

COVID-19 UPDATES

2 years of COVID-19 in Scioto County; Where are we now?

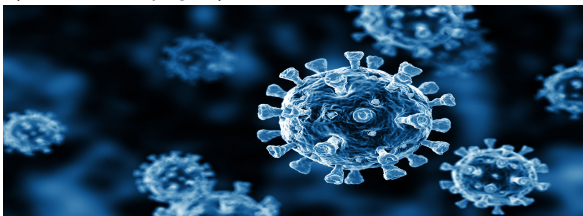
Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic the Scioto County Health Department has continued to implement mitigation strategies to help keep our communities safe and informed. Since 2020, our agency staff has worked hard to keep up with the ever-changing data, information, and education in order to ensure we are giving the most up-to-date recommendations per CDC guidelines and apply them to our current county level situation.

We continue to address many other public health issues with education and prevention strategies. We believe these last two years have prepared us to be even better at responding to any future COVID-19 surge or other public health emergencies. We continue to promote and protect the health, safety, and well-being of all through the many services we have to offer.

In the recent months we have slowly been making changes to our on-line reporting; you will see that we have added direct links that will take citizens directly to the CDC on-line COVID-19 dashboards for more data and statistics per county, state, and national levels.

Although we are no longer making contact with positive COVID-19 cases or contact tracing to the extent we were in the beginning of the pandemic, we continue to monitor these cases as we do with other communicable diseases; investigating outbreaks and offering recommendations to individuals and businesses on how to manage and/or mitigate the illness for their specific situation.

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Scioto County Health Department wants to remind everyone it is that time of year again. Mosquitoes can be found around many households, campgrounds, and parks in Ohio. It is common for humans to come in contact with mosquitoes in the spring, summer, and early fall in Ohio when going outdoors. There are 59 species of mosquitoes in Ohio. Some of these mosquitoes are known to spread disease. Although rare, mosquitoes can spread diseases such as West Nile Virus, Encephalitis, and Malaria if an infected mosquito bites a human. Dogs can also get heartworms from bites from infected mosquitoes.

The Scioto County Health Department is in partnership with The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Zoonotic Disease Program to conduct county wide vector borne disease surveillance to help with mosquito control activities. Environmental Health Division staff are available to help assist you with questions regarding mosquito prevention, filing complaints regarding mosquito problems in Scioto County, and reducing mosquito harborage conditions in Scioto County. To file complaints or report mosquito problems, please call (740)355-8358.

Find These Things That Cause Mosquito Breeding Around The Home



FIGHT The Bite!

[Ohio.Gov/Mosquito](https://www.ohio.gov/mosquito)

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Ohio
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Guidance for Homeowners

Step by Step Process for installing, Replacing, or Altering a Sewage Treatment System

1.) Soil Evaluation:

A soil evaluation must be completed in accordance with rule 3701-29-07 of the Ohio Administrative Code the soil evaluation may be conducted by The Scioto County Health Department or a qualified soil scientist. A list of qualified soil scientists can be found at: <https://www.ohiopedologist.org>.

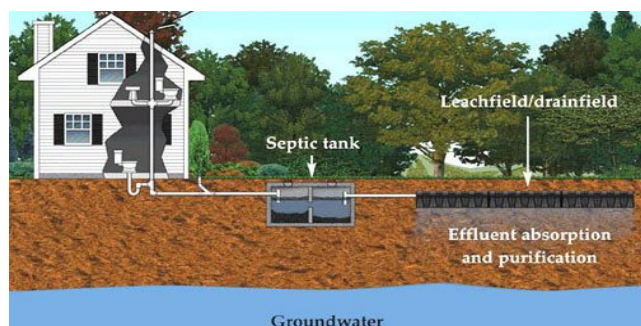
2.) Sewage Treatment System Design:

Once the soil evaluation is complete, a STS design must be created in accordance with rule 3701-29-10 OAC. "STS designs shall be prepared and submitted by persons capable of reviewing the soil evaluation, site conditions, information provided by the homeowner, and these rules to facilitate the choice of an appropriate, site specific STS..." A list of septic system designers can be found at: <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/sewage-treatment-systems/media/designer-contact-list>. Registered installers are also qualified to create STS designs.

3.) Site Review Application & Associated Fee:

After the above two steps are completed, the following information must be submitted to the Scioto County Health Department: Soil Evaluation, STS Design, Sewage Treatment System Site Review Application, and Site Review Fee. The Sewage Treatment System Site Review Application and a list of fees can be found on the left of the screen.

4.) Permit Application & Associated Fee: Once the Sewage Treatment System Site Review Application has been approved, the applicant may apply for a Permit to Install or Alter a Sewage Treatment System. The a copy of the permit can be found to the left of this screen. Submit the permit and associated fee to the Scioto County Health Department. Once approved, the applicant will receive the permit and installation may begin.



