AOHC

2025 FALL CONFERENCE

Fall into Action: Advancing Public Health in Changing Times



SEPTEMBER 22–24, 2025 • EMBASSY SUITES

5100 Upper Metro Place, Dublin, OH 43017

Conference Agenda

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The 2025 AOHC Fall Conference will bring together public health professionals from across Ohio to explore current priorities, share innovative strategies, and prepare for the challenges ahead. This year's conference will feature a robust lineup of sessions focused on pressing topics such as infectious disease control, substance use recovery, urban and rural health disparities, public health accreditation, environmental health updates, workplace management, and strategic media communication.

Designed to inform and inspire, the conference will provide valuable tools, insights, and networking opportunities to support Ohio's local health departments in advancing health outcomes statewide.

Monday, September 22, 2025

10:00 AM	**AOHC Board Meeting**
10:00 AM – 5:30 PM	**Registration**
12:50 – 1:00 PM	**Welcome** *Angela DeRolph, MPH, Health Commissioner, Perry County Health Department, Fall Conference Chair*
1:00 – 3:00 PM	**H5N1 influenza: Who is giving what to whom?** *Professor Andrew S. Bowman, MS, DVM, PhD, DACVPM, College of Veterinary Medicine, The Ohio State University*
3:00 – 3:30 PM	**Break**
3:30 – 5:00 PM	**OneOhio Recovery Update** *Alisha Nelson, BA, Executive Director, OneOhio Recovery Foundation, Inc* *Erin Bishop, MPH, Health Commissioner, Youngstown City Health District*
5:00 – 6:00 PM	**Opening Dinner**

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6:00 – 7:30 PM	**Four Short Dynamic Talks** **One – Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals and Our Health and the Health of Future Generations** *Robert B. Hood, BS, MPH, PhD, Assistant Professor, Epidemiology, The Ohio State University* **Two – Approaching Gun Violence as a Public Health Problem** *Laura C. Prater, PhD, MPH, MHA, Assistant Professor of Public Health, The Ohio State University* **Three - Where the Mind Meets the Map: Stroke and Dementia in Ohio's Overlooked Communities** *Jeffrey Wing, PhD, MPH, Assistant Professor of Epidemiology, The Ohio State University* **Four – Challenges to Tobacco Regulation: How Alterations in Tobacco Products Influence Use Behaviors** *Alayna Pauline Tackett, PhD, Assistant Professor, The Ohio State University, Department of Internal Medicine, Division of Medical Oncology, The Center for Tobacco Research at The James – Comprehensive Cancer Center*
7:30 PM	**Adjourn**

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Tuesday, September 23, 2025

7:30 AM – 5:00 PM	**Registration**
9:00 – 10:10 AM	**AOHC Business Meeting** Ballots open at the end of this session.
10:10 – 10:15 AM	**Welcome** *Ben Robison, MPH, Health Commissioner, Wood County Combined General Health District, President, AOHC*
10:15 – 10:45 AM	**Ohio Department of Health Update** *Bruce Vanderhoff, MD, MBA, Director of Health, Ohio Department of Health;* *Lance Himes, JD, Assistant Director, Ohio Department of Health*
10:45 AM – 12:15 PM	**The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB) Update** *Joneigh Khaldun, MD, MPH, FACEP, President and CEO, The Public Health Accreditation Board (PHAB)*
12:15 – 12:30 PM	**Break/View Exhibits**
12:30 – 1:30 PM	**Lunch** ▪ New Health Commissioner's Luncheon (Health Commissioners with less than 2 years of experience are encouraged to attend) ▪ Local Public Health Services Collaborative Board of Managers Meeting/Lunch ▪ Medical Director University Luncheon

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1:30 – 3:00 PM **Concurrent Sessions**

A. Youth-Led Advocacy: A Cultivator of Growth

Elizabeth De Luca-Kontchou, MPH, MCHES, CTTS, Tobacco Prevention & Cessation Coordinator, Franklin County Public Health

B. From Policy to Purpose: Building Leadership, Culture, and Stability in Public Health

Sarah Meduri, BSPH, SHRM-CP, PSHRA-CP, PIO, Director of Personnel and Administrative Services;

