

Columbus Public Health

Protecting Health & Improving Lives in Worthington

Columbus Public Health protects the health and improves the lives of all Worthington residents through a variety of services that meet the diverse needs of the community such as:

- Restaurant Inspections
- Mosquito Testing and Treatment
- Women's Health Services
- Tobacco 21
- Immunizations
- Emergency Planning

2018 Worthington Highlights:

- Provided 268 childhood vaccinations.
- Provided 80 flu vaccinations.
- Served 60 clients in the Women's Health Clinic.
- Provided 14 LARCs (Long Acting Reversible Contraception) in the Women's Health Clinic.
- Enrolled 1 resident in the Baby and Me Tobacco Free program.
- Provided 91 vaccinations at Worthington schools.
- Conducted 32 school inspections.
- Created a comprehensive street map of the City of Worthington.
- Conducted 268 inspections of Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments.
- Conducted a complaint inspection and investigation at La Chatelaine on a parking lot issue with the Worthington inspector and helped resolve it to protect the public's health.
- Researched possible City of Worthington Tobacco 21 facilities through field staff, online searches and the Envision database, and created a list of 19 possible Tobacco 21 facilities.
- Ordered Tobacco 21 signs for delivery to prospective licensees.
- Conducted onsite visits at all possible facilities and identified 5 facilities that met Tobacco 21 regulatory requirements. (One voluntarily chose to stop selling regulated items.)
- Completed onsite educational outreach visits with each licensee.
- Discussed requirements and assisted operators with placement of Tobacco 21 signs at points of sale and on display cases.
- Approved 4 City of Worthington facilities for licensing and received Tobacco 21 licenses in the fall.
 - Tobacco 21 sign inspections are being completed.
 - Enforcement letters are being developed that reference the City of Worthington code.
 - Underage buy attempts for facilities are being scheduled.
- Participated in the City of Worthington's Bicycle/Pedestrian Master Plan Steering Committee.
- Provided technical assistance to help establish a Safe Routes to School program, setting the stage for a future District School Travel Plan.
- Participated in the soon to be revived Worthington School District Wellness Committee.
- Participated in 1 community wellness event, focusing on immunizations, blood pressure checks and mental health information.
- Provided injury prevention education and information at 2 annual community events.
- Conducted car seat checks at the Worthington "Touch-a-Truck" event.
- Had an information booth at the "Summer in the 614" event.
- Served 10 moms/families in the My Baby & Me program.
- Provided a newborn home visit for 8 moms/families.
- Provided WIC services through a clinic that serves the 43085 zip code.
- Included Worthington-specific data in the Community Health Assessment.
- Received a signed letter of support for Worthington Police to contribute limited data to the ODMAP as part of the federal opiate grant (Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program).
- Investigated 5 outbreaks of infectious disease.
- Performed a Point of Distribution (POD) set up drill at Worthington Kilbourne High School.
- Received 11,829 reports of communicable diseases (in Columbus and Worthington), investigated them, and notified childcares, schools, food establishments and other Worthington employers when a student, attendee or employee has a reported illness that requires clearance to return.
- 86 mosquito pools tested.
- Reported 38 animal bites.
- Partnered with the Worthington School District and OSU's College of Civil, Environmental and Geodetic Engineering to develop an air quality education project for high school students.



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