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Meigs County
Health Department



Childhood Cancer Awareness is recognized annually in September by multiple

cancer organizations in the United States. Every 3 minutes, a family is informed with the devastating news that their child has cancer, which makes cancer the leading cause of childhood death by disease in America. If you know a family struggling with a new diagnosis, please contact Angie (740) 992-6626 ext: 1075 to review resources available in our county including CMH to help with medical costs.



reduced medical treatment and severity that can be life threatening. Consider also that many community members are at risk of high complications from the flu; thus receiving a flu vaccination, washing your hands frequently and covering coughs/sneezes provide protection to yourself and others!

CMH (Children with Medical Handicaps) is



celebrating 100 years serving Ohio's children! The program was developed under the Ohio Welfare Program around 1920 and aptly named 'the crippled children's fund' to care for those affected

by Polio. The program is now operated by the Ohio Department of Health and has undergone many more changes over the years including the name. The Children with Medical Handicaps program now covers a wide range of conditions in an attempt to give the best care possible to each Ohio child through local board certified providers. CMH was highlighted in 2016 when communities rallied to keep the program when there was a threat to have state funding eliminated. The statewide support spoke to numbers of families that utilize the program and the healthcare workers who recognize the importance of supporting families!

Is your child up to date on Vaccines? The



recent coverage of Measles outbreak has brought to light how important vaccinations are to public health.

Although there are no reported cases of Measles in Meigs County, the Health Department encourages the community

to stay up to date on vaccinations to prevent such an event. Measles was previously declared eliminated in the United States in 2000, but the CDC now reports that 2019 has been the highest reported year for Measles since 1992 due to not vaccinating. Please visit www.meigs-health.com or www.cdc.gov for more information.

Flu Vaccinations

will be available at the **3rd Annual Drive Thru Clinic** on

October 5th at the Meigs County Fairgrounds from 9am-12pm by the Meigs County Health Department. Additionally, Flu vaccinations are available at the health department beginning October 1, 2019. The CDC recommends most people over the age of 6 months receive a flu shot by the end of October. Many feel they do not need to be vaccinated, but the benefits include



Breastfeeding Awareness Month (BAM). The Meigs County



WIC office staff visited local

hospitals and new mothers/newborns to promote 'BAM' as part of their annual outreach during August. Each mother was provided with a basket of breastfeeding and WIC information, and other goodies including breastfeeding supplies, wipes, baby badges and breast mints. All mothers were very receptive to the staff visits. The WIC office enjoys this annual outreach and is already looking forward to planning for next year!