Private Water Testing

Prior to an Installation or alteration of a private water system, a permit from the Scioto County Health Department must be obtained by the property owner or installer. Private water systems include wells, ponds, hauled water storage tanks or cisterns as a water source. Determination of water quality by testing private water systems for Coliform bacteria and E.coli is also an important service. In addition to these water tests being required as part of the permit process, the health department will, upon request, collect samples from private water systems and report the lab results. Contact us for current fees. If you are buying/selling a home or upon the homeowners request, the Scioto County Health Department can evaluate your existing household private water system.



All of Scioto County Health Department's Food Inspections are listed on our website www.sciotocountyhealth.com

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We are seeing that our COVID-19 case managing duties are becoming increasingly similar to how we have always managed other communicable diseases, which we believe is a positive movement.

We are now offering COVID-19 vaccines daily with no appointment necessary for those ages 6 months and up. Those interested can receive their vaccines at our office from 9am-12p and from 1-3pm Monday - Thursday. 9am - 12pm on Fridays. Walk-ins will be on a first come, first serve basis and are subject to availability just as any other vaccine we have to offer.

COVID-19 and its variants are still a large concern for many people. Those who are severely immunocompromised or unvaccinated are still at highest risk of contracting and spreading this virus. We continue to encourage everyone to keep themselves and their families safe by practicing good hygiene, staying home when sick and wearing a mask when in large public spaces. Staying up to date on the currently recommended vaccines is a largely effective way to fight against these viruses. Scioto County Health Department is available and willing to answer any questions or concerns you may have regarding COVID-19 or any other agency matter. Reach us by calling 740-355-8358, by visiting our website at www.sciotocountyhealth.com or follow us on social media.

VITAL RECORD SERVICES Birth & Death Certificates



Vital Statistics of Scioto County

The Vital Statistics of Scioto County Health Department maintains birth records from December 20, 1908 to present of births anywhere in OHIO and Death records from 1931 to present (only if death occurred in Scioto County outside of Portsmouth City limits). Costs are \$25.00 per certified copy. Scioto County Health Department in accordance with Scioto County Auditor Office accepts cash, money orders, cashier's and local checks made payable to Scioto County Health Department. Records may be requested in person Monday-Friday from 8:30-4:15. You may also send a request for a birth or death record by mail.

Please include; the request form, method of payment, a phone number, and a stamped, self-addressed envelope. Please do not send cash by mail.

Send requests to:
Scioto County Health Department
612 6th St, Suite D
Portsmouth, OH 45662

How to Collect an Anterior Nasal Swab Specimen for COVID-19 Testing



Use **only** an authorized specimen collection kit given to you by your healthcare provider or personnel at the testing center, or purchased over the counter in a pharmacy or other store. Follow the instructions included with the specimen collection kit which may be used on-site or at home. Use **only** materials provided in the kit to collect and store or mail the specimen, unless the kit says to do otherwise. These instructions can also be used with self-testing kits if the kit specifies anterior nasal swab collection.

Set-up

1. Disinfect the surface where you will open the collection kit. Remove and lay out contents of kit, i.e. instructions before starting specimen collection.



2. Wash hands with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use hand sanitizer.



Specimen collection

3. Remove the swab from the package. Do not touch the soft end with your hands or anything else.



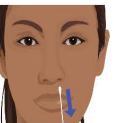
4. Insert the entire soft end of the swab into your nostril **no more than 1/4 of an inch (1.5 cm)** into your nose.



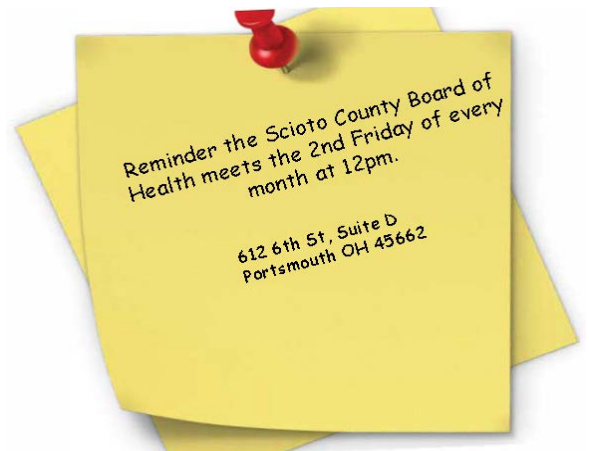
5. Slowly rotate the swab, gently pressing against the inside of your nostril at least 4 times for a total of 15 seconds. Get as much nasal discharge as possible on the soft end of the swab.