Rebecca Lehman, MPH, MPA, CHES, Health Commissioner, Portage County Combined General Health District

C. After the Storm: Public Health, Resilience, and Grief Recovery in Rural Disaster Response

Travis Irvan, MPH, Health Commissioner, Logan County Health Department

Lois Hall, MS, Grief Recovery Institute Advanced Grief Recovery Specialist, Trainer

D. Communications in Changing Times

Arundi Venkayya, MS, Vice President for Public Affairs and Media Relations, Nationwide Children's Hospital

3:00 – 3:30 PM **Break/View Exhibits**

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3:30 – 5:00 PM	**Concurrent Sessions**

E. Working Together Works: The History and Role of the BTeam in Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Terry Allan, MPH, Emergency Preparedness Liaison, AOHC

Jared Warner, MEM, REHS, Health Commissioner, Highland County Health Department, BTeam President

Angela DeRolph, MPH, Health Commissioner, Perry County Health Department, BTeam Past Chair

F. Emotions as Information: Using the Skills of Congruence to Build Leadership Capacity and Motivation

Celia King, MA, Founder and Lead Consultant, Arrants McSwain Leadership Development

G. Tackling Ticks: Identification, Disease Risk, Prevention, and Community Response Strategies for Ohio

Julie Chaya, PhD - Health Commissioner, Richland Public Health

Richard Gary, PhD - State Public Health Entomologist, Ohio Department of Health

H. Civil Service Layoffs

Brian D. Butcher, Esq., President /CEO, Clemons, Nelson & Associates

5:00 PM	**Adjourn**
5:30 – 7:00 PM	**President's Reception (All Registrants Welcome)**

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Medical Director University

ALL MEDICAL DIRECTORS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND

12:15 – 1:15 PM	**Lunch and Networking**
1:15 – 2:30 PM	**Session I - The Future of Healthcare: Relationship between Public Health and Hospitals** *Stephen Feagins, MD, Bon Secours Mercy Health, Hamilton County Public Health* *James Kravec, MD, Medical Director, Mahoning County Public Health*
2:30 – 2:45 PM	**Break or View Exhibits**
2:45 – 4:00 PM	**Session II - Shared Vision: What's Ahead in Public Health** *Mary DiOrio, MD, MPH, Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health* *Tabitha Jones-McKnight, DO, MPH, FACOP, FAAP, Assistant Medical Director, Ohio Department of Health (ODH)* *John M. Weigand, MD, CMD, Medical Director, Ohio Department of Aging*
4:00 – 5:15 PM	**Session III – Communications in Changing Times** *Allison Babka, BA, PIO, Hamilton County Public Health* *Liz Bonis, Medical Reporter, WKRC-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio* *Arundi Venkayya, MS, Vice President for Public Affairs and Media Relations, Nationwide Children's Hospital*
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Wednesday, September 24, 2025

7:30 AM – 12:00 PM	**Registration**
7:45 – 9:15 AM	**AOHC District Breakfast Concurrent Meetings**
9:30 AM – 10:15 AM	**AOHC Legislative Update** *Julianne Nesbit, MPH, REHS, Health Commissioner, Clermont County General Health District, AOHC Public Affairs Chair*
10:15 – 10:45 AM	**Break/View Exhibits**
10:45 AM – 12:00 PM	**Stress is a Laughing Matter: Using Humor to Boost Well-being, Resilience, and Productivity** *Paul Osincup, M.A., CHP, paulosincup.com*
12:00 – 12:30 PM	**View Exhibits: Ballots Closed**
12:30 – 2:30 PM	**Lunch and Awards Ceremony** *Business Session*
2:30 PM	**Adjourn**

Continuing Education

Medical: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint providership of the University of Cincinnati and the Association of Ohio Health Commissioners. The University of Cincinnati is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The University of Cincinnati designates this live activity for a maximum of *14.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit*™. Physicians should claim only the credits commensurate with the extent of their participation. The University of Cincinnati is committed to resolving all conflicts of interest issues that could arise as a result of prospective faculty members' relevant relationships with drug or device manufacturers. The University of Cincinnati is committed to maintaining only those speakers with financial interest that can be reconciled with the goals and educational integrity of the CME program.

