



*Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.*



## Tornado Response

Public Health has activated its Incident Management Team in response to the tornadoes that caused significant damage throughout Montgomery County on May 27.

As part of the ongoing response Public Health has implemented the following actions:

- Coordinating with Montgomery County's Emergency Operations Center
- Activating our Continuity of Operations Plan
- Providing recovery messages to the public via social media and website
- Notifying the public about health concerns regarding water, asbestos and open burning.
- Providing guidance and support to local food service operations
- Conducting environmental health inspections of shelters
- Assisting with the Montgomery County information hotline
- Providing free birth certificates at select locations
- Providing free cribs at select locations
- Providing free Hepatitis A vaccinations at select locations

As the [recovery efforts](#) continue Public Health will work to ensure the health and safety needs of Montgomery County residents continue to be met.



## RAPCA Partners with Local Weather Service

Beginning with the 2019 ozone season, the Regional Air Pollution Control Agency (RAPCA) will be using National Weather Service (NWS) messaging tools to notify the public of Air Pollution Advisories (APA). When RAPCA issues APA's, they will be included in the NWS's advisory notification system on their website and weather service radio broadcasts. Ozone is formed when pollution from cars, trucks, and factories mix in the sky on hot sunny days. RAPCA measures ozone levels in Clark, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties, provides daily ozone forecasts to

the public, and issues APA's when ozone levels are expected to be at unhealthy levels.

People most affected by high ozone levels can include children, elderly, and people with asthma or lung disease. Ozone pollution can worsen the effects of asthma and lung disease, causing more medicine to be used and more emergency room visits, and it can lead to respiratory infections. Anyone who is outside should limit outdoor activities when ozone pollution levels are expected to be high.

There are actions people can take to reduce ozone levels as well. These include waiting until the evening hours to refuel vehicles and mow lawns, using electric lawn equipment, carpooling, using public transportation, combining errands to avoid extra driving, and keeping vehicles tuned up.

There are several ways to get up-to-date air quality conditions and air quality forecasts: visit the RAPCA website at [www.rapca.org](http://www.rapca.org), sign up for daily forecasts via email or text messaging at [www.enviroflash.info](http://www.enviroflash.info), or download the U.S. EPA AirNow app in the Apple App Store or Google Play store.



### **RAPCA Six County Region Adopts Maintenance Fee Schedule**

RAPCA protects the community in the six-county region of Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble Counties from the harmful effects of air pollution. The RAPCA program is funded primarily by the Ohio EPA and the U.S. EPA. To receive the state and federal funding, RAPCA is required to provide a local cost sharing match.

In October 2018, [Public Health's Board of Health approved a Maintenance Fee Schedule in Montgomery County](#). Since then, RAPCA staff have been working with the Boards of Health in the other five counties to approve the same Maintenance Fee Schedule. As of May 23, 2019, all Boards of Health in RAPCA's six-county region have completed the approval process of the Maintenance Fee Schedule. The funding generated from the six-county Maintenance Fee Schedule will be used to provide the local cost sharing match for the RAPCA program.



### **Children with Medical Handicaps Centennial**

On April 3, the Children with Medical Handicaps Program (CMH) was honored by medical providers, families, and legislators in the State of Ohio Senate. The reason for this event was to celebrate and honor the Ohio Department of Health for 100 years of service to families who have children with special health care needs. CMH services have been provided in Ohio since 1919, when Ohio law assumed responsibility for medical care and costs for these children.

[Public Health's CMH program](#) provides services to over 2,000 families in Montgomery County. The program is staffed by eight full-time nurses who help with the application process, help provide access to care, education, resources, advocacy and coordination of services to families.



## 2019 Public Health Combined Conference

The Spring 2019 Public Health Combined Conference occurred in Dublin, Ohio, on May 13-15. The theme was [“Health Equity: A Public Health Mission for Justice”](#) with the goal to advance health equity in Ohio through public health policy, partnerships, and practice. The state-wide conference had 24 educational sessions and five plenary sessions with around 350 total attendees.

Public Health personnel attended the conference, participated on the Planning Committee (Casey Smith and Michael Dohn), and presented during conference sessions (Jerry Mallicoat on the Health Equality Index and Barb Marsh on data management in the opioid response).

This annual spring conference is sponsored by the Ohio Public Health Partnership (member organizations include Association of Ohio Health Commissioners, Ohio Association of Boards of Health, Ohio Environmental Health Association, Ohio Public Health Association, and Ohio Society for Public Health Education) and the Ohio Department of Health. Various organizational meetings and events also occur during the conference.

## Public Health Celebrates PRIDE Month

[Public Health’s LGBTQ Health Initiatives](#) program and the LGBTQ Community Health Alliance kicked off PRIDE Month in downtown Dayton on Saturday, June 1 with a parade and free health screenings.

PRIDE is held in June to commemorate the Stonewall Inn Riots that sparked the modern LGBTQ movement for equality. This year, 2019, is the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Stonewall Riots.

The LGBTQ community in general, has a higher prevalence of tobacco use, addictions, and mental health issues among other conditions because of historically being a marginalized population.

In support of our Diversity & Inclusion efforts, Public Health is focusing on providing the best healthcare services possible, delivered in a culturally competent way that meets every individual’s needs.





### Upcoming Events

#### Healthy Recovery Celebration

*Saturday, June 8*

*Wegerzyn Gardens MetroPark  
1301 E. Siebenthaler Ave. - Dayton  
For more info call (937) 225-5700*

Learn about clean and sober activities for children and families at Five Rivers MetroParks. Activities include: Free food and soft drinks, DJ, door prizes, bike giveaway, face painting and interactive stations.

#### Unnatural Causes: Documentary Film Series

*Saturday, June 15, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm*

*Corinthian Baptist Church  
700 S. James H. McGee Blvd.*

*For more info call (937) 225-5700*

UNNATURAL CAUSES: Is Inequality Making Us Sick? is a documentary series produced by California Newsreel, and sheds light on mounting evidence of how inequities in our professions, incomes, and neighborhoods can get under our skin and disrupt our biology as surely as germs and viruses.



### Media Opportunities:

WDTN for **Measles** (5/6/19)

WHIO for **Mosquitoes** (5/7/19)

WDTN for **Ticks** (5/8/19)

Dayton Daily News, WHIO, WDTN, WKEF for **Mosquitoes** (5/14/19)

Dayton Daily News for the **Flu** (5/21/19)

WDTN, WHIO, WKEF for **Walk! Downtown Dayton** (5/21/19)

WKEF, WDTN, WHIO for **Water Boil Advisory** (5/29/19)

WKEF for **Asbestos** (5/21/19)



### Outreach Opportunities:

**Mommy & Me Luncheon** at Omega Baptist Church (6/3/19)

**Mont. Co. Community Resources & Job Fair** at Marshall H.S. (5/15/19)

**Walk! Downtown Dayton** at RiverScape (5/22/19)

### **Stat of the Month...**

# EF4

*The highest category tornado to hit Montgomery County on May 27.*

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