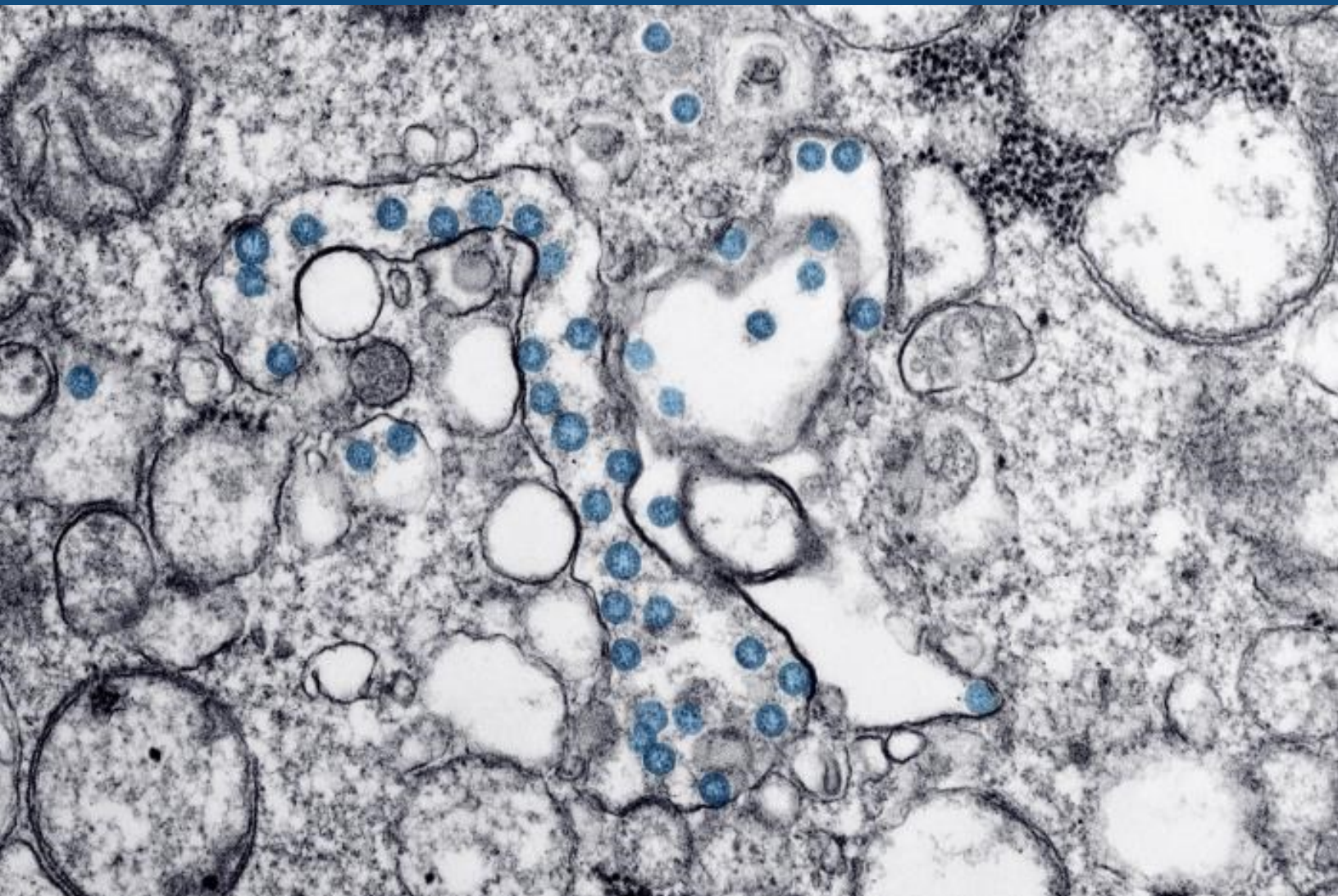


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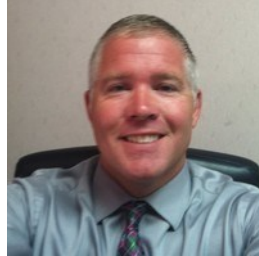
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## President's Message

Stephan Ruckman, MPH, REHS  
Ohio Environmental Health Association  
President 2020-2022

2021 is coming to a close as I type this message. We are yet again turning the page on another year. As we face the New Year, hope lingers and new beginnings await. And, so does more work for all of us. Work at being an integral piece in the continued COVID-19 response, but also integral in returning to our typical positions in environmental health. I say that with a deep recognition that nothing seems “typical” right now nor does it seem we will see it anytime soon. Last year at this time I wrote that I was hopeful for our member to be recognized for their flexibility, willingness to fill nontraditional roles, and their continued talent as the great environmental health professionals they are. That wish is still in my heart because I struggle to find enough recognition made public for all you do. Please know that your Board of Directors and myself see all you’ve done and continue to do and are extremely honored to be your peers.



