

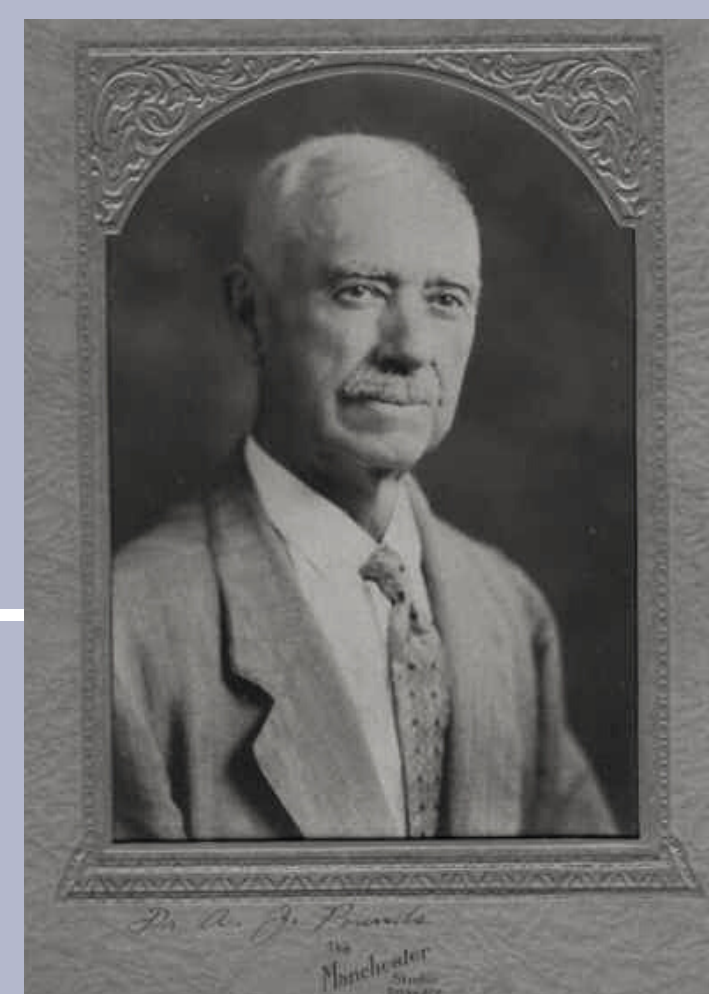
Delaware General Health District

HOW THE PAST MADE PUBLIC HEALTH MATTER



JANUARY 31, 1920

The Delaware County Board of Health held its first meeting



Dr. A.J. Pounds

FEBRUARY 6, 1920

Dr. A.J. Pounds elected first Health Commissioner. Dr. Pounds had a staff of two and a budget of \$5,750. During his tenure (1920-1927) the first local health regulations were adopted regarding burial of dead animals.

