

April 17, 2024 | 12:30 pm

**MUNICIPAL SERVICES CENTER, 3600 TREMONT ROAD
LOWER LEVEL MEETING ROOM**

- 1. Call to order of regular meeting**
- 2. Old Business**
 - a. Approval of January 24, 2024 meeting minutes
- 3. New Business**
- 4. FCPH Reports**
 - a. Environmental Health
 - b. Health Systems & Planning
 - c. Prevention & Wellness

ADJOURNMENT

**Date of Next Meeting:
July 17, 2024 12:30 pm
3600 Tremont Road – Lower Level Conference Room
Upper Arlington, Ohio 43220**

-AGENDA SUBJECT TO CHANGE-



January 24, 2024 | 12:30 pm

Members Present

	John Kulewicz- Council Member		
	Dr. J. Nick Baird		
	Dr. Richard Vesper		
	Betty Giammar		

Guests:

Jackie Thiel, Assistant City Manager, City of UA

Chris Zimmer, Fire Chief, City of UA

Charlie Broschart, Environmental Health Division Manager, FCPH

Rich Stewart, Community Environmental Health Supervisor, FCPH

Sarah Muntzing, Environmental Health Grant Coordinator, FCPH

Members Absent

	Dr. Gil Liu		

MINUTES

1. Call to order of regular meeting at 12:36
2. Old Business
 - a. Approval of minutes from October meeting
 - i. Motioned Dr. Richard Vesper
 - ii. Seconded Betty Giammar
 - iii. Passed
3. New Business
 - a. Introduction of new board member, Dr. Gil Liu
 - i. Dr. Liu was not present.
4. FCPH Reports
 - a. Environmental Health
 - i. One of the animals in the rabies section was put down before a report was made, so it was not able to be tested, marked as "deceased"



1. Charlie and Dr. Vesper explained rabies processes, testing, quarantine, post-testing, etc.
 2. In Franklin County, all cats, dogs, ferrets required to get rabies vaccines. Specific mandates vary by county
 3. Does FCPH have information on vaccination rates for all domestic pets?
 - a. No, FCPH only has access to rabies records once a bite happens.
- ii. Public swimming pools
1. There were 6 inspections—3 regular, 3 inventory
 - a. How did those inspections go?
 - i. If there had been any issues, there would have been a follow-up, so the inspections went well.
 - b. How do UA pools do on inspections in general?
 - i. With the renovations over the recent years, most pools are in really good shape, we don't typically have any issues with UA pools.
- iii. Body Art
1. 1 facility licensed, run by a group of physicians
- iv. Food
1. There are 5 complaints total
 - a. One of the complaints was that someone was feeding their dog straight from the hot buffet at Whole Foods. An inspector was sent out, talked to management and told them to work to make sure it doesn't happen again, complaint was closed.
 - b. Another complaint was about raw meat handling, also at Whole Foods. An inspector went out, all protocols were being followed at the time of the inspection, inspector reinforced the importance of proper raw meat handling, complaint closed.
 - c. For rodent complaint, no mice or evidence of mice.
 - d. Are facilities notified of complaints?
 - i. We send inspectors out for every complaint, they investigate, and educate as needed.
- v. Vector Presentation by Rich Stewart, Community Environmental Health Supervisor
1. Slides will be included with the minutes
 2. Questions
 - a. Why isn't there a BG Sentinel II trap in each UA zone?
 - i. We don't see the need for one, we don't see it as cost-effective for UA.
 - b. How do you access the dashboards/what information do they have?



ADJOURNMENT

Motioned: Dr. Baird

Seconded: Betty Giammar

Motion Passed

Meeting was adjourned at 1:47pm

ATTEST: _____

CHAIR: _____



Overview of FCPH Vector Management Program

Upper Arlington Board of Health Meeting
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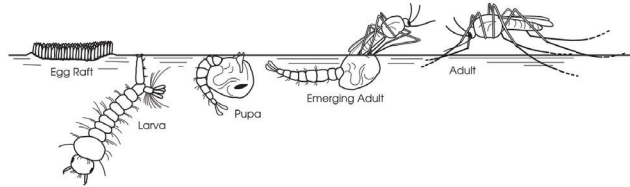


Mosquitoes



Mosquito 101

- Ohio has nearly 60 species of mosquitoes
- Lifecycle is roughly the same for all species, but there is variation in preferred habitat



- Common mosquito borne diseases in Ohio include West Nile virus (WNV) and La Crosse Encephalitis. Only some species can vector diseases.



