

Massillon City

Health Department



Join us on September 11, 2021

at the Massillon Farmers' Market

Visit our booth and learn about all of our wonderful programs!



**Project Dawn
Narcan Kits**

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

**Childhood
Immunizations**

**Car seat installation
checks**

At Home CPR Kits

Fentanyl Test Strips

Community Baby Shower

We will be closed on the following days:

* **Monday September 27th, 2021**

Staff In-service

* **Thursday November 11th, 2021**

Veteran's Day

* **Thursday November 25th, 2021**

Thanksgiving

* **Friday November 26th, 2021**

Day after Thanksgiving

What is Harm Reduction?

We are expanding our Harm Reduction Program by becoming a Project Dawn Site as well as distributing Fentanyl testing strips. Massillon City Health Department (MCHD) is often asked by those in the community what exactly is Harm Reduction and what services does Harm Reduction offer to the community?

Per the Harm Reduction Coalition, Harm Reduction is a set of practical strategies and ideas aimed at reducing negative consequences associated with drug use. Harm Reduction is also a movement for social justice built on a belief in, and respect for, the rights of people who use drugs.

Our initial Harm Reduction initiative was offering condoms and STI information free of charge to the community at the health department. Community members are able to walk in to the health department during business hours, ask for condoms or a brown bag, and they are provided with both condoms and education free of charge.

The next initiative was to become a Project Dawn Site in coordination with the Ohio Department of Health starting September 1st, 2021. Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) is a network of opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution programs (OENDP). Community members can obtain a naloxone kit (also known as Narcan) which includes overdose education, two doses of nasal spray Narcan, face shield, gloves and resources by walking into the Health Department and asking for a Narcan/naloxone kit. All staff members at The Massillon City Health Department are trained and proficient in this program, and this allows for this program to be offered by walk ins and at community events.

Fentanyl test strips can identify the presence of fentanyl in unregulated drugs. They can be used to test injectable drugs, powders, and pills. Being aware if fentanyl is present allows people to implement appropriate harm reduction strategies to reduce the risk of an overdose. Test strips are available in packs of three with instructions at no cost.

For additional data and resources on overdose rates please visit our community partners at Stark County Health Department website at <https://starkcountyohio.gov/public-health/latest-news/stark-county-health-department-announces-positive-r>



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PRINCIPLES OF HARM REDUCTION

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FOUNDATIONAL PRINCIPLES CENTRAL TO HARM REDUCTION

Harm reduction incorporates a spectrum of strategies that includes safer use, managed use, abstinence, meeting people who use drugs “where they’re at,” and addressing conditions of use along with the use itself. Because harm reduction demands that interventions and policies designed to serve people who use drugs reflect specific individual and community needs, there is no universal definition of or formula for implementing harm reduction.

However, National Harm Reduction Coalition considers the following principles central to harm reduction practice:

Accepts, for better or worse, that licit and illicit drug use is part of our world and chooses to work to minimize its harmful effects rather than simply ignore or condemn them

Establishes quality of individual and community life and well-being – not necessarily cessation of all drug use – as the criteria for successful interventions and policies

Ensures that people who use drugs and those with a history of drug use routinely have a real voice in the creation of programs and policies designed to serve them

Recognizes that the realities of poverty, class, racism, social isolation, past trauma, sex-based discrimination, and other social inequalities affect both people’s vulnerability to and capacity for effectively dealing with drug-related harm

Understands drug use as a complex, multi-faceted phenomenon that encompasses a continuum of behaviors from severe use to total abstinence, and acknowledges that some ways of using drugs are clearly safer than others


Calls for the non-judgmental, non-coercive provision of services and resources to people who use drugs and the communities in which they live in order to assist them in reducing attendant harm

Affirms people who use drugs (PWUD) themselves as the primary agents of reducing the harms of their drug use and seeks to empower PWUD to share information and support each other in strategies which meet their actual conditions of use

Does not attempt to minimize or ignore the real and tragic harm and danger that can be associated with illicit drug use

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**NATIONAL
HARM REDUCTION
COALITION**

Contact and Program Information



Programs and Services

Hours of Operation
Monday thru Friday
8:30 to 4:30

We are closed for certain holidays throughout the year. Check Facebook or our website for those updates!



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Birth and Death certificates
Nuisance complaints
Food and pool inspections
Women, Infants and Children Program (WIC)
Childhood and COVID Immunizations
Cribs for Kids
Car seat installation checks
Matter of Balance
Know Your Numbers
Project Dawn Narcan Kits
Fentanyl Test Strips
& several others

Call to inquire about programs or services!

Contact information

Front Desk/Vital Stats

(330) 830-1710

Health Commissioner

(330) 830-1712

Environmental (330) 830-1795

WIC (330) 830-1715

Nursing (330) 830-1714

After-hours emergencies call 911

For after-hours non emergencies

(330) 830-1712

