



# Tuscarawas County Health Department

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Council

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## TUSCARAWAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT AWARDED \$50,000 FROM OHIO EPA

Tuscarawas County Health Department (TCHD) has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$50,000 from the Ohio EPA for mosquito control activities.

For the 2017 mosquito control season, program modifications will specifically target mosquitos that transmit disease rather than nuisance mosquitos. The public health aspect of our program is at the forefront of this endeavor; therefore, efforts will focus more heavily upon the tasks of larvaciding, trapping and mosquito identification as opposed to biweekly adulticiding and spraying. The goal of the program is to include all political subdivisions with monitoring services and providing rural

populations with educational outreach in terms of both population, equine and animal health.

This is in response to the 3 equine deaths in Tuscarawas County from West Nile Virus in summer/fall 2016.

In the past, TCHD relied on the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for assistance in trapping and identifying mosquitos. Current plans include the employment of interns that will assume these responsibilities after being properly trained on larvae and mosquito identification. (continued on page 2)

### • • • Rabies Vaccination Clinic Held • • •

On June 10, 2017 the Tuscarawas County Health Department, in partnership with the Tuscarawas County Humane Society held a low cost rabies vaccination clinic at the Tuscarawas County Fairgrounds. The rabies vaccines offered were either 1 or 3 year vaccines based on evidence of prior vaccines. 4 local veterinarians donated their time to vaccinate the animals. A total of 60 dogs and cats were vaccinated. The Tuscarawas County Health Department reminds citizens the importance of having your dogs and cats vaccinated and encourages you to contact your vet to ensure pets are up to date on all vaccines.

(Continued from page 1) TCHD collaborated with the Ohio Department of Health during 2016 mosquito season for surveillance. A total of 7413 female Culex spp. were collected, and 162 pools of mosquitos were tested. Two of these pools were West Nile Virus positive in geographically unrelated areas of Tuscarawas County.

Grant funds will be used for outreach to our Amish community on West Nile Virus vaccinations available for horses and to provide insect repellent as part of our education efforts throughout the county. We will hire seasonal staff to implement a mosquito borne disease surveillance program and to dramatically increase our larvaciding efforts to more effectively combat mosquito

breeding in standing water. TCHD sanitarians work closely with the Stark-Tuscarawas-Wayne Joint Waste Management district, County Commissioners, other elected officials, and concerned citizens to identify and issue orders of abatement to property owners who have potential breeding sites for mosquitoes, including properties with solid waste, tires and standing water. During 2017 our efforts will focus on scrap tires and solid waste clean ups. We will continue to adulticide as a response to laboratory confirmed disease carrying mosquitoes.

If you would like the Health Department to spray and/or trap in your jurisdiction, please contact the Environmental Department at (330) 343-5550 to schedule.

## Communicable Diseases Cases Reported in Tuscarawas County\* April 1, 2017 – June 30, 2017

	Number of Cases
<b>Chlamydia</b>	103
<b>Gonorrhea</b>	7
<b>Campylobacteriosis</b>	6
<b>Chronic Hep C</b>	9
<b>Varicella</b>	2
<b>Strep Pneumonia</b>	2
<b>Hospitalized Influenza</b>	30
<b>Streptococcal (A)</b>	3
<b>Giardia</b>	4
<b>Pertussis</b>	1
<b>Salmonella</b>	5
<b>Tuberculosis</b>	1
<b>Yersiniosis</b>	2

*\*\* Numbers are subject to change based on case confirmations*

## Need for Additional Overdose Data Still Exists

We are all aware of the opiate crisis across the State of Ohio. We are further aware that it has hit home right here in Tuscarawas County. **But just how big is the problem in Tuscarawas County?** That question still largely remains unanswered. Unfortunately many of the overdose deaths in previous years were classified based on the actual cause of death (i.e: cardiac arrest) rather than unintentional drug overdose making it appear that Tuscarawas County was fairing far better than its neighbors. In reality, that is just not the case. Further, unofficially, our County Coroner, Dr. James Cameron, says that 2017 will be far worse in fatal drug overdoses than Tuscarawas County has ever seen. In 2014 there were a total of 5 overdose deaths in Tuscarawas County (opiate, heroin, benzodiazepine, cocaine combined), in 2015 a total of 15 and the unofficial number for 2016 is 15. This is the number of confirmed deaths. Unfortunately it does not paint the full picture of the crisis.

In May 2017, members of the Tuscarawas County Opiate Task Force solicited information from first responders asking for data on overdose calls. For 2016 data, the response rate was 54% and for April 2016 data the response rate was 57%. **With just over 50% of the first responders reporting the numbers were staggering.** In 2016, there were a total of 147 overdoses responded to by reporting entities. Of the times naloxone was used (67 times), 54 were classified as successful reversals (80.5%) with 13 unsuccessful reversals. **In April 2017, first responders reported 34 overdoses** with naloxone used 28 times (15 times successfully, 13 unsuccessful).

*To join the fight against this crisis, we encourage you to attend the Tuscarawas County Opiate Task Force meetings which are held the first Friday of each month at 8am at the ADAMHS Board located at 119 McDonald Drive New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663.*

## Quick Tip

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You can avoid the long wait for lab work at the hospital by visiting TCHD's lab Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7:15am-3:15pm.

No appointment necessary, just bring your lab order with you. All specimens are taken to Union Hospital or Lab Corp. The best part is there is often **NO WAIT.**

## Fatal Crashes Increased in Tuscarawas County for 2017

The Safe Communities program of the Tuscarawas County Health Department is made possible through a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office. The goal areas are as followed: increase seat belt restraint usage; increase public awareness of seat belt usage, impaired driving, distracted driving and other problems specific to traffic safety related issues; increase motorcycle safety awareness among motorcyclists and motorist; create a safe communities coalition and hold meetings, at minimum, quarterly; conduct fatal data reviews to identify patterns or trends that could increase impact of traffic safety countermeasures.

Unfortunately the number of fatal traffic crashes in Tuscarawas County has already passed the 2016 fatalities. From January 1-June 30, 2017 there have been 7 fatalities, 3 of which were motorcycle related and 3 of which were OVI related. To see the location of the fatal crashes in Tuscarawas County for 2017 please visit: [http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/statdocs/Fatals\\_17/Tuscarawas\\_Fatals\\_17.pdf](http://www.statepatrol.ohio.gov/statistics/statdocs/Fatals_17/Tuscarawas_Fatals_17.pdf)

### Safe Communities Coalition

You should come to this meeting if:

- You would like a safer community
- You would like to increase traffic safety awareness
- You are a local EMS, Fire, or Law enforcement
- You have a business in Tuscarawas County
- You have been affected by drunk driving, distracted driving, impaired driving, and/or not using a seat belt.

### 2016-2017 Tuscarawas County Safe Communities Coalition Meetings

**\*All meetings begin at 1:00pm**  
**Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017**  
**Wednesday, November 29th, 2017**

Contact Kelly Snyder at (330) 343-5555 x 182 or [ksnyder@tchdnow.org](mailto:ksnyder@tchdnow.org) for more information or a member application

### *Did you know???*

Through a grant provided by the Ohio Department of Health, TCHD is able to provide free Pack' n' Play if your income is within 185% of the federal poverty guidelines. This program is dedicated to spreading a uniform safe sleep message to reduce the risk of sleep-related infant deaths.

For more information visit <http://www.tchdnow.org/cribs-for-kids-program.html>