

# Directory of Services

## Fairfield Department of Health

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and  
Fairfield  
Community  
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*Health Department  
professionals work with  
emergency response throughout  
the county to be sure we are  
safe in a health emergency*

Your Fairfield Department of Health is a valuable resource for everyone living in Fairfield County. We are a multi-branched community service organization dedicated to serving the Fairfield County community by preventing disease, protecting the environment and promoting healthy lifestyles. This directory provides a description of our services and how to reach the professionals who can help you.

Use the following listings as a guide. When in doubt, please call the general number (740) 653-4489 from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday, and an attendant will be happy to assist you in answering your question.

## Keeping Your Community Healthy

### **Birth and Death Certificates (Vital Statistics).**

Your Fairfield Department of Health is the only place in the county to obtain a certified copy of a birth or death certificate dating back to December, 1908. There is a \$30 fee for each certified copy. Same day service is available from 8 am until 11:30 am and 12:30 to 3:45 pm. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 740-653-4489 extension 152 or log on to [www.myfdh.org](http://www.myfdh.org).

### **Child Fatality Review Team.**

Fairfield Department of Health professionals provide leadership to a multi-agency team that reviews the deaths of children up to age 18 in order to understand why children die, and to devise effective strategies to reduce or eliminate preventable child deaths in the county. For more information, call 740-653-4489 extension 153 from 8 am to 4 pm Monday through Friday.

### **Community Health Speakers' Bureau.**

The Fairfield Department of Health offers professionals who will speak to community, service, business or faith-based groups on a variety of public health topics. For more information, please call 740-653-4489 ext. 151.

### **Health Emergency Preparedness.**

One of the critical functions of your Fairfield Department of Health is being prepared for responding to health emergencies in the county. This preparedness includes working with local, regional, state and federal agencies to develop and practice plans of action, watching for and responding to signs of unusual disease, training staff and volunteers to take action, and providing our residents with information on how to prepare and respond in a health emergency. For more information, call 740-653-4489 extension 178 or log on to [www.myfdh.org](http://www.myfdh.org).



*Residents learn more about their Fairfield Department of Health at the Fairfield County Fair*

### **Injury Prevention Program.**

Public health educators provide information and services to reduce injuries including: driver safety, car seat safety checks, low cost car seats for children who qualify, bike helmets to qualifying children and programs throughout the county on staying safe and avoiding injury. For more information, please call 740-653-4489 ext. 177 or ext. 154.

### **Volunteering.**

There are a variety of opportunities for volunteering at your Health Department. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Human Resources, 740-653-4489 ext. 153 for information about current opportunities.

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## **Keeping Your Environment Healthy**

For general environmental health questions, or more information about the specific listings below, please call (740) 653-4489 extensions 119 or 120 from 8 am to 4 pm Monday to Friday.

### **Animal Bites and Rabies Control.**

Your environmental sanitarians can help you if you have concerns about an animal bite, or provide information about rabies or vaccination clinics.

### **Food Safety and Licensing.**

Sanitarians can answer questions about licensing and inspection of food service operations and retail food establishments. Sanitarians investigate all food safety complaints and any foodborne illnesses. Sanitarians are busy throughout the year inspecting food service operations and retail food establishments to ensure compliance with the Ohio Uniform Food Code. They also inspect mobile and temporary food service operations like kiosks at the fair.

### **Home and Commercial Sewage Treatment Inspections.**

Your Fairfield Department of Health issues Household Sewage Treatment System and Small Flow Sewage Treatment System installation permits. These systems help to properly treat wastewater. Sanitarians also respond to complaints about failing household systems, provide education about maintenance, and will troubleshoot home sewage systems.

### **Manufactured Home Parks/Mobile Home Inspection and Licensing.**

Sanitarians provide licensing and inspection of manufactured home parks to ensure compliance with state laws.

### **Mosquito and Tick Surveillance.**

Sanitarians conduct mosquito and tick surveillance and recommend control activities to reduce mosquito related diseases such as West Nile Virus.

### **Nuisance Complaints.**

The Fairfield Department of Health investigated 79 nuisance complaints in 2009 ranging from sewage coming from a neighbor's property to garbage dumps.

### **Plumbing Inspections and Permits.**

If you are building a home, business or an addition that requires plumbing, you will need to have a permit and have your plans inspected. These inspections prevent potentially dangerous and unhealthy conditions in your home or business.

### **Pool Licensing and Inspections.**

Sanitarians inspect and license all public swimming pools and spas to ensure they are safe. They can also provide education for swimmers and parents regarding sanitary practices in pools.

### **Private Water Well Inspections.**

The Fairfield Department of Health issues water well permits, and sanitarians draw water samples from all new wells to help ensure a safe source of water.

### **School Inspections**

Sanitarians bi-annually inspect all schools and institutions in the county for health and safety issues.

### **Sewage Program.**

Sanitarians work with homeowners to help them install household sewage treatment systems that are environmentally friendly.

### **Solid Waste Program.**

This grant-based program funds a sanitarian to address solid waste nuisances throughout the county.

### **Smoke Free Workplace Law Enforcement.**

The Fairfield Department of Health is responsible for investigating complaints of workplace smoking. To report a violation, call 1-866-559-6446.

