County is a “three digit” call for non-emergency help. Erie County has contracted with United Way of Greater Toledo to maintain available information on social, human, and other service agencies in our county.
- **Minority Health Coalition of Erie County**
- **Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance**

  The purpose of the Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance is to monitor and respond to changes in the health status of the public.

- **Emergency preparedness**

  The Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance responds to disease outbreaks, and strengthens the health department's local response by developing and maintaining various emergency plans, collaborating with nearby regional epidemiologists and emergency planners, attending training sessions and conferences, and by providing speakers for public health talks.

  The health department formed an Enteric Disease Response Team. Under the direction of the Office of Epidemiology and Surveillance, this interdisciplinary team consisting of public health nurses, environmental health sanitarians, and the department's epidemiologist is able to respond and resolve any disease outbreak occurring in Erie County.

DIVISION OF CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SERVICES

- **Comprehensive Plumbing Inspection Program**
  - Registration of Plumbing Contractors
  - Commercial and Residential Plumbing Permit Issuance
  - Commercial Plan Review
  - On-site Inspections of Plumbing Installations
  - Public and Private Educational Services Related to Plumbing
- **Manufactured Home Installation Inspection Program**
  - Issuance of Manufactured Home Installation Permits
  - On-site Inspections of Manufactured Home Installations
- **Healthy Homes Program**

  Raises awareness about the connection between personal health and the home environment
  - Education and prevention topics include: lead-based paint, radon gas, indoor asthma triggers, mold and moisture, and home safety
  - Organized Erie County Healthy Homes Summit held January 21, 2009 at Kalahari
  - State of Ohio Healthy Homes conference held June 1 -3, 2010 in Erie County
  - Erie County Healthy Homes Coalition meets quarterly to discuss housing and health issues
  - Healthy Homes Newsletter is distributed every other month
  - The Health Department sanitarian leading this initiative is a credentialed Healthy Homes specialist; a state licensed lead risk assessor and radon tester. She conducts public health lead investigations for cases of elevated blood lead levels in children in Erie, Ottawa, and Huron county
  - Lead poisoning prevention continues to be a priority in Erie County
  - Lead poisoning education provided to physician offices, day care providers, civic groups, and at local health fairs
  - Safe-sleep campaign
  - Partner with Ohio Department of Health Indoor Radon Grant, 583 free radon test kits distributed to the residents of Erie County in 2009
  - Provided consultation to school personnel and radon testing for 438 classrooms in 16 school buildings within the Health District
  - Lead Poisoning Prevention Grant through the Ohio Attorney General's office was received May 6, 2010. This grant will fund a community health worker to educate client's seen in the Health Department's pre-natal clinic about lead poisoning and all Healthy Homes Issues

DID YOU KNOW?

- 99% of county residents are within 5 miles of an outreach clinic.
- The Erie County Health Department is the leading provider of immunizations and flu vaccines in Erie County.
- There are 15 sites in Erie County where vaccines are available.
- If you plan to travel outside the United States, you can call the Erie County Health Department and a nurse will help you determine the protection needed for visiting any area of the world.
- New recommendations from the Center for Disease Control suggest that all people age 6 months and up should receive the seasonal flu vaccine.
- The Erie County Health Department provides an outreach clinic on Kelleys Island twice monthly for residents.
- School nurses of the Erie County Health Department are involved in more than basic health care, they are involved in nutrition and physical activity, staff wellness, parent and community projects, safe school environments, and health education.
- The Erie County Health Department participates in the Ohio Benefit Bank, assisting residents in obtaining Medicaid and other Government benefits.
- Many working families qualify for WIC services. Call for information on income requirements.
- The Erie County Health Department presented health promotion programs in 42 classrooms in 6 schools in Erie County this past school year.
- Every member of the health department completes training in the Incident Command System.
- The Erie County Health Department has the ability to dispense emergency medicines from the strategic national stockpile to all county residents within 72 hours.
- Water at 155 degrees can scald a child in 0.5 seconds
- The Environmental Health Division, through our participation in countywide rabies shot clinics, has vaccinated 1600 dogs and cats against rabies exposure.
- The Environmental Health Division spends more than 1000 hours annually between Memorial and Labor Day conducting our beach and watershed protection program.
- Two-thirds of our public pool and spa inspection team are nationally certified as Certified Pool Operators.
- The food, marina and public pool education programs have trained 510 operators in the principles of food safety, public health and sanitation.

