



WARREN COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT

Prevent - Promote - Protect



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NEWS & INFORMATION

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SEASONAL FLU SHOTS

Tuesday

September 8th

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Shots will be given on a walk-in basis at the Lebanon Raceway / Warren County Fair Grounds located at 665 North Broadway, Lebanon.

Individuals 6 months and older are eligible to receive the vaccination.

The charge for a seasonal flu shot will be \$15.00. The health department will bill Ohio Medicaid, Care Source, AmeriGroup, Molina, and Medicare Part B, please bring your card with you.

The seasonal flu vaccine is unlikely to provide protection against novel H1N1 (swine) flu. However, a novel H1N1 flu vaccine is currently in production and may be ready for the public in the fall.

Visit our web site at www.co.warren.oh.us/health after September 8th for other flu clinic dates and times.

WHAT DOES MY HEALTH DEPARTMENT DO?

This may be a question that you have asked yourself and you may think that you have never had a need to use the services of your local health department. But think again....everyone has used the services of the health department sometime and most of us on a daily basis. The health department's motto is Prevent-Promote-Protect and this is what the employees of the Warren County Combined Health District strive to provide for the citizens of Warren County, good health and a clean environment.

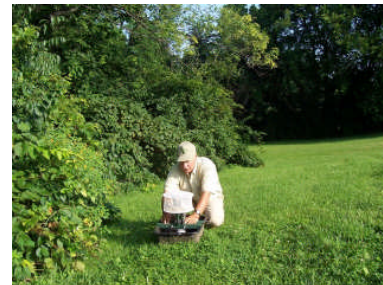
Because our name includes the word health, some people assume that the only services provided by the health department are medical related. In reality, the health department is very active in the community's environment everyday. For instance, when you go to a restaurant and order a meal you can feel safer knowing that we are the ones that inspected the facility to be sure that proper food safety techniques are being used by the management and staff. Trained public health environmentalists employed by the health department review plans and equipment lists before a restaurant is opened to ensure a clean, sanitary business will be in operation. Each restaurant in Warren County is inspected 1-4 times a year to ensure the sanitation of



the operation does not deteriorate allowing food to be sold that could result in illness. Retail Food Establishments such as grocery stores are also inspected and plans reviewed by

the public health environmentalist to ensure a clean sanitary start in their business. All grocery stores in Warren County are inspected 1-4 times a year to ensure a clean operation and a safe food product is being sold to Warren County residents. Inspections are also done on vending machines, at street festivals and fair food booths. The sanitary condition of schools in Warren County are checked to protect the health

and safety of the students and teachers. One of the more seasonal programs conducted by the Environmental Health Division is the inspection of public swimming pools and spas 1-2 times a month. The water quality of the pool is checked using chemical parameters and the facility is inspected for cleanliness and safety standards. Did you know



that if you are planning to build a home in Warren County, and if you need to use a home sewage disposal system, that the health department will evaluate the soil on the lot to determine its acceptability for a septic tank/soil absorption field sewage system. After the system is installed, an inspection is conducted by the health department to ensure the system was installed properly prior to covering the sewage system. Every three years a public health environmentalist will re-inspect the system to be sure it is working properly. This is to protect the homeowner and his family as well as his neighbors and the rest of the community. Existing sewage systems in the County are also inspected as they are repaired, replaced or reported to the health department. The Environmental Health Division conducts many service programs for the residents of Warren County. These programs include but are

not limited to the inspection of Manufactured Home Parks and Campgrounds; Investigation of Animal Bites and Rabies Control; Private Water System Installation Inspections; West Nile Virus Mosquito Trapping; and the Investigation of Nuisance complaints from the citizens of Warren County. These complaints on public health nuisances range from trash and

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refuse to sewage in road ditches or housing violations, etc. After an investigation by the public health environmentalist, if the complaint is valid, orders are issued to correct the problem. Legal action is filed as a last resort to provide a court order to force correction of the problem. The Warren County Combined Health Department also has a Plumbing Division. The duties of the registered plumbing inspectors include plan reviews for new plumbing in commercial and residential buildings, inspection of the plumbing work through all phases of construction, and final approval of the plumbing work prior to occupancy. In addition, the plumbing inspectors provide technical consulting services to homeowners installing their own plumbing. They also work closely with the Environmental Health Division on plumbing related problems in restaurants and grocery stores. Another office within the health department that you may have cause to use is the Vital Statistics Division. In Ohio, the Vital Statistics Act requires the attending physician, midwife, or other person in attendance, to file a birth certificate with the local registrar within ten days after every birth. A birth or death record is recorded in the county in which they occur regardless of the person's residence. Certified copies of birth and death certificates are used for many purposes such as proving age; parentage; pensions; life insurance; settlement of claims for estates; inheritances; and passports. Many people visit the Vital Statistics Division to research records for genealogy purposes. The Warren County Combined Health District has birth and death records on file and available to the public in their office located at 416 South East Street, Lebanon, dating back to 1909. The Ohio Department of Health has



stated that by the end of 2010 we will be able to provide birth certificates for anyone born in Ohio. And yes... the Warren County Combined Health District does offer many medical and nursing services to all citizens of Warren County. The Medical Division is dedicated to providing services that protect the health and well-being of Warren County residents by providing intense health education and a variety of clinic services. These services include Child Health Care for well and sick children; Prenatal Care with delivery at Bethesda Hospital; Family Planning Care and education about abstinence and reproductive health; Adult Primary Care for Warren County residents who are uninsured; Sexually Transmitted Disease Treatment; HIV Testing and education; Immunizations for children, adults and persons traveling out of the country; Tuberculosis Testing and evaluation; WIC Supplemental Food Program for women, infant and children; Home Health Aide Services for the homebound; Women's Health Care including the Mobile Mammogram Van Service; and a variety of Public Health Services such as, but not limited to, Blood Pressure Screenings; Head Lice Checks; Weight Management Counseling; Social Worker Referrals; BCMH Services to children with medical handicaps; Prevent Blindness for assistance in obtaining free eye exams and eye glasses; and Communicable Disease Reporting and Investigation for such things as Diphtheria, Salmonella, E-Coli, H1N1 Flu, etc. At our Annual Flu Vaccine Clinics we immunize many county residents against seasonal influenza to protect them from the



spread of this contagious disease. If available, this year we will also be providing the H1N1 vaccine. The Warren County Combined Health District Public Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Division continues to strengthen all its hazard response plans, including Pandemic Flu Preparedness. The health department works closely with neighboring health districts and other agencies to enhance these plans. The wind storm in September 2008 serves as a reminder that anything can happen and when we least expect it. You may be surprised at all the good things your health department does. For more information about our services contact the Warren County Combined Health District by calling 513-695-1228 locally; or 513-261-1228 toll free from Middletown/Franklin area; 513-925-1228 toll free from the Cincinnati area; 937-425-1228 toll free from the Dayton area; and 937-783-4993 ext. 1228 from the Clarksville/Blanchester area. We will send you a copy of our Programs and Services Booklet that details all our services and clinic hours if you call or send us a request by email at Alicia.Habermehl@co.warren.oh.us. Or you can visit us on the web at www.co.warren.oh.us/health.

The answer to the question: What Does My Health Department Do?

Your health department provides services to all citizens of Warren County on a daily basis.

The Offices of the Warren County Combined Health District will be closed on Monday, September 7th in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.