



ALLEN COUNTY COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

---May/June 2008---

At a glance facts:

Year to Date Statistics
(As of April 30, 2008)

- **Immunizations given: 4,580**
- **Child Health Clinic visits: 389**
- **Family Planning Program visits: 1,865**
- **HIV Tests given: 75**
- **Tuberculosis Tests given: 489**
- **Reportable Communicable Diseases: 864 total**
 - 0 cases of Class A1 diseases**
Diseases of major public health concern needing immediate response, e.g. human rabies, meningococcal disease
 - 17 cases of Class A2 diseases**
Diseases of public health concern needing timely response, e.g. E.Coli 0157:H7, West Nile Virus, TB
 - 226 cases of Class A3 diseases**
Diseases of significant public health concern, e.g. STD's, Food Borne illnesses
 - 600 cases of Class B diseases**
Diseases tracked for trending purposes, e.g. influenza (flu), chicken pox
 - 21 cases of Class C diseases**
Diseases of concern when seen in multiples, e.g. scabies and staph infections
- **Number of births filed: 822**
- **Number of deaths filed: 456**
- **WIC Supplemental Nutrition Program monthly average caseload: 3,920**
- **Environmental Division Field Inspections: 2,729**

On-line: Our New & Improved Site

Have you seen the Allen County Health Department website lately?

www.allencountyhealthdepartment.org

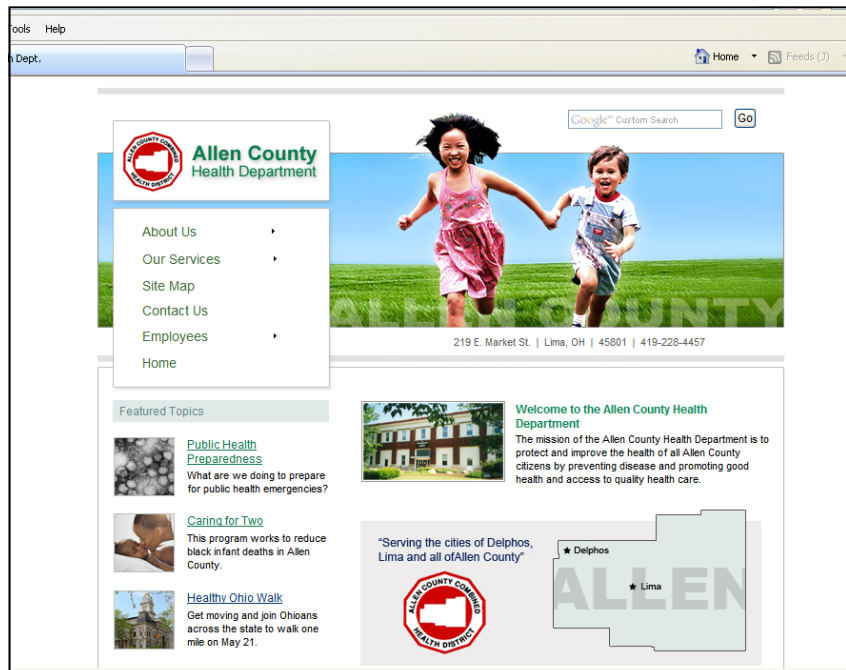
As our website recently underwent a renovation, we had two goals in mind:

- To provide more materials on our website such as forms, applications, etc., to save a trip to our office
- To make it easier for people to find the information they need

Here are just some of the features you'll find on our new website:

- The form to apply for a birth or death certificate to save time when you come to order it. Or follow the link and order one on-line (additional fee will be charged)
 - ⇒ Follow the link under "Our Services" for birth and death certificates
- Forms for homeowners, license holders and contractors
 - ⇒ Follow the links under "Our Services," then "Environmental" to find the licensing program you need
- Applicable state laws/rules and local regulations are also linked for better access

Send us an email from the "Contact Us" page when you visit our site to let us know how we can continue to improve it to better serve you.





Commit 2 B Fit Spring Health Fair Always Popular

The Allen County Health Department and Rhodes State College have been sponsoring the annual Children's Health Fair for fourth graders for more than 20 years. Over 600 children attended the 2008 fair.

At the Health Fair, children have an opportunity for hands-on learning about a variety of health and safety topics. For example, students learn about fire safety and then practice what they learn by crawling through a smoke-filled "house" while Lima City Fire Department representatives watch to see how well they do. In other areas, students are asked to demonstrate proper hand washing techniques, or to identify which household items can be recycled. Internet safety, healthy eating, fun activities for playing outside, railroad safety, and substance abuse prevention are just some of the other topics children experience. About 30 topics are covered by a variety of local agencies.

Many agencies and businesses make our health fair a reality by supporting the Children's Health Fair.

Special thanks to our major corporate sponsors:

- Proctor & Gamble Manufacturing Company
- Ray's Supermarkets
- Meijer
- Tom Ahl

Special thanks as well to The Academy of Medicine, The West Central Ohio Pediatric Society, The Children's Medical Center and the Ohio Department of Health Child and Family Health Services grant.

Award Winning WIC Program

The Allen County WIC Program received an award in May for Outstanding Administration of the Ohio WIC Program. Along with the award came an additional \$2,500.00 for their 2009 fiscal year grant.

Allen County WIC was selected because they demonstrated exemplary service to WIC participants and to the community. WIC staff members are active in the community by participating in many county fairs, offering nutrition education classes to other agencies, and providing assistance in the State Obesity Survey by weighing fourth graders.

To promote and support breastfeeding, Allen County WIC held a breastfeeding advisory group to discuss outreach and plans of action related to community awareness about breastfeeding. At the request of the Advisory group, in-services, which were open to the community, were held focusing on breast pumps, their usage and appropriate follow-up.

For National Nutrition Month, WIC hosted a "Food Fear Factor Taste Challenge" and several media sources aired this challenge in the community.

Staff members are energetic and creative, always looking for new ways to present nutrition information to participants and the community.



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