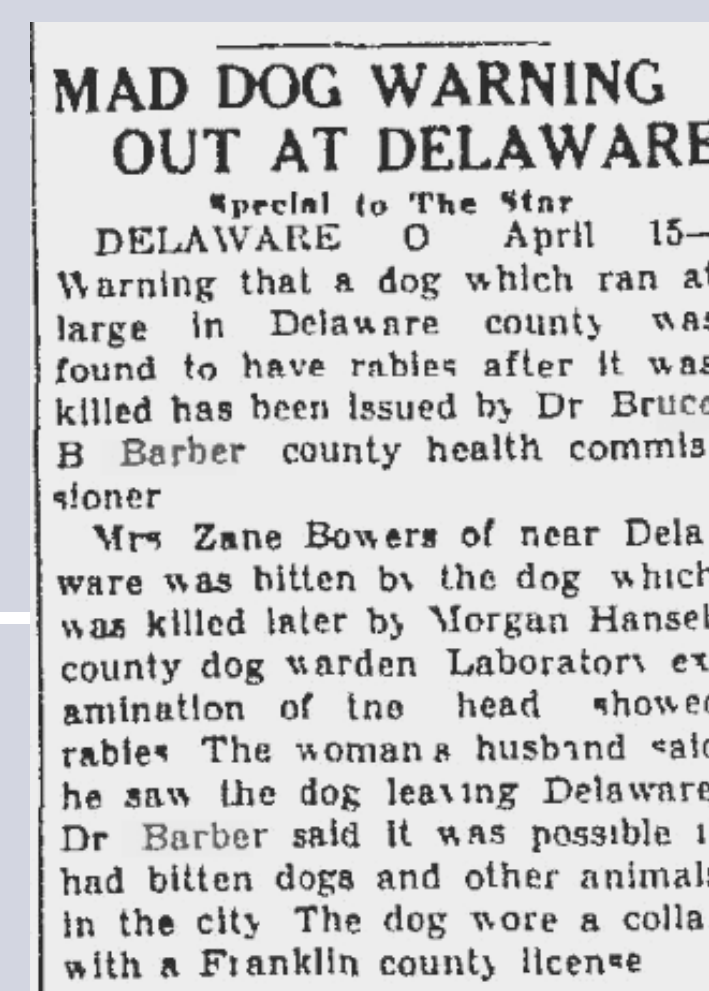
DECEMBER 5, 1927

Dr. Bruce Barber elected Health Commissioner.

The third longest tenured Health Commissioner (1927-1939) saw the hit of The Great Depression and routine budget concerns. During this time, the Health District began regulating milk production while continuing attention to contagious diseases, nuisances and water purity.

DECEMBER 5, 1932

First discussion occurred about combining the Delaware County and Delaware City Boards of Health.



AUGUST 26, 1939

Dr. G. Frederick Moench elected Health Commissioner.

Dr. Moench expanded the Health District's programs during his tenure (1939-1942) including school dental trailers and sanitation regulations for roadside semi-public places and camps. Dr. Moench also became a two-county Health Commissioner when Union County hired him on a part-time basis.

SEPTEMBER 1, 1939

The Delaware County and the Delaware City Boards of Health officially combined into one operating department.

FEBRUARY 2, 1942

Dr. Elizabeth Workman elected first woman Health Commissioner. After Pearl Harbor was attacked, Dr. Workman faced many financial difficulties. This was largely due to the lack of resources, like rubber tire rationing, which became a concern for the two health department nurses driving up to 50 miles per day.



1947 Staff Photo

AUGUST 1, 1947

Dr. T.R. Laughbaum, Health Commissioner of Union and Madison Counties elected as acting Delaware County commissioner, marking the first joint operation of services for all three counties.

NOVEMBER 1, 1949

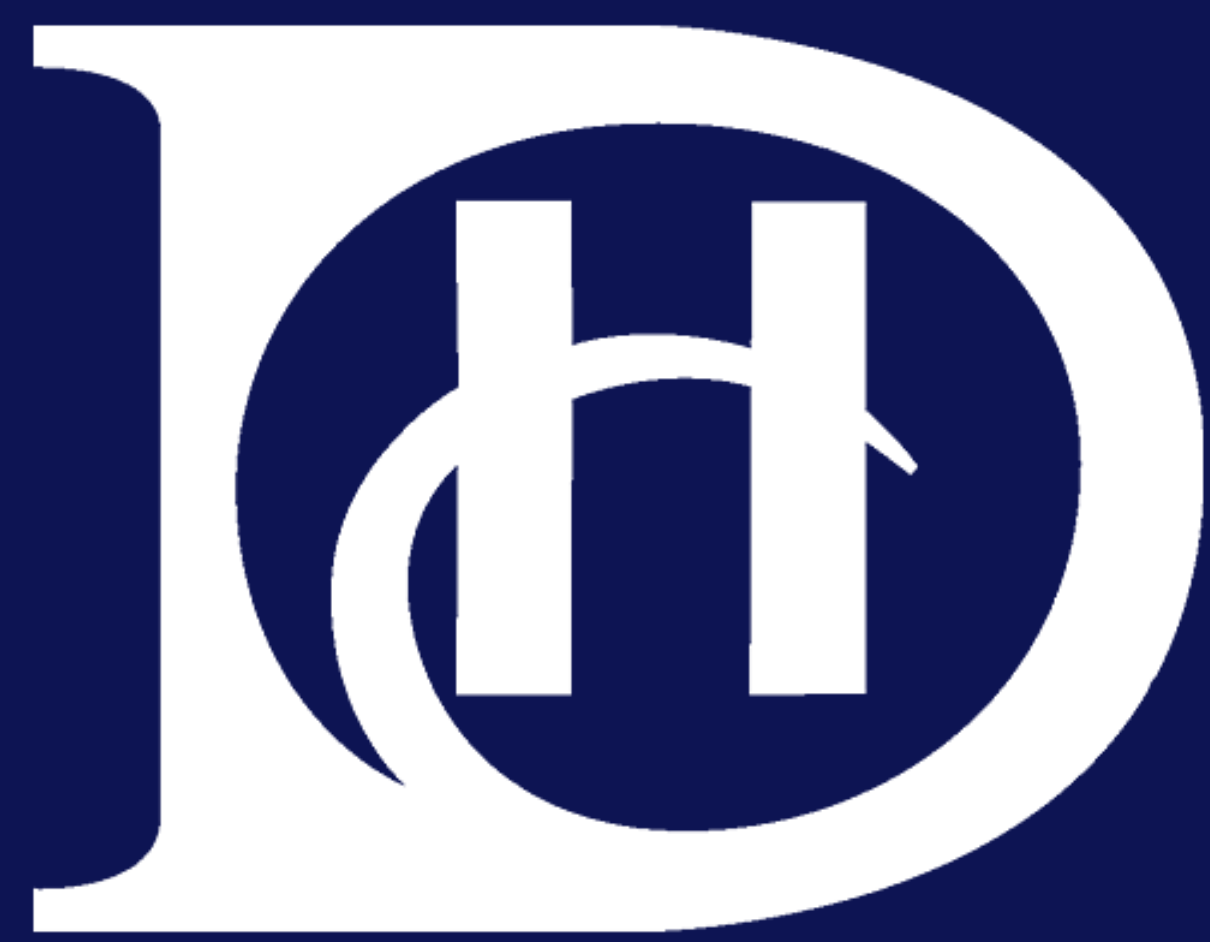
Dr. Robert Vogel elected Health Commissioner.