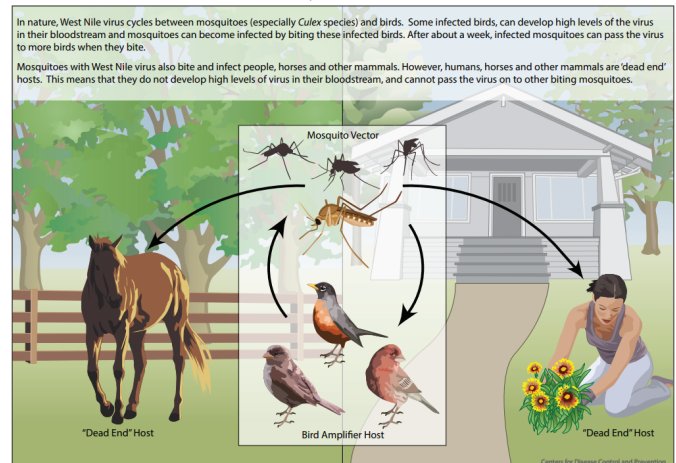
West Nile Virus

WNV is the leading cause of mosquito-borne disease in the continental US and the #1 reported arbovirus (virus spread by arthropods).

- **Most infected people experience no or mild symptoms (80% of cases)**
- About 1 in 150 infected report serious symptoms affecting the central nervous system including encephalitis or meningitis
- Immunocompromised and those 60+ years of age at highest risk
- 1 in 10 with severe illness will die
- Usually, severe cases are the only cases reported to local health departments

Risk of WNV transmission is highest in late summer-early fall due to amplification in the wild bird reservoir.

West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle





Integrated Pest Management

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- Integrated mosquito management basic principles
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Surveillance

3 types of traps set once per week from mid-May through the end of September (MMWR 20-39)



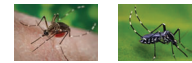
Gravid trap

Targets *Culex* species, the vector for WNV. Mosquitoes from this trap are pooled into groups of 50 or fewer and then tested for WNV



CDC Light trap

Targets all host seeking mosquitoes using light and CO₂ to give us an idea of which species and how many are in an area. Provides us with data for nuisance/floodwater mosquito control

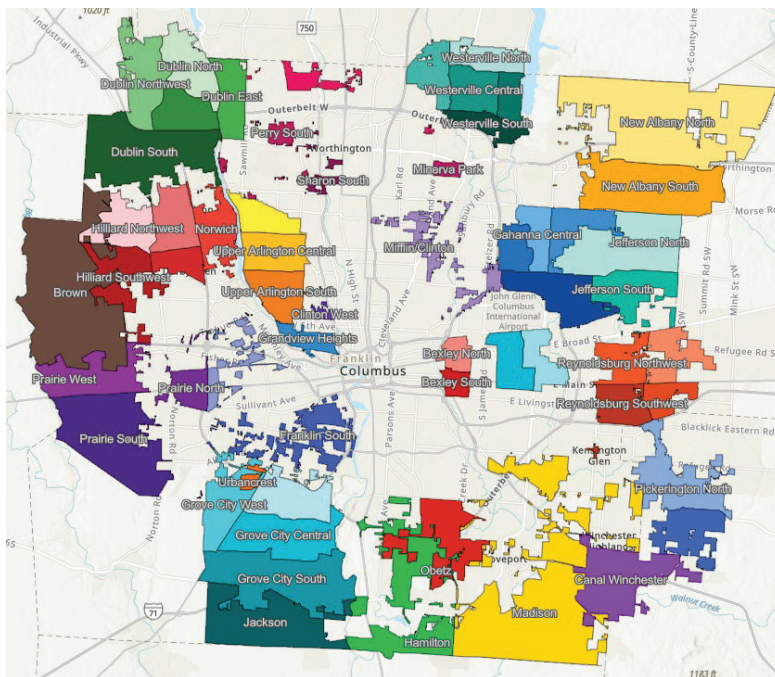


BG Sentinel trap

Targets invasive *Aedes* species such as *Ae. aegypti* or *Ae. albopictus* that can spread diseases like Dengue, Chikungunya or Zika



