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*PROMOTING HEALTH AND QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL RESIDENTS OF HENRY COUNTY*

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**HENRY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OFFERS ACCESS TO ALL OHIO  
BIRTH CERTIFICATES**

The Henry County Health Department can now issue certified birth records (certificates) for **anyone** born in the state of Ohio for a fee of \$23.00.

Prior to this improvement, individuals needing a copy of a birth record (certificate) could only access them through the county in which the birth occurred.

The Ohio Department of Health recognized the need for people to obtain their records quickly and began the process of "Statewide Issuance" to connect people with these essential records in a more timely and accessible way.

"This improvement allows us to better serve local residents," notes Henry County Health Commissioner Anne Goon. "This service is especially convenient for Ohio residents who have moved across the state or whose children were born in larger hospitals several counties away." Local residents can visit the Henry County Health Department at 1843 Oakwood Avenue, Napoleon, between the hours of 8:30 and 4:15 pm, Monday through Friday, to purchase a certified birth record.

The Health Department's Vital Statistics staff attended trainings and successfully completed state testing in order for the local office to qualify for statewide issuance. Local residents with questions can contact Malissa Davis, Vital Statistics Registrar, or Jennifer Imthurn, Deputy Registrar, Monday through Friday, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, at (419) 599-5545.

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