6. Gently remove the swab.



7. Using the same swab, repeat steps 4-6 in your other nostril with the same end of the swab.





Tracey Henderson BSN, RN Director of Nursing

Tracey has been with Scioto County Health Department for 11.5 years. She started out as a Public Health Nurse working with Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH), diseases and immunizations. In 2017, she took a leadership role as Nursing Director. In 2018-19 the Tri-State was hit with a Hepatitis A outbreak then shortly after that by the COVID-19 Epidemic in March 2020. The Scioto County Nursing Department has administered 15,770 (as of 7/8/22) COVID vaccines and conducted various mobile clinics to assist the community with COVID-19 vaccinations.

"I love public health, serving the public, and especially working with families through the CMH program." - Tracey

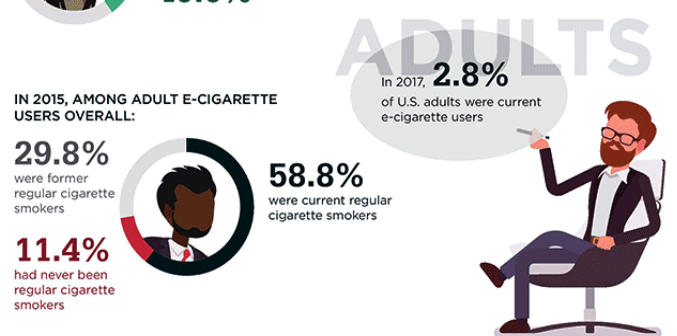
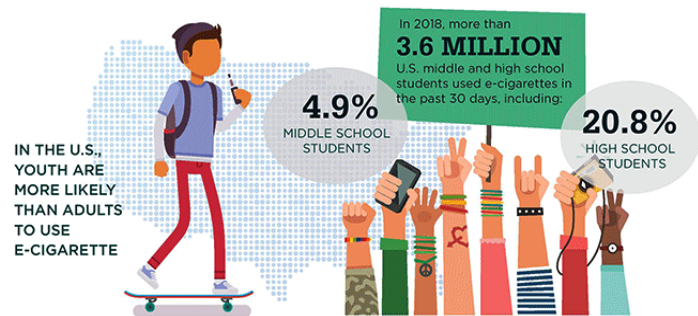
School Vaccine Clinics

The Scioto County Health Department has 7 mobile clinics at schools for incoming 7th and 12th graders, as follows:

- Bloom Vernon Schools open house - Monday 8/15/22 5-7pm.
- Green School - Wednesday 8/17/22 10 am
- Wheelersburg School - Monday 8/22/22 6-8pm
- Valley Middle School - Thursday 8/25/22 9:30am - noon
- Valley High School - Thursday 8/26/22 9:30am - noon
- West Schools - Wednesday 8/31/22 Time TBA
- Vo-Tech Time and Date TBA



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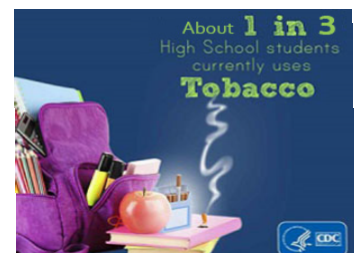
Health Education & Promotion

By Scioto County Health Department

Tobacco Facts

- 1 in 4 (25%) of adults in Scioto County smoke, compared to 19.3% in Ohio and 17% in the U.S.
- Scioto County has a higher cancer incidence rate (494.5 cases per 100,000 people) than Ohio (461.6)
- On average, Ohio children try smoking for the first time at age 12-1/2 years.
- Over 40% of Ohio high school students have tried e-cigarettes.
- Over 90% of adult smokers started smoking before age 18.

Tobacco Addiction Starts Early!



Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of disease and death in the U.S. Early start of tobacco use has been shown to increase the likelihood of lifetime smoking and the risk for tobacco-related illness and death. If you use tobacco and/or vape and you are thinking about quitting, the Scioto County Health District can help. Contact Arlene at 740-355-8358, ext. 8364 to learn how you can take the steps to quitting tobacco today

Community Events

Portsmouth Pride - June 12, Potters House
Health Fair



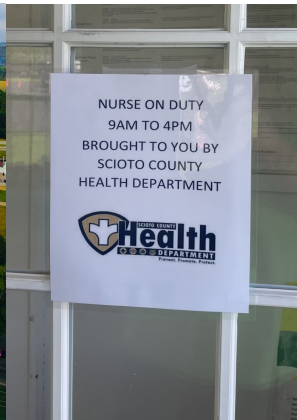
Veteran's Health Fair - July 12 COA
Community Health Fair



Upcoming Events

The Scioto County Fair
Aug 8-12th

Scioto County Health Department will
have a booth at the fair



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Public Hearings

Scioto County Swimming Pool Program
RE: Notice For Public Hearing - ORC 3709.09(c)

August 11, 2022
10:00 am

The Scioto County Health Department will be holding a Public Hearing in order to update all Public Swimming Pool License Fees and Categories. Updates were made in accordance with Ohio Administrative Code section 3701-36-14 and Ohio Revised Code section 3749.04.

Location: Scioto County Health Department
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