We did see some promise this past year that we are moving in the right direction with the pandemic. As an Association we were able to conduct a virtual Annual Educational Conference and three District Educational Conferences. And, do so in a manner that kept attendees safe and healthy. The Board of Directors was very pleased to be able to serve our members in this way. Along with the conferences came changes to our bylaws. These changes now allow for remote Board Meetings and Digital Signatures for official association business. All tremendous steps forward in a time that most things seem to be standing still.

Our membership numbers continue to be lower than in the past, but we are hopeful that they will increase in 2022. Although we continue to face financial challenges, the planning and foresight of past Board of Directors and the fiscal conservancy of the current Board have allowed us to remain solvent. We are learning from the obstacles the pandemic has created and integrating problem solving into our plan for the future.

On the legislative front we continue to be very active in monitoring Bills that could impact our members. These include, but are not limited to Bills proposing to regulate man made ponds where inflatable structures and swimming is present, impacting the governing structure of local boards of health, and overall pandemic response. In addition, we are working to address the survey structure for food programs and issues related to cost methodology and fee recovery. Please continue to monitor the Ohio Environmental Health Association website at [www.ohioeha.org](http://www.ohioeha.org) for details on all of this as well as call to action if needed.

Many of us probably wish for a crystal ball to see what lies ahead of us in 2022. All we can do is hold to our professional values and dedication that makes us critical to the communities we serve. 2021 certainly didn’t provide all the answers, but progress was noted. Let’s hold to that progress and let it sustain us no matter what is in store. After all, each and every one of us impacts someone every day with the work we do! Celebrate that and celebrate each other!

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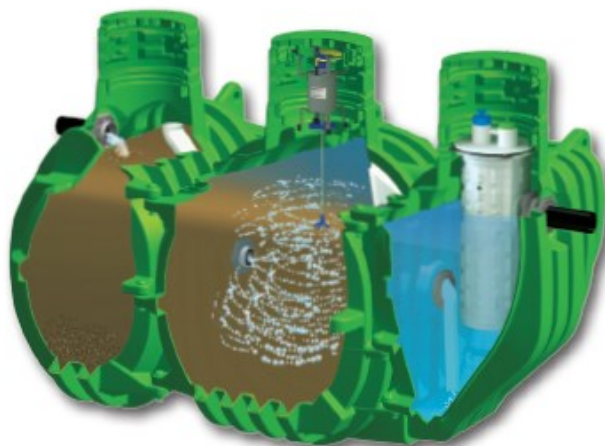


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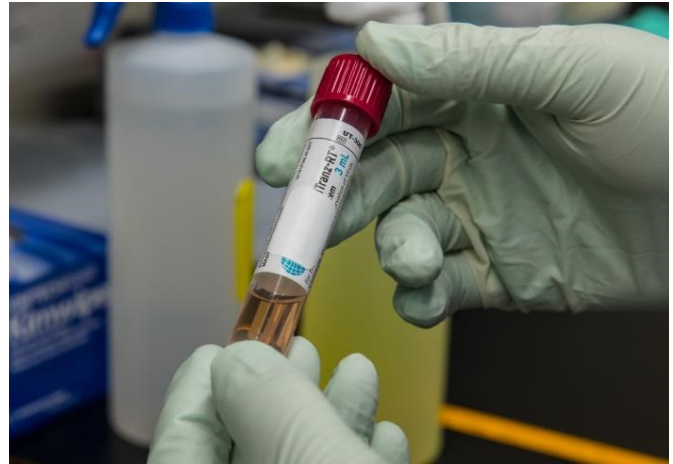
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to the challenge we arose.  
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and even locked you in your home;  
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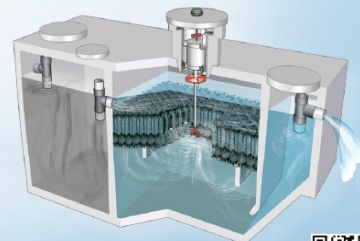
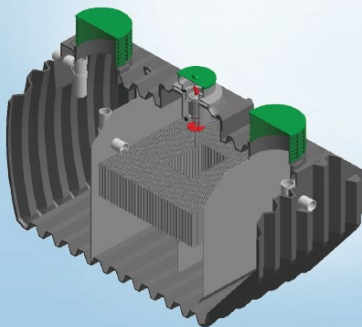
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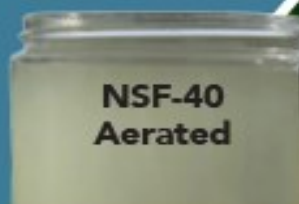


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Article submission deadlines are:

- February 15 for the 1st quarter
- May 15 for the 2nd quarter
- August 15 for the 3rd quarter, and
- November 15 for the 4th quarter.

Article submissions are in several categories including: the presidents message, the featured District Director's message, legislative updates, partner agency updates (ODH, ODA, OEPA), OEHA committee reports, and general submissions. This final category is open for submissions from anyone who has an article that

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