Nursing: *AMA PRA Category Credit*™ can be submitted to satisfy the nursing CE contact hours requirements.

Registered Environmental Health Specialists: Continuing education is being sought for Registered Environmental Health Specialists through the Ohio Department of Health.

Licensed Dietitian: Continuing education is being sought for Licensed Dietitians through the Commission of Dietetic Registration: Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Certified Health Education Specialists: Continuing education is being sought for Certified Health Education Specialists through the National Commission for Health Education Credentialing.

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AOHC Fall Conference Hotel Information

*****Room Block Deadline: September 1, 2025****

Conference Hotel: Embassy Suites
5100 Upper Metro Place
Dublin, OH 43017

Conference Room Rate: $149.00+Tax Single/Double occupancy (plus applicable state and local taxes)
NOTE: Tax exempt forms are available upon request. Please contact AOHC at aohc_3@aohc.net.

To make reservations: Call 1-800-220-9219 Group Code: AO2
or reserve your room through the AOHC/Embassy Suites website.

Copy and paste this link into your browser:
https://www.hilton.com/en/attend-my-event/aohcannualconference-ao2/

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EXCITING OPPORTUNITY! Travel assistance is provided by the CDC Workforce Development Grant. **A maximum of one room night during your stay OR a maximum of $200 in mileage allotment.** To receive the hotel grant assistance, your room must be booked at the Embassy Suites Dublin in the room block by **September 1, 2025**.

If you are not staying overnight in the hotel provided, mileage reimbursement is available .58 cents per mile. An expense form with mileage documentation will need to be submitted to AOHC. You may obtain the expense form at the registration desk.

DEADLINE FOR ROOM RATE IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 2025.

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From North:
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AOHC Fall Conference Registration Information

******Advance Registration Deadline is September 12, 2025******

Participant Information:

Name *(as you want it to appear on badge)*: _____

Licensure/Certification (for CE purposes only):
☐ DO ☐ DVM ☐ LD ☐ MD ☐ RN ☐ RS ☐ CHES

Credentials & Title: _____

Organization Name: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email for registration confirmation: _____

Attendee email for evaluation link: _____

Special needs and/or dietary requirements: _____

Registration Fees (check your registration choice):

	Advance		**After September 12 and Onsite**	
	Member*	**Non-Member**	**Member***	**Non-Member**
Full Conference:	☐ $250	☐$300	☐$280	☐$340
One Day Only:				
Mon only (9/22)	☐$80	☐$140	☐$115	☐$200
Tues only (9/23)	☐$140	☐$180	☐$155	☐$240
Wed only (9/24)	☐$100	☐$160	☐$135	☐$220

***The Member rate is applicable to all employees of Ohio local health departments and state agency staff (i.e. ODH).**

I will attend the Monday evening dinner*: Yes ☐ No ☐

Concurrent Sessions: Please select your concurrent sessions (not applicable if attending MDU)**:**

Tuesday 1:30-3:00 PM (A-D) Circle first choice: A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐
Tuesday 3:30-5:00 PM (E-H) Circle first choice: E ☐ F ☐ G ☐ H ☐

I will attend Medical Director University (MDU) on Tuesday (Medical Directors only): Yes ☐ No ☐

I will attend New Health Commissioner Lunch on Tuesday (New HCs only please): Yes ☐ No ☐

I will attend the President's Reception Tuesday evening: Yes ☐ No ☐

I will attend Wednesday morning HOT breakfast and am not staying at the hotel: Yes ☐ No ☐

☐ Check here if you agree to share your contact information with sponsors and exhibitors.

Cancellation Policy: To qualify for a full refund of the registration fees, a written cancellation must be received by AOHC no later than **September 12, 2025**.

Questions: Please call: 614-781-9556 or email: aohc_2@aohc.net.

Email Your Registration to: aohc_2@aohc.net**.**