



Mansfield/Ontario/Richland County Health Department
Health Report Back Beat

Promote Healthy Swimming

The week preceding Memorial Day (May 18–24, 2009) has been designated as National Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week.

The goal is to highlight the importance of healthy swimming behaviors in preventing recreational water illnesses (RWIs). State and local health departments across the country have seen an increase in the number of RWI outbreaks caused by *Cryptosporidium* (“Crypto”), a chlorine resistant parasite primarily associated with treated recreational water venues, such as pools and water parks. Even a well-maintained pool can transmit Crypto.

Specific actions you can take to promote healthy swimming include:

1. Do not swim when you have diarrhea.
2. Do not swallow pool water or get pool water in your mouth.
3. Shower before swimming (children too!).
4. Wash your hands after using the toilet or changing diapers.
5. Take children on bathroom breaks or change diapers often.
6. Change children’s diapers in a bathroom, not at poolside.

For more information about Recreational Water Illness Prevention Week and Healthy Swimming, contact the Environmental Health Division at 419-774-4520 or visit two website with additional information: <http://www.cdc.gov/healthyswimming> and <http://www.epa.gov/beaches>.

WIC Services - March

New Participants	243
Recertifications	549
Other Contacts	445
Total Contacts	1,237



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*	Feb.	YTD
Indoor Air Quality	37	78
Campgrounds	1	4
Communicable Diseases	1	5
Foodborne Investigations	0	5
Food Operations	279	562
Lead Contamination	27	56
Manufactured Home Parks	1	4
Nuisance - food	17	38
Nuisance - housing	16	27
Nuisance - insects & rodents	5	5
Nuisance - sewage	15	23
Nuisance - solid waste	40	57
Nuisance - other	6	10
Rabies Control	20	47
Plumbing - residential	88	217
Plumbing - commercial	156	286
Plumbing - other	35	76
Private Water Systems	47	104
Schools	3	9
Sewage Systems (all types)	65	141
Smoke-free Workplace	30	82
Solid Waste	32	67
Swimming Pools	6	26
Tattoo/Piercing Parlors	3	10
Vector Control	6	11
All Other (not categorized)	58	81
Totals All Contacts	994	2,031

*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.

	March	YTD
Total Births*	116	315
Repeat Births	68	184
Teenage Births	17	46
Age 13 or younger	0	0
Age 14	1	1
Age 15	1	2
Age 16	0	2
Age 17	1	8
Age 18	7	15
Age 19	7	18
Unwed Teens	17	46
Repeat Births to Teens	3	8
Births to All Unweds	31	93

	March	YTD
Total Deaths*	71	250
Female	34	132
Male	37	118

Causes of Death

	March	YTD
Heart Related	19	78
Cancer	16	48
Lung	7	16
Colon	0	4
Prostate	0	3
Breast	2	3
Ovarian/Cervical	1	2
Other	6	17
Lung Diseases	10	31
Alzheimers	3	22
Strokes/CVA	2	15
Flu/Pneumonia	3	11
Renal/Kidney	7	13
Suicides	1	4
Accidents (includes crashes)	3	5
Stillbirths	1	1
Homicides	1	1
Pending Autopsy	1	6
Other (not listed above)	6	17

*Births & Deaths exclude City of Shelby



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