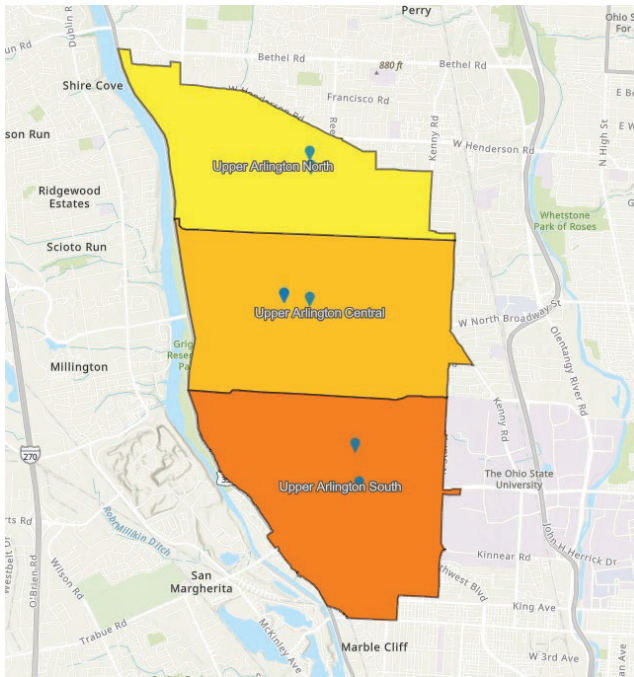
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14 cities
+ 6 villages
+ 14 townships
59 zones

Each zone has at least one, and up to three mosquito traps. All surveillance data and adult mosquito treatment data is reported by zone.

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3 zones

Each zone in Upper Arlington has one Gravid trap and one CDC Light trap. The city also has one BG Sentinel II trap, in the central zone.

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Identification & Testing

- All mosquitoes trapped are taken back to our lab, counted and identified.
- *Culex* mosquitoes are tested for WNV using RAMP, which allows for same day results.
- Samples we cannot test are sent to the Ohio Department of Health for testing.





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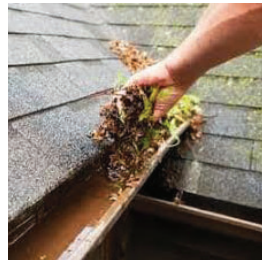


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Controlling Mosquitoes

- Prevention is best! The most effective way to control mosquitoes is to not provide them any water for their eggs.
- Public education, source reduction



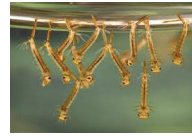
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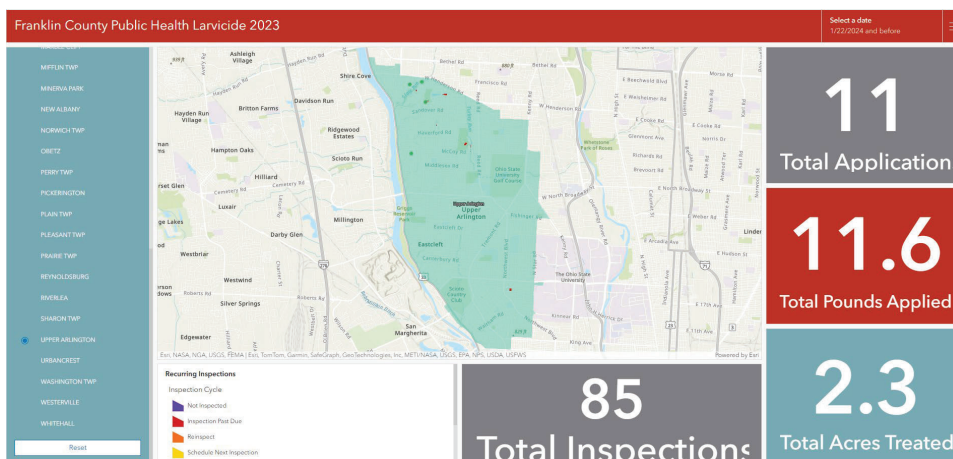
Controlling Mosquitoes