Dr. Vogel served from 1949-1958 making him the fourth longest tenure commissioner. During this time, the Health District received a new building and grew to include Morrow County, bringing the counties covered to four.

1920's

1930's

1940's



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MARCH 1954

The District Advisory Council requested a 0.5 mil health levy in Delaware County after a state law known as "The Wheeler Bill" passed allowing health districts to request county commissioners to place health levies on the ballot.



JUNE 6, 1961

Dr. Lloyd May elected Health Commissioner after some short-tenures took place in the late 1950's. Dr. May's tenure spanned 20 years (1961-1981). During this time, he saw the discontinuation of routine smallpox vaccination (due to the success of the program) along with downsizing of area covered when Madison County was removed from the Health District in 1972.



JULY 30, 1965

The Medicare Act of 1965 led to the expansion of nursing services in many local health departments. With an increase in Medicare patients, the Health District benefited from assistance by student nurses with The Ohio State University who were able to gain field experience while completing their courses.



APRIL 24, 1979

A predominant problem demanding the Board's attention through the 1970's was the matter of home sewage disposal systems along with public sewers brought on by the rapid pace of real estate development in Delaware County.



JULY 1951

Supervision of the production and distribution of milk within the Health District was continuously one of the Board of Health's major concerns. Inspections of milk facilities were exercised under tight control by the Board in order to protect the public's health.

SEPTEMBER 15, 1956

Property was purchased at 115 North Sandusky Street to provide a facility to house the Delaware City-County Board of Health.

MARCH 27, 1962

Sabin oral polio vaccine was licensed in the U.S. and introduced to Delaware County children. In 1967, the Board of Health declared that the oral vaccine be given to children of all ages - not just to preschool children.

