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## Sewage Operation & Maintenance

### Program Overview

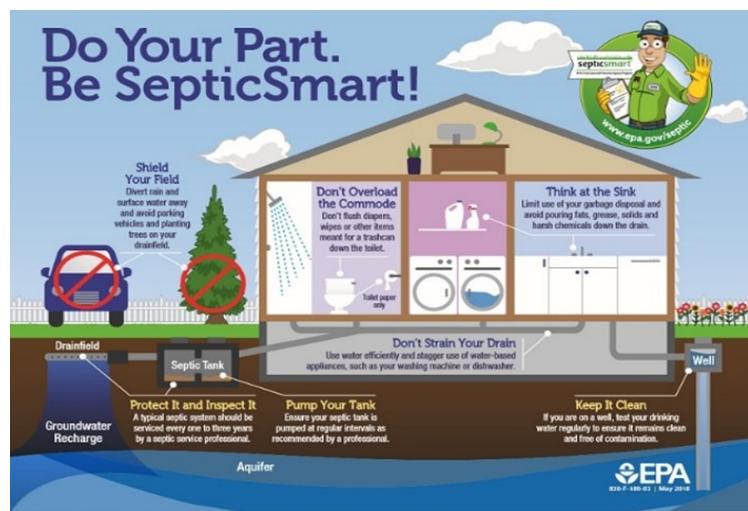
In January 2015, the Ohio Department of Health adopted new rules regarding private Sewage Treatment Systems (STSS) in Ohio (Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29-09(l)). These new rules mandate that all health departments in the state develop and implement a local Operation & Maintenance program to 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 failing systems.

While this program is state-mandated, funding has not been provided, so Operation Permit fees have been established to assist SCHD with funding for the following: the maintenance, management, and oversight for the system permitting and service records, personnel costs in reviewing service compliance documentation and conducting inspections, postage, and homeowner education efforts and materials. Sampling fees have also been established for systems that require annual sampling, such as National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDESs). These sample fees cover sampling personnel costs, sampling equipment and supplies, lab analysis fees, and postage for mailing of results.

Operation & Maintenance Permits – All Systems Types	Local Fees	Lab Fees	Total Fee
Permit Renewals	\$50.00		\$50.00
Pre-Existing System Enrollment	\$50.00		\$50.00
New System Enrollment			\$0.00
Annual NPDES Effluent Sampling	\$240.00	\$217.90	\$457.90/per sample
Non-Compliance Service Inspection	\$250.00		\$250.00

You Received your O&M Renewal Letter Packet -- CHECKLIST
Find your System Type on the letter
Find your Renewal Frequency on the letter
Find if a Service Contract is Required for your system
Find the attached Scioto County Sewage Treatment System Operation & Maintenance Permit Renewal Application, the List of Registered Service Providers, and O&M Program Frequently Asked Questions.
Contact a Registered Service Provider locate on the List that is certified for your type of system. Explain to the Service Provider you have received your O&M Renewal Letter from SCHD and need your System Inspected. Depending on if a Service Contract is Required you will need to make sure you sign your system up with the Service Provider for that at this time also.
Pay the Registered Service Provider for their services and collect all paper work from them.
Fill out the Scioto County Sewage Treatment System Operation & Maintenance Permit Renewal Application – Have the Service Provider sign and date on the Application.
Include ALL related records with the application - <u>Such as</u> -Inspections, maintenance service, corrective actions, abandonment, monitoring, service contracts, water quality sampling, sampling results, tank pumping receipts, tank, and distribution box inspections, or cleaning off effluent filters.
If there is a Service Contact required make sure to send a copy with the application stated above and have the Service Provider sign and give the Service Contract Expiration Date on the Application.
Include the \$50.00 Permit Renewal Fee – <u>Checks made payable to Scioto County Health Department</u>
Sign and Date the application and mail to the Scioto County Health Department 612 6 <sup>th</sup> Street, Suite D, Portsmouth OH 45662



## 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.

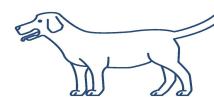
## Private Water Testing

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.

