Quarterly Newsletter
To inform you about the Health Department that serves you!

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Vision:
Keeping Hardin County healthy by improving the lives of those we serve and strengthen our communities through collaborative partnerships.

Mission Statement:
We, the Kenton-Hardin Health Department believe that it is our mission to develop and maintain an efficient system which will provide for the highest quality of public health service practicable, and to promote and protect, in varying degrees, the community’s physical, mental, social, and environmental well-being.

The Board of health administration will work to promote an organization within which all are encouraged to work cooperatively to fulfill this mission.

By working towards fulfillment of its mission, the health department is striving to enable every citizen the opportunity to realize health and longevity.

Values:
The Kenton-Hardin Health Department is a citizen-driven organization that serves the community based upon its core values: Integrity, quality and excellence in service provisions through collaboration, preparedness, communication and accountability.

“To Be The Best, Preform The Best”
In August the Board of Health approved a resolution to establish a deadline for installation of sewage systems in Hardin County. Due to this resolution registered sewage installers are allowed to install from March 1st to December 1st of each calendar year. For more information please contact the Kenton Hardin Health Department at 419-673-6230.

Handwashing is the single most effective way of preventing the spread of bacteria and viruses which can cause infections and foodborne illness. Individuals working with ready to eat foods can be a significant source of harmful microorganisms. Proper handwashing is most effective to take control of direct and indirect contamination of food, utensils, and equipment. Reduce the amount of bare hand contact with ready to eat foods as much as possible. If you are handling ready to eat food, use of gloves or a barrier between your hand and the food will help protect everyone.
Emergency Preparedness
Helping you stay prepared when disaster strikes

Winter weather is just around the corner and the Kenton Hardin Health Department wants to make sure you are safe this winter. Before a storm you should prepare your home and car. Although many of us try not to travel in bad weather, it is still a good idea to be prepared. Some things to include in your car are: flashlight, water, snack foods, ice scraper, jumper cables, blankets, first aid kit, shovel, and your cell phone. Try to keep your gas tank full to prevent ice in the gas and lines. Replace your windshield wiper fluid with a winter mixture, and check antifreeze levels. To prepare at home always listen to the weather forecast either on TV or the radio. Generators should not be closer than 20 feet from windows, or vents. Do not ever use a generator inside a garage or near the air intake of your house. Using your stove is not a safe way to heat the home, have extra blankets. Don’t forget to bring your pets inside, or give them adequate shelter and access to unfrozen water. For more information please visit our website at kentonhardin-health.com

Employee Spotlight
Cindy Keller-Director of Nursing

Cindy began her role here at the Health Department as the Director of Nursing in 2010. She received her Associates Degree at Lima Technical College, her Bachelors in Nursing from Ohio Northern University, and her Masters Degree at the University of Toledo. Her 28+ years of nursing experience gives her the knowledge to help the Health Commissioner with health related issues in the county and focus on prevention and education. She is the grant manager organizes events and also manages all the programs that the Health Department offers.

Accreditation Update
Kenton-Hardin Health Department (KHHD) is moving toward becoming an Accredited Public Health Department. What this means to the community is that the Health Department will provide services and care based on a set standard. The state of Ohio mandate is to be Accredited by 2020. In 2015, KHHD released the first Comprehensive Community Health Assessment. In the 2016 year, Kenton Hardin Health Department revamped its Mission of the Health Department and created a Vision and Value Statements. In 2017 the Community Health Improvement Plan and the Agency Strategic Plan have been completed. To meet standards this process will be repeated every three to five years, and will be a collaborative effort with strategic stakeholders working together to address community needs. The Plans are found on the Kenton Hardin Health Department webpage under Accreditation or the Network of Care for Hardin County http://hardin.oh.networkofcare.org/ph/. If you would like more information on this process please visit http://www.phaboard.org.
November Events

November 2nd: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
November 8th: Immunizations at Forest Fire Department 9am-12pm
Immunizations at Dunkirk EMS building 1:30-4:00pm
November 9th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
November 10: Community Baby Shower Event at Mary Lou Johnson Library
2:30-4:30pm
November 13th: Confidential HIV testing 2:00-4:00pm
November 16th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
November 21st: Immunizations at Ada Presbyterian Church 9:00am-4:00pm
November 30th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department

December Events

December 4th: Confidential HIV testing 2:00-4:00pm
December 7th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
December 13th: Immunizations at Forest Fire Department 9am-12pm
Immunizations at Dunkirk EMS building 1:30-4:00pm
December 14th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
December 19th: Immunizations at Ada Presbyterian Church 9:00am-4:00pm
December 21st: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
December 28th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department

January Events

January 4th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
January 10th: Immunizations at Forest Fire Department 9am-12pm
Immunizations at Dunkirk EMS building 1:30-4:00pm
January 11th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
January 16th: Immunizations at Ada Presbyterian Church 9:00am-4:00pm
January 18th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department
January 25th: Immunizations at the Kenton Hardin Health Department