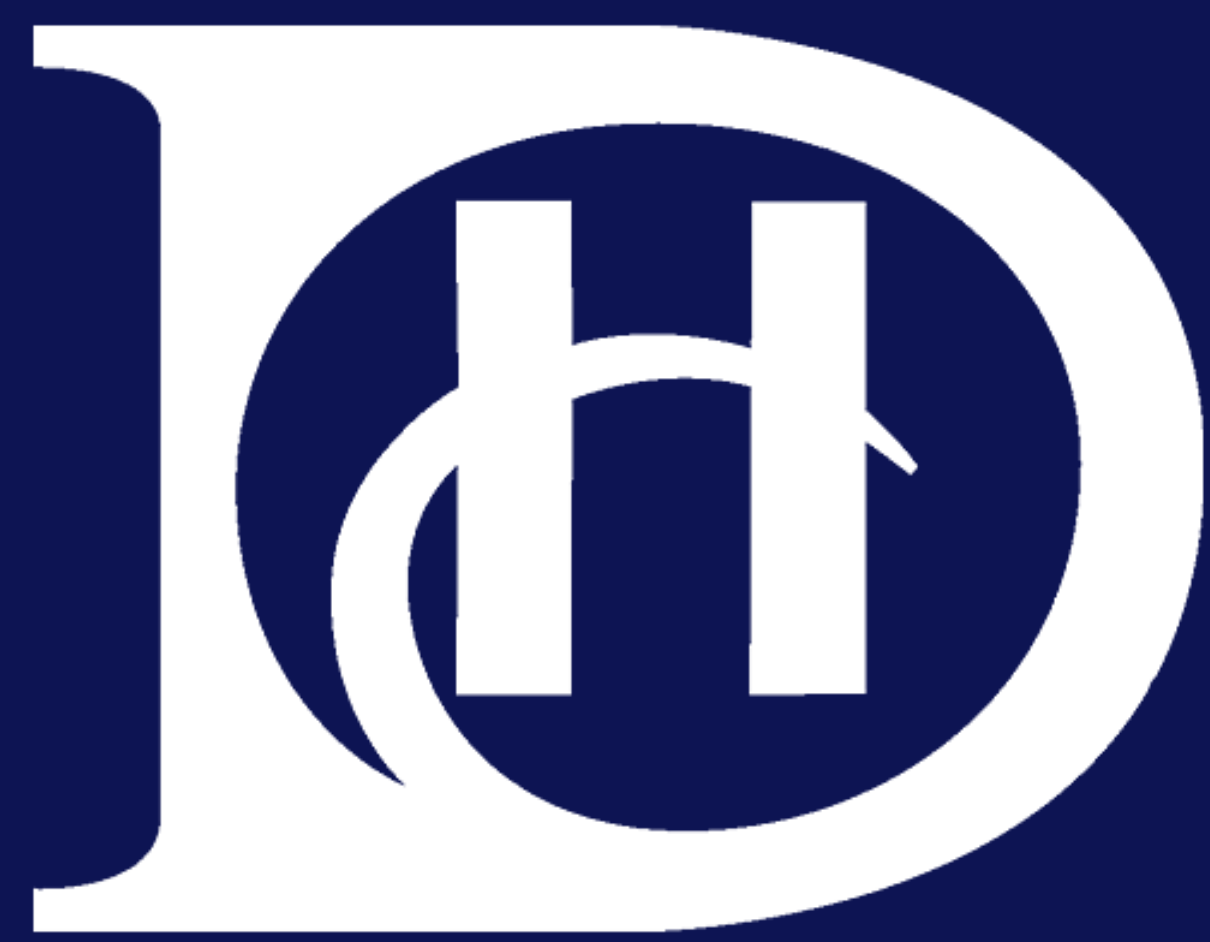
JUNE 1, 1972

The Health District was downsized to three counties after Dr. May resigned as the Madison County Health Commissioner.

1950's

1960's

1970's



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SEPTEMBER 25, 1981

The Board of Health endorsed the opening of the federal WIC program in Delaware County aimed at helping women, infants and children with supplemental nutrition.



JULY 9, 1981

***Frances Veverka, MPH, RS elected Health Commissioner.** Ms. Veverka was a registered sanitarian and the first commissioner to not be a licensed medical doctor after the law requiring it changed. As the longest-serving tenure (1981-2012), Ms. Veverka saw the commissioner's job duties change to more of an administrative role, including managing budgets, work force development and community assessment.*

MAY 29, 1990

The Health District obtained space next door at 109 North Sandusky from the County Commissioners after staff ran out of adequate room.



APRIL 30, 1996

The Board of Health voted to eliminate the tri-county system, allowing for the Boards of Health for Union and Morrow Counties to obtain their own full-time health commissioner, while Ms. Veverka became the full-time commissioner for Delaware County.



SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

Following the 9/11 attacks, the Health District adjusted its infrastructure to stand ready for additional public health threats in wake of the heightened need for emergency preparedness.



AUGUST 28, 2001

The Health District staff held a "moving march" after the Board approved the purchase of the building on the corner of North Sandusky and Winter Streets.

JULY 2004

The Health District investigated a large Cryptosporidiosis outbreak stemming from a swimming pool in Powell. Over 700 suspected cases were tested with more than 175 cases confirmed.



FEBRUARY 2004

In an effort to protect the public from exposure to Tuberculosis, the Health District secured a camper to quarantine a patient next to the Delaware County Jail.

OCTOBER 2009

In the fall of 2009, the Health District held several large-scale pandemic flu clinics to help prevent the spread of H1N1. Thousands of residents waited in long lines at various venues to receive vaccine against the deadly virus.



NOVEMBER 7, 2006

The Health District joined the drive to get a statewide ban on smoking in public places by helping secure enough signatures to have the issue put on the November ballot. The effort was successful and the statewide ban was approved by a majority of Ohio voters.

1980's

1990's

2000's



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MARCH 19, 2014

The Health District became one of the first health departments in the state to achieve national accreditation by the Public Health Accreditation Board.

