



# Oneida County Health Department 2020 Year in Review



## COVID-19



Outreached to over **2,800** people who **TESTED POSITIVE FOR COVID-19**



Coordinated over **25 TESTING EVENTS**



Shared **50 PRESS RELEASES** to inform community of COVID-19 updates

## Reproductive Health

Served **300 UNIQUE CLIENTS**



## Influenza

Administered nearly



**2,300 INFLUENZA VACCINES**

## WIC

Served nearly **550 UNIQUE CLIENTS**



**WIC**

Supported **80%** of pregnant people to **SUCCESSFULLY INITIATE BREASTFEEDING**

## Environmental Health

Completed **943** total **INSPECTIONS** (school food facilities, restaurants, retail food, lodging, campgrounds, youth camps, body art, etc.)



Analyzed **752 WATER SAMPLES** for bacteria in water lab

## Continuity of Services

Partially or fully maintained over **75%** of normal health department **PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES**



# Letter from the Health Officer

Dear Colleagues, Partners, & Friends,

Together we have faced an unprecedented global pandemic and like many people and industries, public health has faced significant stress and strain as a result. At the beginning of 2020, the Oneida County Health Department (OCHD) began the year with normal and routine activities. However, not long into the year, the COVID-19 pandemic profoundly impacted OCHD, as it became necessary for the organization to adapt its operations to focus on statutorily-required communicable disease investigation and management. As schools, businesses and daily life in general faced an ever-changing landscape of disruption, OCHD coordinated Oneida County's emergency response, tracking cases and hospitalizations and providing timely public health guidance. During the COVID-19 pandemic, OCHD has largely focused its efforts on disease investigation and contact tracing, communication, partnerships, testing, data, and vaccination. In January 2020, we had about 22 permanent and limited term staff. At the peak, in late 2020, we had about 35 staff and contractors on board to support the response.

As we continue to face a multi-year response to not only COVID-19 but other public health issues that may be a result of the stress and strain, I am full of respect for our community and optimism for the future. During 2020, we observed an outpouring of support from partners and expressions of care and concern from community members for their fellow residents. This collective priority of community is what makes Oneida County special, what makes us resilient, and what will help us continue to recover and move forward in health together.

I would like to extend our sincere appreciation to our Medical Director, Dr. Koepl, our Reproductive Health Medical Director, Dr. Richter, our past and present Board of Health committee members, our community partners and the staff of the Oneida County Health Department. Their commitment and dedication to responding to and improving the community's health is second to none and they continue to push forward year after year. I would also like to specifically thank the many contractors and volunteers who have allowed our work to continue in the face of many challenges.

Finally, I am pleased to present the Oneida County Health Department 2020 Year in Review. This infographic provides a quick snapshot of some of the innumerable efforts OCHD put forth in 2020. For more information about our programs, please visit our website at [oneidacountypublichealth.org](http://oneidacountypublichealth.org) and follow us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/oneidacountypublichealth).

Sincerely,



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