### **Tattoo and Body Piercing Establishment Inspections.**

Sanitarians inspect and license tattoo and body piercing establishments.



*Sanitarians provide education for camp staff to ensure the camp is safe and healthy*

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## **Keeping you and your community healthy**

Public Health Nursing can help you with the personal, family or community health concerns listed below. If you have a general health concern, please call the Fairfield Community Health Center at 740-689-6758 or your Fairfield Department of Health at 740-653-4489.

### **Bureau for Children with Medical Handicaps (BCMh).**

The BCMh public health nurse links families of children with special medical needs to a network of quality providers, and helps families obtain payment of these needed services. Children who are up to age 21, permanent residents of Ohio, and under the care of a BCMh approved doctor and have a chronic medical condition may be eligible. Call 740-653-4489 ext. 162 for more information.

### **Child Care Provider Classes.**

Public health nurses provide classes for child care providers including a six hour Communicable Disease class, a three hour refresher class, and a Health and Safety class. Call 740-653-4489 ext. 161 or log on to [www.myfdh.org](http://www.myfdh.org) for upcoming dates and details.

### **Communicable Disease Tracking and Control.**

Public health nurses and other health professionals investigate and follow-up on all reported cases of communicable diseases. Reportable diseases include pertussis (whooping cough), meningitis, and measles among other contagious diseases. Actions include conducting communicable disease tracking, investigating the disease source, and providing education and prevention for residents. For more information, please call 740-653-4489 extension 161.

### **Head Lice Inspection and Treatment.**

Public health nurses provide head lice inspections and treatment. Call 740-653-4489 ext. 161 to schedule an appointment.



*Immunizations, like the H1N1 vaccinations given during 2009 at the River Valley Mall, above, help protect residents from communicable disease.*



### **Additional Information**

is available at your Fairfield Department of Health by calling 740-653-4489 and asking your question.

For an appointment at the Community Health Center, call 740-689-6758.

Or, for more information, log on to [www.myfdh.org](http://www.myfdh.org).

### **Home Visits for Pregnant Women, Mothers and Children.**

As a provider for Help Me Grow, public health nurses provide home visiting services to mothers, infants and pregnant women. For more information on specifics and eligibility, call 740-653-4489.

### **Tuberculosis (TB) Case Management.**

Public health nurses provide screening and case management for tuberculosis in Fairfield County. These services include: PPD skin tests, referrals for X-rays, contact investigations and follow-up, direct observational therapy and community education. Payment by Medicare, Medicaid, CareSource, and Molina are accepted as well as a sliding fee scale for self-pay clients. To schedule an appointment for TB testing, or for more information about TB control and treatment call 740-653-4489 extension 161 for the communicable disease nurse.

### **WIC (Women, Infants and Children Program)**

WIC provides supplemental food, nutrition education and health care referral and immunization screenings for pregnant and breast-feeding women, infants and children up to the age of five years. WIC also provides breastfeeding support, education and help with breast pumps through the Breastfeeding Peer Helper Program. You must meet residency, WIC income, and certain nutritional and health risks requirements. For requirements and information about this program, please call 740-653-4489 ext. 141, or log on to the Fairfield Department of Health website, [www.myfdh.org](http://www.myfdh.org).

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## **Your Fairfield Community Health Center**

The Fairfield Community Health Center offers the healthcare services listed below. Located at 1155 East Main Street in Lancaster, the Fairfield Community Health Center is a Federally Qualified Health Center, and accepts Medicaid, CareSource, Molina, Medicare and self-pay based on a sliding fee scale.

### **Child Immunizations.**

Public health nurses provide immunizations for children 18 years and younger for school and daycare enrollment as well as routine immunizations. Medicaid, CareSource, Molina, Medicare and self-pay are accepted. No child is turned away due to inability to pay. Please call to schedule an appointment at 740-689-6758.

### **Primary Healthcare.**

Located at the Community Health Center, nurses and physicians provide primary care for all ages. This healthcare includes prenatal services, acute and chronic healthcare services. Work and school physicals are available. Payment by Medicare, Medicaid, CareSource, Molina, and sliding fee scale for self-pay. Appointments must be scheduled by calling 740-689-6758 between 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday.

### **Sexually Transmitted Diseases Clinic.**

Located at the Community Health Center, nurses and physicians provide information, confidential diagnosis and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases including HIV/AIDS. For more information and to schedule an appointment, please call 740-689-6758.

### **Travel and Adult Immunizations.**

Located at the Community Health Center, public health nurses provide guidance, travel health education and travel immunizations. Adults can also receive flu, pneumonia, Hepatitis B, tetanus and other adult immunizations. For information and to schedule an appointment, please call 740-689-6758.

### **Women's Services: Women's Health, Family Planning, and Prenatal Care**

Located at the Community Health Center, these services provide overall healthcare including breast and cervical cancer screening and education. Other screening services include Pap tests, pregnancy tests, and screening and treatment for sexually transmitted diseases. Prenatal care, childbirth education, breastfeeding support and family planning services are also offered to teens and adults. Medicaid, CareSource, Molina, and Medicare are accepted, as well as a sliding fee scale for self-pay clients. For more information and to schedule an appointment, call 740-689-6758 or 6757.