OCTOBER 10, 2014

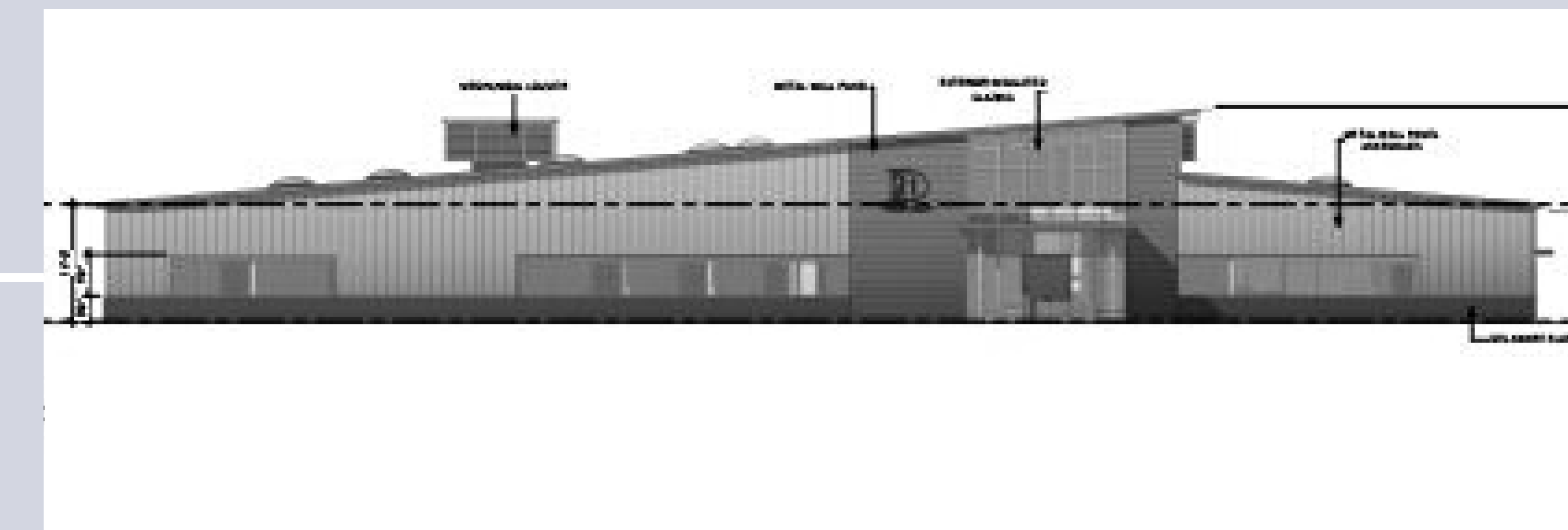
The Health District started preparing for possible Ebola response with local emergency responders in wake of confirmed case in Texas.

JULY 26, 2018

Health District staff investigated the county's largest food illness outbreak after 647 people self-reported gastrointestinal symptoms upon eating at a local Chipotle. Clostridium perfringens was identified as the foodborne disease.

MARCH 2020

The Board of Health voted in 2019 to purchase property at 470 South Sandusky Street. Ground-breaking is anticipated in spring of 2020. The new 30,000 square-foot facility will accompany a 200-space parking lot for both staff and the public.



DECEMBER 17, 2012

Shelia Hiddleson, RN, MS elected Health Commissioner. Ms. Hiddleson was the first registered nurse to assume the role of Health Commissioner in Delaware County. Prior to Delaware County, she was Health Commissioner in Champaign County and Director of Nursing for Clark County Combined Health District. Hiddleson led the Health District in becoming nationally-accredited as well as several ICS outbreak situations affecting hundreds of residents.

MARCH 26, 2014

The Health District investigated several cases of mumps that led to joining forces with Columbus Public Health and Franklin County Public Health in a community-wide outbreak investigation.

AUGUST 1, 2016

The Health District teamed up with Zoombezi Bay to promote water safety after a community-wide outbreak of over 1,000 cases of Crypto were reported. The outbreak resulted in a continuing partnership with Zoombezi Bay in the form of joint videos, educational posters and an area for DGHD staff to greet park attendees with safe swimming information.

JULY 1, 2019

The Health District's Sunbury office opened as a way to conveniently provide services to the eastern part of the county.

21ST CENTURY AND BEYOND

The era of Public Health 3.0 is an exciting time of innovation and transformation for the Health District, including strong local public health infrastructure in all communities and its leaders serving as Chief Health Strategists that partner with stakeholders across a multitude of sectors on the ground to address the social determinants of health.

2010's

2020's