Is your well water  
**well?**

### DOG BITES BY THE NUMBERS

**84M - 89M DOGS**  
in the United States



45% of homes have at least 1 dog

**4.5M PEOPLE**  
bitten by dogs each year

Top 10 states reporting dog bite claims in 2023



### CHILDREN

are the most common victims of dog bites and are far more likely to be severely injured



**Pillars of dog bite prevention**

1. Socializing your dog
2. Educating communities
3. Avoiding risky situations

### WHAT'S THE \$\$\$\$\$?

Insurers paid out  
**\$1.12B**  
in liability claims related to dog bites and other dog-related injuries



Over the past decade (2013-2023), State Farm has paid over **\$1.5 BILLION** for dog-related injury claims.

Average cost for dog bite insurance claims in 2023 was

**\$58,345**

Dog bite claims increased by nearly 10% in 2023

**ANY DOG CAN BITE**

Educate yourself, your children and others about dog bite prevention.  
[avma.org/DogBitePrevention](http://avma.org/DogBitePrevention)



AMERICAN VETERINARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. Pet Demographic and Demographic Survey, 2022 edition.  
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Insurance Information Institute and State Farm Insurance, 2023.

**Animal Bites**  
Rabies is a viral disease found in mammals. Rabies is 100% fatal in humans that develop symptoms. Rabies can be prevented by prompt medical treatment following an exposure to a rabid animal. Exposure is considered to be a bite or scratch that breaks or punctures the skin, or when bodily fluids from an infected animal contact mucous membranes or an open wound.

## Solar Eclipse April 8th, 2024



### Solar Eclipse Safety - April 8th, 2024

#### Never look at a solar eclipse without proper safety glasses or filters.

- Even a brief glance without protection can cause permanent eye damage.

#### Never look at the sun through a camera, binoculars, or telescope without solar filters.

- Instant eye injury can occur without proper protection.



## Spotlight Employee



### Beth Ingles

#### Administrative Assistant

Beth started with SCDH scheduling for the COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics and now has expanded across the department working in BCMH Billing to the Sewage Operation and Maintenance Program. Her favorite part of working for SCDH is that everyone gets along and makes you feel like you are one big family. One thing people are surprised to find out is she loves to go skydiving and visiting Hawaii is on her Bucket List.

## 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

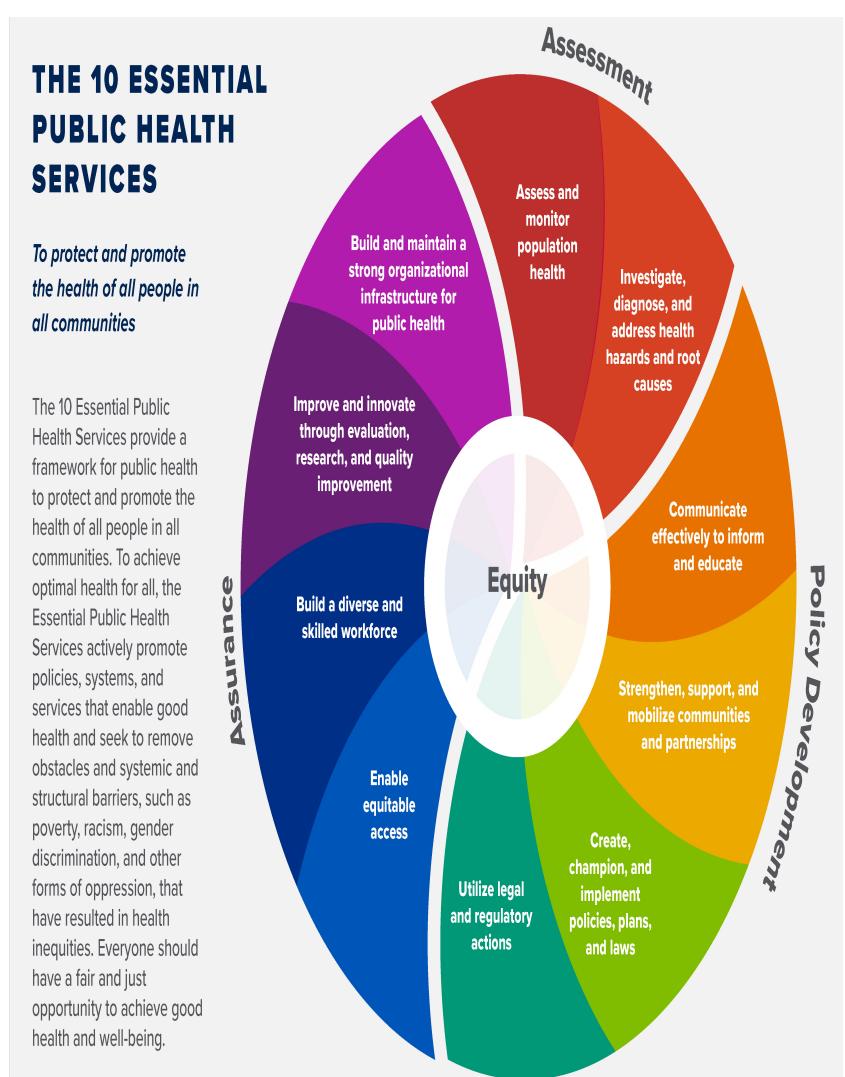
Adrienne Buckler Callihan, Attorney, Member Term expires March 2028

