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BLESSINGS IN A BACKPACK TRANSITIONS TO TUFF BAGS

The Tuscarawas County Health Department's (TCHD) Blessings in a Backpack program has transitioned to Tuscarawas United – Feeding our Future (TUFF Bags) beginning October 1st, 2018. TUFF Bags is a collaboration between area agencies including the TCHD, the Tuscarawas County Juvenile/Probate Court, the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System, the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office, United Way of Tuscarawas County, the Tuscarawas County YMCA, Buckeye Career Center, and Adventure Harley Davidson.

TUFF Bags mission is to eradicate childhood hunger in our community, as well as provide education, skill building, and community service for at risk youth in the juvenile justice system. In partnership with the Tuscarawas County Juvenile/Probate Court, Multi-County Juvenile Attention System, and the Tuscarawas County Sheriff's Office this collaboration is providing at-risk youth community service and education twice a month by packing food for weekends and extended breaks for food insecure children in Tuscarawas County.

22.2%, or approximately 4,760, of children in Tuscarawas County live in food insecurity

(Akron Canton Food Bank, 2018). Food insecurity refers to the USDAs' measure of lack of regular access to nutritional food for active and healthy lives. Throughout the school year, these children are eligible for free or reduced breakfast and lunch but may not have access to food outside of school. The food these children receive, through TUFF Bags, not only nourishes their bodies but also helps them reach their full academic and social potential by allowing them to leave school on Friday without the worry of going hungry until they return on Monday.

You can help us fight childhood hunger in Tuscarawas County by sending monetary donations to the United Way of Tuscarawas County (ATTN: TUFF Bags). All donations received go directly towards purchasing food for this program. No donations are used for personnel expenses.

It truly does take a village to raise a child. With your support, the members of Tuscarawas United – Feeding our Future, are working together to hopefully, one day, make it a very real possibility that no child in Tuscarawas County will be left hungry!

**Communicable Disease Cases Reported to the
Tuscarawas County Health Department*
2018 Quarter 3: July-September**

	Quarter 3 Cases	YTD Cases
Chlamydia	53	138
Gonorrhea	6	21
Campylobacteriosis	8	15
Chronic Hepatitis C	5	12
Acute Hepatitis B	1	2
Varicella	0	2
Strep Pneumonia	1	4
Hospitalized Influenza	6	83
Streptococcal (A)	1	5
Pertussis	0	1
Salmonella	6	10
Haemophilus Influenza	0	1
TB	0	1
Lyme Disease	8	10
Giardiasis	1	1
Shigellosis	1	2
Listeriosis	0	1
Legionellosis	2	2
Yersiniosis	1	1
CP-CRE	2	3
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1
Viral Meningitis	2	2

** Numbers are subject to change based on case confirmations

WIC ACTIVITIES

Beginning October 15th, WIC Breastfeeding staff along with the Dover Public Library and the Breastfeeding Coalition of Tuscarawas County will be co-hosting Baby & Me a series for parents and caregivers. The programs will be held at the Dover Public Library at 6:30pm. The following practical workshops will be covered:

- 10/15: Breastfeeding 101
- 10/22: Nursing in Public
- 10/29: Bringing Baby Home
- 11/05: Make Your Own Baby Food
- 11/12: Babywearing & Cloth Diapering
- 11/19: Nursing for Working Moms
- 11/26: Breastfeeding and the Law

Second Raccoon Tests Positive for Rabies in Tuscarawas County

On September 10, 2018 the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) collected a raccoon that had been struck by a vehicle in Goshen Township near state route 39 during routine rabies surveillance. On September 20, 2018 the Tuscarawas County Health Department was notified by the Ohio Department of Health that Centers for Disease Control (CDC) testing confirmed that the raccoon was positive for Raccoon Rabies Variant (RRV). To our knowledge there was no human or pet exposure to this raccoon. This is the second confirmed case of raccoon rabies reported in Tuscarawas County to date. The first case was identified approximately 2.5 miles from the route 39 location on Echo Lake Road in August.

The Carroll County Health Department has reported that two rabid raccoons have been identified in the Sherrodsville area. While, the New Philadelphia City Health Department have had laboratory confirmation of two bats with rabies inside the city limits.

Common signs that a raccoon, or other wild animal has rabies include agitation, disorientation, excessively drooling, wobbling when walking and biting or snapping at people or objects.

Tuscarawas County Health Department will continue to work with the Ohio Department of Agriculture to perform enhanced surveillance sample collections near the areas where the rabid raccoon was found. We are asking residents report any raccoons, skunks, foxes, coyotes or bobcats displaying strange behavior found in Goshen Township and surrounding areas to the

Tuscarawas County Health Department by calling (330) 343-5550 or emailing director@tchdnow.org.

All of the cases in Sherrodsville, New Philadelphia and Tuscarawas County with the exception of one had pet exposures.

The Tuscarawas County Health Department conducted three low cost rabies vaccine clinics for dogs and cats this year. TCHD would like to remind residents that it is vitally important to vaccinate all cats and dogs for rabies. Indoor cats should also be vaccinated.

Unfortunately the only way a pet can be tested for rabies after an exposure is via brain tissue after elective euthanasia. If pets are not vaccinated and owners do not wish to euthanize pets for testing a mandatory quarantine of 45 days to 6 months is imposed.

Vaccinate Your Pets!



If you have questions regarding the recent raccoon positive case or about rabies, in general, please feel free to contact the Tuscarawas County Health Department at 330-343-5550 or the ODH Zoonotic Disease program at 614-752-1029 or by emailing at director@tchdnow.org or zoonoses@odh.ohio.gov.

Flu Season Begins!

Influenza season is upon us, once again. Influenza is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and sometimes the lungs. It can cause mild to severe illness, and at times can lead to death. The Flu usually comes on suddenly. People who have flu often feel some or all of these symptoms:

- fever*
- cough
- sore throat
- runny or stuffy nose
- body aches
- headache
- chills
- fatigue
- sometimes diarrhea and vomiting



**It's important to note that not everyone with the flu will have a fever.*

Most experts believe that flu viruses spread mainly by tiny droplets made when people with flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby. Less often, a person might get flu by touching a surface or object that has flu virus on it and then touching their own mouth, nose or possibly their eyes.

You may be able to pass on flu to someone else before you know you are sick, as well as while you are sick.

- People with flu are most contagious in the first 3-4 days after their illness begins.
- Some otherwise healthy adults may be able to infect others beginning 1 day before symptoms develop and up to 5 to 7 days after becoming sick.
- Some people, especially young children and people with weakened immune systems, might be able to infect others with flu viruses for an even longer time.

The onset of the flu begins from the time

when a person is exposed and infected with flu to when symptoms begin is about 2 days, but can range from about 1 to 4 days.

The first and most important step in preventing the flu is to get a flu vaccine each year. Flu vaccine has been shown to reduce flu related illnesses and the risk of serious flu complications that can result in