- If we can't avoid standing water, treating it with larvicide controls the mosquitoes at their most vulnerable stage and doesn't harm most non-targets. We will only treat water if we see larvae.



Controlling Mosquitoes

- We report all our larval mosquito control inspections and applications in an online dashboard





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Adulticiding

- Set action thresholds for mosquito spraying
 - Disease prevention
 - WNV+ test result
 - Floodwater/nuisance spraying
 - 75+ mosquitoes caught in one night in CDC light trap
- After we spray, we examine subsequent trap counts in the zone we sprayed and a nearby zone that was not sprayed to measure our effectiveness.



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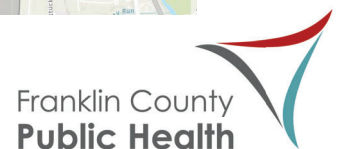
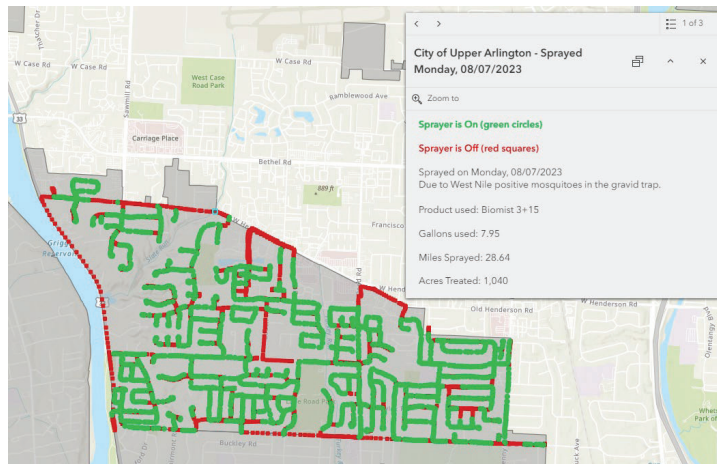
Controlling Mosquitoes

- Ultra Low Volume (ULV) Spraying by truck is the most visible portion of our program but likely least effective at killing mosquitoes.
- Sprayers have a swath of up to 150 ft on both sides of the roads.
 - *Culex* mosquitoes – the ones that transmit West Nile Virus – have a strong preference to breed in things like catch basins and drainage ditches, which are very close to the road.



Controlling Mosquitoes

- We publish post-spray maps the day after an area is sprayed that show:
 - Exact location of the truck at a point in time
 - Whether the sprayer was turned on or off at each point
 - Why the decision to spray was made
 - The total volume of product applied
 - The total area treated