Sean Sturgill, R. Ph., Member Term expires March 2029 Aaron Adams, D.O., Member Term expires March 2027

## THE 10 ESSENTIAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES

*To protect and promote the health of all people in all communities*

The 10 Essential Public Health Services provide a framework for public health to protect and promote the health of all people in all communities. To achieve optimal health for all, the Essential Public Health Services actively promote policies, systems, and services that enable good health and seek to remove obstacles and systemic and structural barriers, such as poverty, racism, gender discrimination, and other forms of oppression, that have resulted in health inequities. Everyone should have a fair and just opportunity to achieve good health and well-being.



# KNOW WHEN TO WASH YOUR HANDS



[www.cdc.gov/handwashing](http://www.cdc.gov/handwashing)

## Health Education & Promotion By Scioto County Health Department

### Regional Infant Mortality Collaboration

- Nationwide Children's Hospital's grant application for a federal HRSA grant to fund a regional program to reduce infant mortality in Ross, Pike and Scioto Counties was just approved. We worked with them in the planning.
- The award amount is \$4.7 million over the 5-year period of May 2024 – early 2029.
- Their four main strategies are:
  - Embed community health workers into prenatal care and pediatric care settings to connect families to evidence-based programs and address social determinants of health needs
  - Expand local capacity for critical social and health promotion supports.
  - Establish a community consortium of local partners (healthcare providers, public health, social services) to collaborate to improve perinatal health outcomes and ensure that local priorities are addressed.
  - SCHD will be one the local collaborators. SOMC pediatrics will be the lead provider partner.
- This grew out of a discussion of needs with NCH based on the SCHD Child Fatality Review in 2022.

## 2024 SpringSchool Vaccine Clinics

The Scioto County Health Department had 6 mobile clinics at schools for 6th and 11th graders.



## Nurse Appreciation Week 6-12-24

Nursing Department Staff:

Tracey Henderson, BSN, RN, Director of Nursing  
Vickie Patrick, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Kristyn McLaughlin, RN, Public Health Nurse  
Pam McCoy RN, Public Health Nurse  
Beth Ingles, Administrative Assistant  
Arlene Dever, Community Health Worker



# Community Events

South Webster Health Fair 4-17-24



Party in the Park 7-16-24



Upcoming Events Scioto County Fair Aug 5th-9th



Shawnee Family Health Fair 5-4-24



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## Public Hearings

**Scioto County Retail Food Program  
RE: Notice For Public Hearing - ORC 3717.25**

**Feb 6th 2024 @ 10:00am**

**Public Hearing for 2024 Retail Food Fees**

**Location: Scioto County Health Department  
612 6th St., Suite D, (Lower Level)  
Portsmouth, OH 45662**

**Scioto County Sewage Program Fees RE: Notice for Public Hearing - OAC 3701-29-05, 3701-29-14, and Section 3709.09 of the ORC**

**May 9th 2024 @10:00am**

**Change in Sewage Program Fees**

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