



Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department

Health Report

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Summer Crackdown on Impaired Driving

August 21 through September 7 are the dates for this year’s national law enforcement crackdown on Impaired Driving. The enhanced enforcement period extends through the Labor Day holiday.



National advertising will focus on the theme of “*Over the Limit. Under Arrest.*” This campaign centers on law enforcement agencies’ vigorous enforcement of drunk driving laws.

It’s during these crackdowns that the public can expect every law enforcement agency in the state, including Sheriff’s Departments and State Highway Patrols, to be participating in the hunt

for and prosecution of impaired drivers.

Drunk driving remains the leading killer of all motorists. Approximately 31% of all road fatalities are because someone was driving drunk or under the influence of drugs. That’s about 13,000 lives lost every year because someone was too senseless not to drive after becoming intoxicated (approximately one life lost every 45 minutes).

Members of the Richland County Safe Communities Coalition who are not members of the law enforcement community will use another “softer” message to attempt to positively influence the drinking and driving problem. “*You Drink. You Drive. You Lose.*” focuses on the social aspect of impaired driving rather than the criminal aspect. It serves to remind vehicle operators (including motorcycle users) that no good can come of drinking and driving. In addition to an arrest, there are legal costs, increased insurance costs, damaged reputations, and the possibility of living with the results of a crash, injury, or fatality that you may have caused.

The Richland County Safe Communities Coalition reminds everyone that if you are going to a summer party and do end up drinking alcohol, remember:

Do You Know?

DUI (driving under the influence) is the common term most people use for impaired driving but officially it’s called **OVI** (operating a vehicle under the influence of alcohol and/or drugs).

- Give your keys to a sober driver
- Have a designated driver before the evening begins
- Sleep it off where you are or call a cab.

As the official kickoff for Impaired Driving Awareness on August 22, the Richland County Safe Communities Coalition will sponsor a “Mocktail” tasting event from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Lexington Blueberry Festival. These drink recipes will show that it’s possible to have fun drinks, and a fun get-together, without alcohol being in the recipe.

National Health Observances: August

Immunization Awareness Month; Psoriasis Awareness Month; **August 1:** Minority Donor Awareness Day; **August 21-Sept. 7:** Impaired Driving Crackdown.

Football Parties & DUI



This may be a surprise but in Ohio the Impaired Driving Crackdown will extend to cover the following weekend when Ohio State faces USC in a big college football showdown in Columbus, September 12.

Law enforcement agencies will be patrolling for drivers returning from having too many drinks while at the game or returning from parties where they were watching the game.

Remember, “*Buzzed Driving is Drunk Driving.*” You may not think you’ve had too much to drink, but just a few drinks will make you impaired. The national limit is .08 BAC (blood alcohol content).

People who will be hosting parties should take keys, stop serving alcohol in the third quarter, and be sure guests have sober rides home after the game. *Fans don’t let fans drive drunk.*

Region 5* Cancer Screenings		
	June	YTD
Pap Smears	157	647
Mammograms	154	667
Women Enrolled	126	653

*Serving women in Ashland, Crawford, Huron, Knox, Marion, Morrow, Richland, Seneca & Wyandot.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Health services for people of all ages who are residents of Richland County. Services are provided through our on-site clinic, in the community and through our home visits.

Public Health Clinic	June	YTD
AIDS Medical Clinic	10	29
Child Health	43	208
Clinic Flu Shots (Oct.-Feb.)	1	113
General Health	365	1,910
HIV/AIDS Testing (In House)	10	100
Immunizations (Patients)	273	1,230
Adult Immunizations (# of Shots)	217	1,110
Child Immunizations (# of Shots)	581	2,966
Satellite Immunizations (Patients)	15	153
International Travel (Patients)	50	209
Nutrition Education	0	1
Prenatal/OBGYN	79	465
Reproductive Health*	105	558
TB Testing	109	870
Total Visits	1,060	5,846

*Combines STD & Pregnancy Test with Women’s Health

Public Health Nursing	June	YTD
BCMH (total contacts)	545	2,720
Community Health Screenings	62	481
Hearing Clinic	0	57
Influenza Vaccines (Flu Shots: Oct-Feb)	0	0
Lead Investigations	1	13
Newborn Home Visits	49	267
Help Me Grow Referrals	5	29
School Nurse Hours	367	5,657
Senior Health Assessment	234	1,028
Infectious Diseases*	15	256
Sexually Transmitted Diseases		
STD Positive Results	50	250
Chlamydia	34	180
Gonorrhea	16	69
AIDS/HIV	0	1
Syphilis	0	0

*Other than STDs. Includes inspections, investigations, and consultations. Numbers exclude City of Shelby.