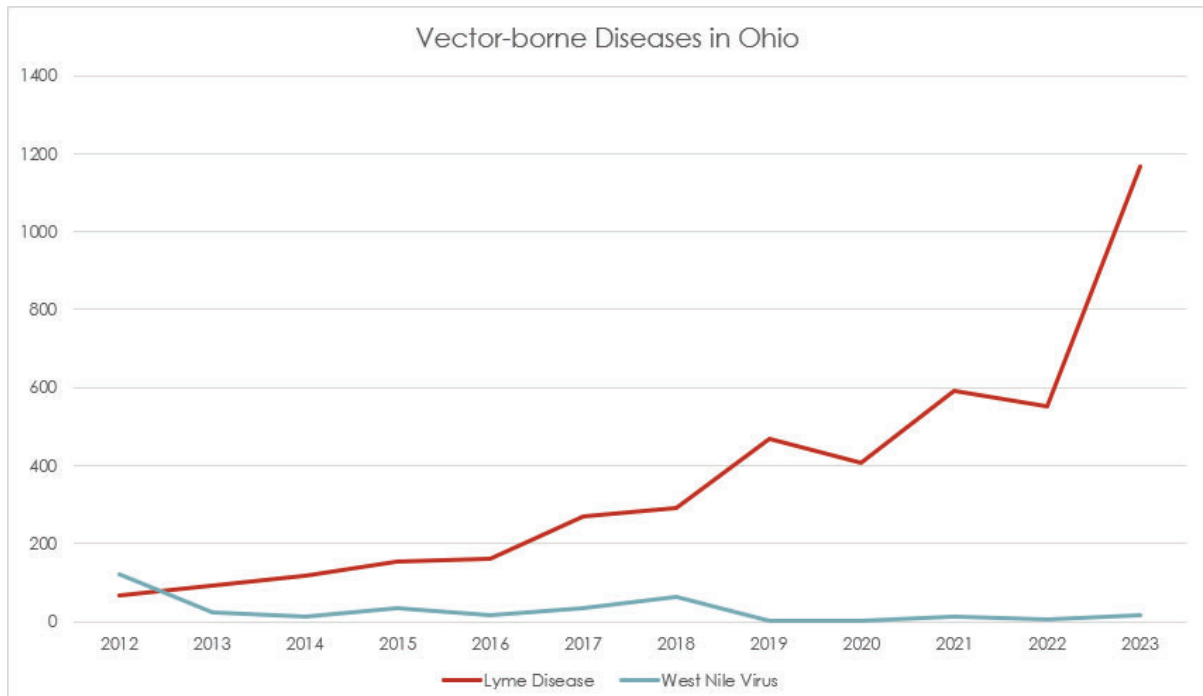
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Ticks





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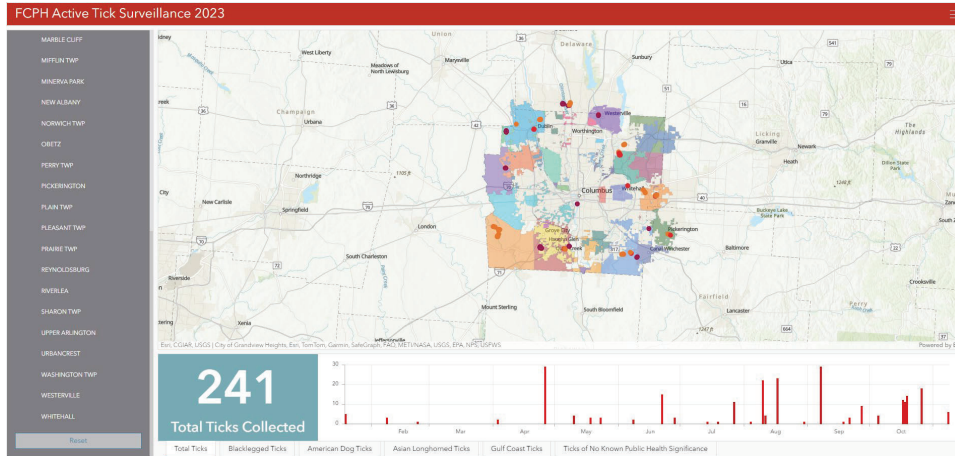
There are no established best practices for the control of tick populations!