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Construction Program Services

Registration of Plumbing Contractors
Commercial plumbing permit
Residential plumbing permit
Manufactured home installation permit

Environmental Health Programs:

Programs that require licenses

Manufactured Home Parks
Campgrounds
Temporary campgrounds
Food Service Operations
Food Establishments
Mobile food service operations
Temporary food service operations
Marinas
Swimming Pools & Spas
Water haulers
Tattoo and body piercing establishments
Semi public sewage systems
Solid waste/infectious facilities

Programs that require permits

Household sewage treatment systems
Private water systems

Other services provided

School inspections
Sewage system surveys
Water system surveys
Nuisance complaint inspections
Water samples for private water systems
Beach water monitoring
Vector control

Vital Statistics Office:

Birth Certificate
Death Certificate

[CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM SUCCESS STORY]

The Health Department takes great pride in it's goal to protect the residents of Erie County and in one case in point while performing a survey in the spring of 2008 at a business the, following was found.

A business had installed a liquid fertilizer injection system at its plant which connects directly to the potable water supply. These systems are acceptable provided specific and strict measures are adhered to protect the public waters system. However in this case the proper methods were not in place.

With the help and direction of this office the conditions that could have, under the right circumstances, caused serious health effects to many of the county's residents has been corrected.

Proper backflow protection is now in place is monitored on an annual basis.

[BCMH SUCCESS STORY]

PHN received a phone call from Help Me Grow service coordinator referring a child, who was in foster care and placed recently in Erie county. The 3 year old girl was a quadriplegic with cerebral palsy in desperate need for a new carseat. The foster family had medicaid for her, but they had been denied payment for the seat. A specially made carseat that would protect her better would be very expensive and needed to be ordered. The family had been transporting her in a carseat that was too small, and traveled only when necessary due to inability to pay for a new carseat. The foster family was contacted by the BCMH nurse and discussed that BCMH would cover the cost of the carseat as long as a Doctor ordered it due to her medical condition. The child already had BCMH, but the foster family had not been told that she did or what BCMH could do for her. The BCMH nurse went out and started paperwork for getting the carseat approved and faxed information to Doctor's office. As of now, the family is in the process of getting the new carseat for her and expressed their gratitude to the BCMH program for helping them take better care of her.

This is just one of the many situations where BCMH can be beneficial to families with child that have special medical needs and help decrease of financial cost of daily medical equipment, doctor visits, medications, therapies, and hospital stays.

[OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES - COASTAL MANAGEMENT ASSISTANCE GRANT (CMAG)]

In 2009, the Environmental Health Division completed activities associated with the Old Woman Creek and Huron River Watersheds Investigation Project. Grant funding from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources was utilized to investigate point source pollution impacting area waterways that was possibly originating in the Village of Berlin Heights, Franklin Flats and Oberlin Beach areas of the county.

Important grant accomplishments included:

- Aerial infrared imaging with Global Positioning System (GPS) coordinates for identifying point source heat signatures on both watersheds, indicating possible sources of pollution
- An inventory and characterization (age, operational efficiency) of all existing private sewage treatment systems serving the three communities
- A preliminary engineering report (PER) from CT Consulting which provided cost estimates for replacing existing infrastructure with modern, efficient public and semi-public wastewater system options

All study data and results were compiled in a final report which concluded that the sewage treatment options identified in the PER be further examined for financial viability in each community setting. Completion of the PER was a critical step, which will hopefully lead to opportunities for future projects that support the resolution of this issue as well as our public health goals and priorities.

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