

Operation & Maintenance

In January 2015, the Ohio Department of Health adopted new rules regarding private Sewage Treatment Systems (STSs) in Ohio (Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-09(I)). These new rules mandate that all health districts in the state develop and implement a local Operation & Maintenance program to ensure all systems in their jurisdiction are monitored for regular maintenance and proper function. Regular maintenance of your system will extend its life, safeguard your investment, protect your health, preserve surface and ground waters, and prevent sewage nuisance conditions on your property.

The Operation & Maintenance Program will require that every owner of a property with a Home Sewage Treatment System (HSTS) obtain, and continually renew, an Operation Permit and regularly submit proof that their system is receiving the minimum required maintenance as directed by that permit. Compliance with permit conditions will be tracked on an ongoing basis, allowing Scioto County Health Department (SCHD) to identify and address neglected and/or

Health District authority to inspect septic systems

The Ohio Administrative Code gives the board of health the authority to conduct the operation permit program and inspections of systems during installation and repairs.

3701-29-23 Inspections. (A) The board of health may at any reasonable time inspect any STS, part thereof, or proposed STS site, to conduct sampling, collect data, or perform other activities necessary to assure compliance with this chapter.

(B) No household sewage disposal system or part thereof shall be covered or put into operation until the system has been inspected and approved by the health commissioner.

Supplemental Information

Authorized By: 3718.02

Amplifies: 3718.02, 3718.08, 3718.09, 3718.10

Five Year Review Date: 6/29/2020

Prior Effective Dates: 7/1/1974, 7/1/1977, 7/2/2007, 7/30/2007



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

1. Pool cover that collects water, neglected swimming pool or child's wading pool
2. Birdbath and garden pond
3. Any toy, garden equipment, or container that can hold water
4. Flat roof with standing water
5. Clogged rain gutter
6. Trash and old tires
7. Tree hole, hollow stump, or rain puddle
8. Missing, damaged or improperly installed screens
9. Uncovered boat or boat cover that collects water
10. Leaky faucet and pet bowl



FIGHT The Bite

Ohio.Gov/Mosquito

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Scioto County Failing Septic System Financial Assistance Program

The Scioto County Health Department through an award from the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund from Ohio EPA is providing financial assistance to income-eligible homeowners in Scioto County to repair or replace their failing home sewage treatment systems. The assistance can cover up to 100% of the cost to replace or repair the failing septic system. The assistance may also cover new connections to available sanitary sewers.

Tiers of Financial Assistance

- 100% poverty level = You pay 0%
- 200% poverty level = You pay 15%
- 300% poverty level = You pay 50%
- The applicant must own and live in the home as their primary residence. Or home is being purchased via Land Installment Contract per ORC 5313.
- Rental properties, new builds, foreclosures or homes for sale are NOT eligible for assistance.
- The total gross yearly anticipated household income must be below 300% of the 2020 Federal Poverty Guidelines.
- You need to be income eligible, verification of homeowner's household size and income will be conducted by the health department using established guidelines.
- Your system must be documented as failed by the Scioto County Health Department.

Income verification must be submitted for all household members over 18 years of age.

Examples of income verification are:

- Employment: Copies of your 4 most recent pay stubs or signed Employer Verification form for all employment.
- Fixed Income: A statement from the agency verifying the amount of monthly income received (such as unemployment,
- Social Security, SSI, Disability, Child Support, pension, etc.).
- Self-employment: A copy of last year's federal filed income taxes, including Profit and Loss Statement.
- Interest Income: A copy of bank statement reflecting the amount of interest earned last year.

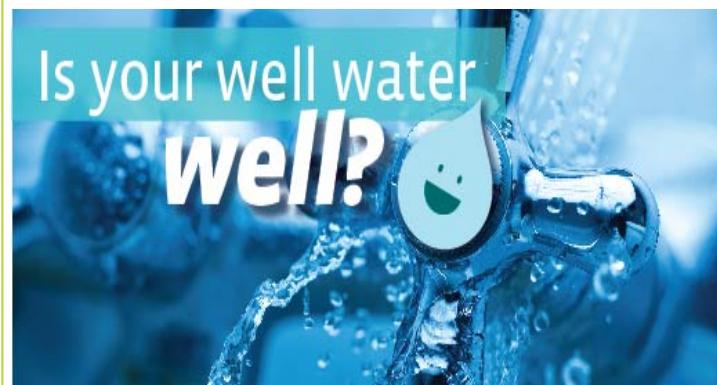


**For additional information or to qualify for the program, call
Garet Bennett, RS at 740-355-8358.**

**The Scioto County Health Department is able to make this
funding available through the Ohio EPA.**

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.