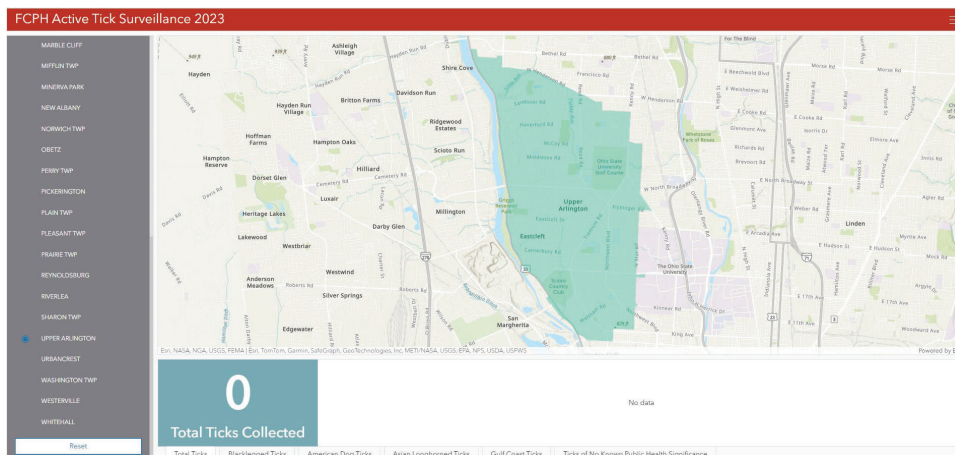
Active Tick Surveillance

- We conduct active tick surveillance throughout the county, sharing data with CPH, OSU, and ODH



Active Tick Surveillance

- So far, we have not collected any ticks from Upper Arlington





Questions and Discussion



Thank you!

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Environmental Health Services Upper Arlington

Reporting Period: January 1-March 31, 2024

Community Environmental Health

Rabies Control – 100 exposure events in Franklin County were reported to Franklin County Public Health during this quarter. The following seven animal exposures in Upper Arlington were investigated during January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024, and are in the table below.

Incident Date	Species	Breed	Quarantine Status
01/14/2024	Dog	American Staffordshire Terrier	Euthanized/Negative for Rabies
01/25/2024	Dog	Wheaten Terrier	Released
01/27/2024	Cat	DSH	Released
02/07/2024	Dog	Mix	Unknown/Stray
02/28/2024	Cat	DSH	Released
03/06/2024	Dog	Australian Shepherd	Released
03/25/2024	Dog	Papillon	Released

Public Swimming Pools –

Franklin County Public Health currently has 395 licensed recreational water facilities. There are 23 licensed pools, spas, or special use pools in Upper Arlington. The licensing year is from June 1, 2023, to May 31, 2024. Standard pool inspections will be conducted at least twice per licensing year. Pool equipment inventory inspections are conducted once per year. Inventory inspections document pool equipment including pool pumps, filters, chemical feeders, drain covers, and other facility specific equipment. Four inspections took place in Upper Arlington during this quarter at the locations listed below:

Date	Facility	Inspection Type
01/23/2024	First Community Village Pool	Standard
01/24/2024	Homewood Suites	Inventory
02/02/2024	Upper Arlington High School	Inventory
03/26/2024	Homewood Suites	Standard

Body Art –

Franklin County Public Health currently has 92 body art facilities. The licensing period is from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024. Body art includes traditional tattoo and body piercing, but it also includes permanent make-up or reconstructive procedures such as microblading, micro-needling, scalp micropigmentation, and scar camouflage. FCPH licenses two tattoo businesses in Upper Arlington, both of which perform permanent makeup and/or reconstructive procedures. FCPH inspects body art facilities at least once during the licensing period. No body art inspections were conducted during the first quarter of 2024.



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Food Safety

Two sets of plans were reviewed and on new facility was opened. There were no enforcement letters issued.

Total Licensed Facilities			
Mobile	FSO/RFE	Vending	Schools
3	132	1	9

Inspections Conducted	
Standard	74
Follow-Up	0
Complaint	2
Consultation	6
Foodborne	0
Schools	0

Complaints Investigated	
Speedway 1215 2/23	Complaint-Vats of tea uncovered, Unconfirmed. Complaint closed
Shops on Lane 1/13	Mold on cookies. One potentially found. Complaint closed

Plumbing and Medical Gas

Type	Inspections
Residential	206
Commercial	34
Medical Gas	4

Sustainability

Public Health Nuisance Complaints – No public health nuisance complaints received.

Respectfully submitted by: Sarah Jensen; Assistant Health Commissioner & Environmental Health Director – 04/08/2024.

