



# ALLEN COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER



Public Health  
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## At a glance facts:

### Year to Date Statistics

(As of June 30, 2011)

- Immunizations given: 5,255
- VFC Immunizations (underinsured) given: 2,210
- Women's Preventive Health Project caseload: 429
- Komen Caseload(<40 yr old): 168
- BCMH Caseload: 456
- Caring For 2 Home Visits: 442
- Family Planning Program visits: 960
- Tuberculosis Tests given: 789
- Reportable Communicable Diseases: 596 total
  - 0 cases of Class A diseases  
Diseases of major public health concern needing immediate response, e.g. human rabies, meningococcal disease
  - 30 cases of Class B1 diseases  
Diseases of public health concern needing timely response, e.g. E .coli 0157:H7, West Nile Virus, TB
  - 491 cases of Class B2 diseases  
Diseases of significant public health concern, e.g. STDs, foodborne illnesses, influenza (flu) hospitalization, chicken pox
  - 75 cases of Class C diseases – Outbreaks only  
Tracking of outbreaks whether the cause is foodborne, community, water-borne or zoonotic, e.g. foodborne, norovirus, ringworm, MRSA
- HIV Tests given: 493
- Number of births filed: 1,144
- Number of deaths filed: 695
- WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program monthly average caseload: 3,774
- Environmental Division Field Inspections: 3,250

## Medical Reserve Corps Needs Volunteers

The Allen County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is launching a recruitment drive and looking for your support. We are looking for **both medical and non-medical volunteers** to join the ranks of the MRC.

### What is the Medical Reserve Corps?

The Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) is a community-based volunteer program that helps build the public health capacity of communities nationwide. Each MRC unit is organized and trained to address a wide range of challenges, from public health education to disaster response.

### What is the mission of the MRC?

The mission of the Medical Reserve Corps is to improve the health and safety of communities across the country by organizing and utilizing public health, medical, and other volunteers.

### What does an MRC Volunteer do?

Volunteers assist communities during emergencies and for ongoing efforts in public health. For example, this might involve helping at a large community clinic to administer vaccines or antibiotics to the public. Volunteers who have no medical or healthcare backgrounds can assist with administrative and other essential functions to support the medical response activities.

**How does the MRC benefit Allen County?** The MRC increases the number of individuals who are prepared for and trained to assist with disaster response activities.

**How does the MRC benefit the Volunteer?** MRC volunteers receive free specialized training in emergency preparedness. Volunteers also have the opportunity to train with local emergency responders.

We invite all interested Volunteers to log onto <https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov/volunteer/> to register. Or contact Tom Berger at 419-879-2271 or [tberger@allenhealthdept.org](mailto:tberger@allenhealthdept.org).

## Protect Yourself

When asked to **Shelter in Place**, follow these steps:

1. Go inside.
2. Close all windows.
3. Turn off heating or air conditioning systems.
4. Close fireplace dampers.
5. Tune to local radio and TV for further instructions.



## Revised Clinic Hours & Services

Due to some funding and staff reductions, we have adjusted some of the clinic times and services for the public. Updated clinic schedules and information are outlined below.

### Immunization Services for Adults and Children

- All immunizations are given by appointment only. Appointments may be scheduled on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.
- Costs for adult immunizations vary depending on the type of vaccination. Cash, check or money orders are accepted for all vaccinations.
- Childhood immunizations cost \$14 each or Medicaid card. No child will be denied Ohio Department of Health vaccines due to inability to pay.
- If you have questions or would like to schedule an appointment, please call 419-228-4457 and ask to schedule an immunization appointment. Appointments can also be made online through our website: [www.allencountyhealthdepartment.org](http://www.allencountyhealthdepartment.org)

### Allen County Family Planning Monday – Wednesday only 419-228-6154

#### Mondays & Wednesdays

- 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. - Pill pick-ups for established patients only
- 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. – Walk-in Pregnancy testing

#### Tuesdays

- 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. – Sexually Transmitted Disease walk-in clinic, other times available by appointment
- Afternoon – appointment only clinic visits

### Other Clinics

TB skin tests and blood pressure checks will be offered on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 8-9:00 a.m. and 3-4:00 p.m. only.

## Upcoming Community Events:

### WIC's Breastfeeding Support Family Fun Day in the Park

The Allen County Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) in conjunction with the Lima City Parks & Recreation Division, is sponsoring a Family Fun Day in Faurot Park on July 30th, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., in recognition of World Breastfeeding Week and Breastfeeding Awareness Month. The event is open to the public; families are invited to come and enjoy snacks, fun, games and many activities in celebration of healthy families and children.

"We have many reasons to celebrate breastfeeding awareness month," says Barb Deepe, Allen County WIC Director. Families need to know that there are resources in the community to help with any breastfeeding questions, concerns or support that they might need, stated Deepe. Allen County WIC has a "Circle of Friends" flyer which lists breastfeeding resources in Allen County. Anyone interested in this flyer can call the Allen County WIC office at 419-224-8200 to request a copy.

### Family Fun Bike Fest

The Health Department's Creating Healthy Communities Coalition and partner agencies are sponsoring a bicycle festival to celebrate the completion of the Cole Street Bikeway. The Family Fun Bike Fest will be held at the Cornerstone Harvest Church parking lot at 2000 N. Cole Street on Saturday, July 30, from 9 a.m. to noon. Events include a bike rodeo, a bike ride to Robb Park, and a kiddy bike & trike parade.

The program is designed to encourage bike riding for exercise, and to teach bicyclists the skills they need in order to be better cyclists. "By learning bike handling and traffic skills, they can enjoy bicycling more and reduce the chance of injury," says program coordinator, Monica Harnish.



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