Mosquito Spread West Nile Virus

The first evidence of West Nile (WNV) virus in Ohio for 2009 was collected in Franklin County.

To date, no human or horse cases of WNV have been confirmed, but these results remind us of the need for Ohioans to take steps to protect themselves against mosquito bites and eliminate standing water to reduce their chances of WNV infection.

Ohio has recorded human cases of WNV each year since 2002 when there were 441 cases. There were 108 in 2003, 12 in 2004, 61 in 2005, 48 in 2006, 23 in 2007 and 15 in 2008.

“West Nile virus is unpredictable, but it is also preventable,” said ODH Director Alvin D. Jackson, M.D. “I urge all Ohioans to take some simple steps to protect themselves and their loved ones.”

To avoid possible infection from mosquito bites:

- If you are outdoors between dusk and dawn when mosquitoes are most active, be sure to wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, shoes and socks.
- Light colors are least attractive to mosquitoes.
- Use insect repellent and follow the label directions.

To stop mosquito breeding sites near your home:

- Remove all discarded tires and other water-holding containers, such as tin cans and unused flower pots, from your property.
- Eliminate standing water from your property.
- Make sure all roof gutters are clean and properly draining.
- Clean and chlorinate pools, outdoor saunas and hot tubs. Keep them empty when not in use and drain water from pool covers.
- Change water in bird baths weekly.

For more information on West Nile virus and mosquito control, call 419-774-4544 for a brochure or see the special page on the Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department website:

www.richlandhealth.org/health/mosquito.html

WIC Services - June

New Participants	238
Recertifications	524
Other Contacts	486
Total Contacts	1,248



ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

The Environmental Health Services division directs a variety of programs that prevent, protect and educate our community about potentially harmful elements in our environment.

Contacts*	May & June	YTD
Campgrounds	14	25
Communicable Diseases	3	9
Foodborne Investigations	4	16
Food Operations	362	1,341
Indoor Air Quality	19	170
Lead Contamination	70	184
Manufactured Home Parks	51	69
Nuisance - food	13	87
Nuisance - housing	14	77
Nuisance - insects & rodents	18	37
Nuisance - sewage	38	97
Nuisance - solid waste	65	210
Nuisance - other	21	38
Plumbing - residential	316	895
Plumbing - commercial	348	1,025
Plumbing - other	43	152
Private Water Systems	94	285
Rabies Control	117	266
Schools	60	114
Sewage Systems (all types)	219	553
Smoke-free Workplace	51	201
Solid Waste	80	262
Swimming Pools/Spas	133	194
Tattoo/Piercing Parlors	19	55
Vector Control	74	133
All Other (not categorized)	27	192
Totals All Contacts	2,263	6,686

*Inspections, investigations and consultations

CALLING THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Main Number	419-774-4500
Public Health Clinic	419-774-4700
Public Health Nursing	419-774-4540
Environmental Health	419-774-4520
Health Promotion/Education	419-774-4544
WIC	419-774-4560

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VITAL STATISTICS

The Vital Statistics division maintains records of all births and deaths in Richland County since 1908 (excluding Shelby). For information on obtaining a birth or death certificate, check the website at www.richlandhealth.org or call 419-774-4500.

	June	YTD
Total Births*	126	656
Repeat Births	69	364
Teenage Births	22	103
Age 13 or younger	0	0
Age 14	0	1
Age 15	0	5
Age 16	3	7
Age 17	4	17
Age 18	4	35
Age 19	11	38
Unwed Teens	22	95
Repeat Births to Teens	4	21
Births to All Unweds	31	193

	June	YTD
Total Deaths*	96	526
Female	44	267
Male	52	259

Causes of Death

Heart Related	23	173
Cancer	32	114
Lung	11	39
Colon	3	11
Breast	2	8
Prostate	1	7
Ovarian/Cervical	2	5
Other	13	41
Lung Diseases	5	51
Alzheimers	8	46
Strokes/CVA	7	36
Renal/Kidney	4	27
Flu/Pneumonia	1	17
Accidents (includes crashes)	2	13
Suicides	2	7
Stillbirths	0	2
Homicides	0	1
Pending Autopsy	1	5
Other (not listed above)	11	31

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