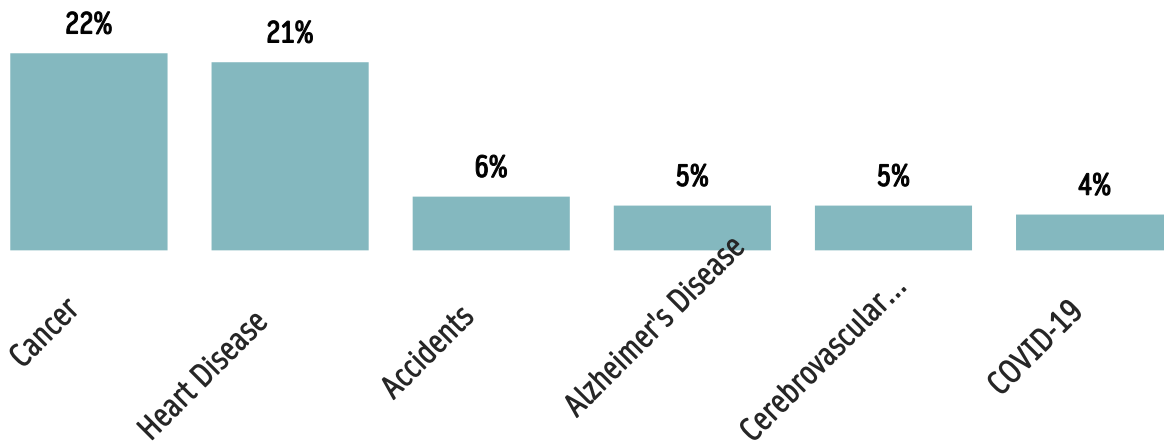


About the Upper Arlington Community

The city of Upper Arlington was home to approximately 35,694 community members as of January 1, 2023.¹ Almost 80% (78.7%) of Upper Arlington residents have at least a bachelor's degree for education and the median household income is greater than Franklin County overall at \$144,705. In total, 7.9% of Upper Arlington residents were born outside of the United States and 9.4% speak a language other than English at home. About 7.3% of Upper Arlington residents report having at least one disability, with independent living difficulties being the most common disability type.²

From 2017-2021, 7.7% of live births to residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221 were considered preterm, or earlier than 37 weeks of pregnancy. In 2021, almost 9% of Upper Arlington adults reported they currently smoked. Upper Arlington's smoking rates are higher than the Healthy People 2030 targets.³ Lastly, 14.4% of Upper Arlington adults were physically inactive, 20.7% had depression, 8.4% had asthma, and 8.3% had cancer (excluding skin cancer) in 2021.⁴ From 2017-2021, the leading causes of death among Upper Arlington residents were:

22% of deaths in Upper Arlington from 2017 through 2021 resulted from cancer.³



For more information about the health and wellbeing of the Upper Arlington community, visit the [Upper Arlington Community Profile](http://www.franklincocares.org) on www.franklincocares.org. The Upper Arlington profile includes mental health, dental health, medication use, physical activity, tobacco use, healthcare visits, and

¹ [Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Population Data](#)

² [US Census Bureau Upper Arlington City Profile](#)

³ Ohio Department of Health Secure Public Health Information Warehouse

⁴ [Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\) PLACES: Local Data for Better Health](#)



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more.⁵ You can find additional local data by zip code and neighborhood, like social vulnerability, preterm birth, or naloxone administrations, on Franklin County Public Health's [FCPH Data Hub](#).

Behavioral Health & Addiction Services

Overdose Data to Action

In 2023, there were 75 emergency department admissions for suspected drug overdoses among residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221.⁶ Preliminary data indicates there were 7 deaths due to accidental overdose among residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221 in 2023.³

In 2023, Franklin County Public Health utilized funds from the OD2A grant and the Overdose Data to Action: Limiting Overdose through Collaborative Actions in Localities (OD2A: LOCAL) grant to fund several partner efforts serving people who live, work, and play in Upper Arlington to prevent overdose:

