

New Employee Spotlight: Elizabeth Teaford, EHSIT

Hello everyone, my name is Elizabeth Teaford, and I am presently working as an Environmental Health Specialist in Training (EHSIT) at the Meigs County Health Department (MCHD). I previously graduated from the Ohio State University with a Bachelor's of Environment and Natural Resources degree in 2021 and have been working in a variety of different jobs during and after my college career, including working as the MCHD's Mosquito Control Program Intern over the summer of 2020. This internship was the first experience I had working with the public, and it made me realize I enjoyed working and interacting with the people within the community that I grew up in.

After graduating from college, I started working for Ohio University as a laboratory technician where I helped researchers carry out and run their experiments involving research areas including cancer, growth hormone abnormalities, and more. I loved the science, but I quickly realized I was missing the public interaction that I had previously had in my other positions. Luckily, I had the opportunity to start working as an EHSIT about 3 months ago and have been here since.

So far, I have been conducting food inspections of restaurants, gas stations, and stores that sell food in Meigs County, investigating nuisance complaints in the county, and also following up on dog/animal bites to ensure there is a low possibility of the spread of the rabies virus. I have also attended multiple food safety trainings to ensure I have all of the most up-to-date regulations and information available. I have enjoyed my time here at the MCHD and enjoy working with the great staff that also work here. I can't wait to see what the future holds for all of us.

For more information about food safety, public health nuisance issues, or any of the other services that the health department provides in Meigs County, you can visit the Meigs County Health Department's website at <https://meigs-health.com>. You can also call the Meigs County Health Department Monday through Friday from 8am to 4pm at (740) 992-6626.

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