



Immunization Program/School Nursing Section

- **Immunizations**

In March 2020, 133 clients were vaccinated at 6 out of 13 FCPH's routine immunization clinics. 7 clinics in March 2020 and all 13 clinics in April 2020 were cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Workflow and staff planning are in the process of being developed for when immunization clinics resume in June 2020.

- **Get Vaccinated Ohio – Public Health Initiative**

The March and April 2020 invoice, for the amount of \$4,400.23 and \$3,191.25 was sent to Columbus Public Health for reimbursement of the Get Vaccinated Ohio Grant completion of monthly deliverables. Immunization staff submitted the 2020-2021 GVC Grant application and contract in March 2020. Immunization staff continue to work on immunization disparity planning to educate parents and providers. Immunization staff conducted two school validation reports and trained 45 schools on updated vaccination guidance and recommendations.

- **COVID-19 Response**

All Immunization staff were activated into Incident Command System job actions, such as case investigation, disease containment and COVID-19 hotline to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Maternal and Child Health Section

- **Home Visits**

The MCH PHNs still continue to provide case management to families with children on the CMH program. MCH staff have been utilizing the Electronic Health Record system, eClinicalWorks (ECW). The MCH staff have been working diligently to learn the system including learning various new workflows.

- **PHN Led Home Visiting Pilot Project**

FCPH received a 2020 Community Partnership Grant in the amount \$150,000 from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. These funds will be used to implement a Public Health Nurse Led Home Visiting Pilot Project in collaboration with Heart of Ohio Whitehall Family Health Center. A PHN has been hired to work on the Community Partnership grant and will be starting on May 11, 2020.

- **COVID-19 Response**

All MCH staff were activated into Incident Command System for the COVID-19 response. Job actions such as outreach to positive COVID-19 cases, assisting with workplace/ business disease containment, managing and monitoring international travelers.



Infectious Disease Program/Regional Preparedness Coordination

- **COVID-19 Response**

For COVID-19 response, our Infectious Disease Emergency Response (IDER) Operations section is divided into two branches, Epidemiology & Surveillance and Disease Containment.

Epidemiology & Surveillance Branch

Epidemiology and surveillance branch conducts case, contact investigation, isolation orders and data analysis of data collected within this branch. For enhanced surveillance and data management, we use Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) and Ohio Contact Tracking System (OCTS) to collect, maintain and analyze data.

Disease Containment Branch

Disease containment branch works directly with long term care facilities, employers, daycares & healthcare providers to notify, investigate, contact tracing and provide guidance as necessary on cluster investigations. All staff within the above branches are working diligently to keep up with reported case volume and follow-up accordingly for prevention and control of COVID-19 response.

- **Influenza Surveillance**

Columbus City and Franklin County Public Health began Influenza Surveillance the first week of October 2019 and will continue to report activity until May 2020.

In week 17 of 2020 (**Apr. 19 thru Apr. 25**), the trends for all individual local over-the-counter medication category sales tracked decreased (decrease in cough and cold, electrolyte, thermometer, chest rub, adult anti-fever, pediatric anti-fever, and throat lozenge sales) compared to last week. National flu activity remains low.

With the decline in influenza lab positives and confirmed influenza associated hospitalizations to at or below baseline levels, flu activity currently appears low.

Due to similarities of some of key indicators comprising the flu composite indicator to COVID-19 symptoms, the flu composite indicator is temporarily unavailable. Recent changes in health care seeking behavior due to COVID-19 concerns are likely impacting data, specially indicators that are flu-like.

Respectfully submitted May 6, 2020 by Alex Jones, Assistant Health Commissioner/Director of Prevention and Wellness