



## **Cleveland and Cuyahoga Health Data Matters Redirect to Healthy Northeast Ohio**

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Healthy Northeast Ohio welcomes visitors from Cleveland and Cuyahoga Health Data Matters (HDM). As of January 31, 2021, Health Data Matters will terminate as a website. Going forward, visitors will be redirected to Healthy Northeast Ohio.

As early champions of open data, Health Data Matters, led by Amy Sheon and Scott Frank at Case Western Reserve University's School of Medicine, offered an invaluable service to health departments and other organizations that wanted to make their data available to the public. Recognizing the importance of social determinants of health, the site enabled visitors to examine the relationships between poverty, education, health outcomes and health disparities, anticipating subsequent widespread interest in these topics. They also made sophisticated data visualization tools available so that people could create maps without having to have or master geographic information software. These tools were of fundamental value in recognizing the compounding effect of neighborhood segregation and poverty on health outcomes and disparities. Finally, Health Data Matters spawned innovation in public health, such as creating the Neighborhood Immersion for Compassion and Empathy Virtual Reality Empathy Training--an immersive experience of neighborhood-level data. By making Health Data Matters available at the Cleveland Medical Hackathon, Amy mentored a generation of health innovators to incorporate attention to the overall impact of their technology. She was especially instrumental in calling attention to place-based disparities in digital connectivity as a social determinant of health. Scott taught a generation of students to use mapping techniques as part of their public health training. The Health Data Matters team appreciates the contribution made to the effort by the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, the Cleveland Department of Public Health, United Way, the Medical Examiner's office, Better Health Partnership and others.

Health Data Matters data contributors who are interested in having their data uploaded to Healthy Northeast Ohio, please [contact](#) the Healthy Northeast Ohio team.

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