Jan-July 2023 # of Food Inspections

Jan - 39
Feb - 17
March - 35
April - 15
May - 41
June - 71
July - 50



All Scioto County Health Department
Food Inspections are available on
our website

www.sciotocountyhealth.com

The Scioto County Board of Health

The Scioto County Board of Health is an appointed board comprised of five (5) members who are appointed to serve a five (5) year term by the Scioto County Trustees Advisory Council. The Trustee Advisory Council is comprised of all the Township Trustee Presidents and village mayors in Scioto County. The Board of Health is an administrative board which receives its powers and duties from the Ohio Revised Code as passed by the Ohio Legislature. By law, the Board of Health is the appointed authority for all matters related to the Scioto County Health Department. The Board appoints a Health Commissioner as its executive officer to direct the daily operations of the department and to carry out all orders of the Board. The Ohio Revised Code outlines some specific functions that the Board must carry out. These functions generally deal with the health, welfare, and safety of the residents of the county. The Board, as authorized by the Ohio Revised Code, can establish various divisions to carry out these functions.

Members of the Board:

Laura Miller, R. Ph., President, Term expires March 2026
Christy Sherman, D.P.N., President Pro Temp, Term expires March 2025
Adrienne Buckler Callihan, Attorney, Member Term expires March 2028
Sean Sturgill, R. Ph., Member Term expires March 2024
Aaron Adams, D.O., Member Term expires March 2027

VITAL RECORD SERVICES Birth & Death Certificates

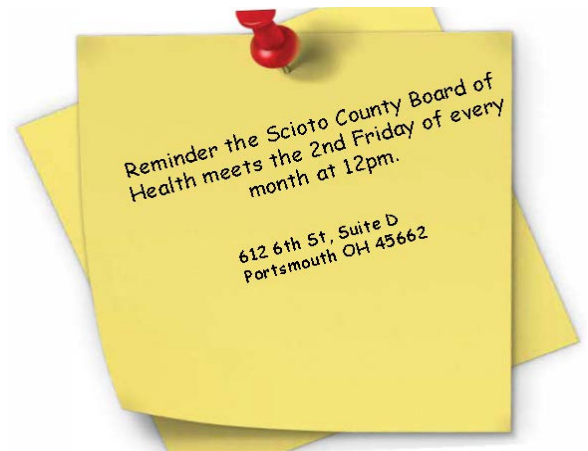


Vital Statistics of Scioto County

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





Arlene Dever
Community Health Worker

Arlene has been with SCHD for about two and a half years. She just finished the Community Health Worker course offered by Ohio University. She attends all the health fairs, vaccine clinics and this year SCHD is adding career fairs as an educational representative of SCHD. One thing you might not know about her is she grows and cans her own vegetables.

The following insurance plans are accepted

- Aetna Medicare
- Allied Benefit systems
- Ambetter From Buckeye Health
- Anthem
- Caresource
- Buckeye Community Health
- Cigna
- GEHA
- Humana Medicare
- Ohio Medicaid
- Medical Mutual
- Medicare
- Molina
- Paramount (Changing to Anthem Medicaid)
- Railroad Medicare
- Trustmark
- United Health Care

Health Education & Promotion By Scioto County Health Department

School Vaccine Clinics

The Scioto County Health Department had 7 mobile clinics at schools for 6th and 11th graders, as follows:

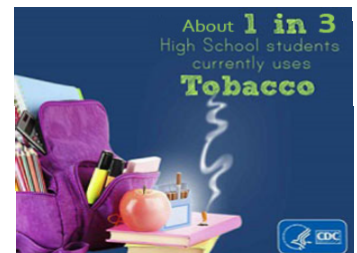
- March 23, 2023 Wheelersburg
- April 4, 2023 STEM Academy
- April 5, 2023 Boom-Vernon
- April 27, 2023 Minford
- May 2, 2023 East
- May 5, 2023 Northwest
- May 8, 2023 Green



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

Community Baby Shower 2-16-23

Laps for Literacy and Wellness
4-14-23



Upcoming Events
Scioto County Fair
Aug 7th-12th

Scioto County Health Department will have a booth at the fair



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Public Hearings

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

March 8, 2023 @ 10:00am

Public Hearing for 2023 Campground Fees

Location: Scioto County Health Department
612 6th St., Suite D, (Lower Level)
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