- In 2023, Safe Point served 22 residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221 through a combination of mobile outreach and syringe service program services. These 22 residents interacted with Safe Point 93 times throughout the year, returning 11660 syringes and receiving 9970 syringes in return, based on a maximum distribution limit of 280 syringes per client per month. In these 93 interactions, clients also accepted overdose prevention education materials 88 times. These clients also received 290 fentanyl test strips, 96 naloxone kits, 81 sets of safe injection materials, 60 sharps containers, 74 safe smoking kits, 43 sets of safe sex materials, and 54 safe snorting kits.
- Columbus Division of Fire's Rapid Response Emergency Addiction Crisis Team (RREACT) makes use of the skills and resources available to first responders to contact individuals that experience an overdose, are treated by EMS, and subsequently refuse transport to the hospital for treatment. In 2023, RREACT staff made 43 outreach attempts to 17 Upper Arlington residents who had experienced an overdose.

Please note that due to the transition between the OD2A grant cycle and OD2A LOCAL grant cycle, data is not yet available for November and December 2023.

Harm Reduction

HSP's Harm Reduction team engages with community members who use drugs to prevent overdose, spread of disease, and other poor health outcomes. The HSP Harm Reduction team distributed harm

⁵ [Franklin County Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Evaluation System](#)

⁶ EpiCenter Health Monitoring System



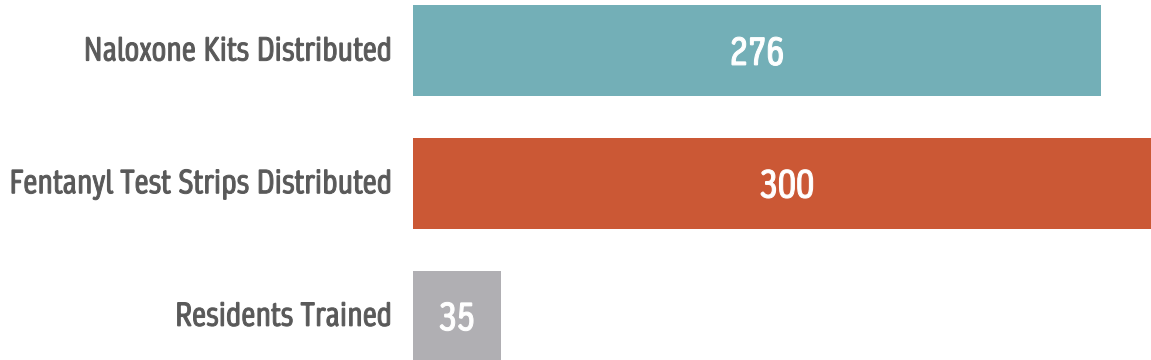
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reduction materials such as Go Kits and Harm Reduction Kits to Franklin County community members, including potential Upper Arlington residents.

In 2023, FCPH distributed approximately **276 naloxone kits** and **300 test strips** to residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221.



Naloxone, or Narcan, is a medication used to reverse an opioid overdose. In 2023, FCPH trained approximately 35 residents, 15 in zip code 43220 and 20 in zip code 43221, for the city of Upper Arlington. The trainings are conducted through either live community training or online video training. In 2023, FCPH distributed 276 naloxone kits and 300 fentanyl test strips to residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221. More materials may have been distributed to residents, but we do not require recipients to report their zip code of residence.

Tobacco Prevention & Cessation

In 2023, HSP provided a total of 454 individuals with tobacco-related training, such as Ask, Advise, Refer, and Vaping for Parents. Anyone in the county can request tobacco training, as well as access tobacco cessation resources at www.makeitmakesense.org.

In 2023, the city of Upper Arlington has shown interest in a tobacco retail license (TRL) and flavor ban policy and continues to have progressive conversations regarding the policy implementations with Franklin County Public Health.

Care Coordination

The HSP Care Coordination team is made up of community health workers (CHWs) who work as members of the Central Ohio Pathways HUB, an evidence-based model for connecting individuals in need of services (social and medical) or experiencing hardship to those services. There are a total of 20 different services, or pathways, that an individual can select. HSP CHWs served 8 residents of zip



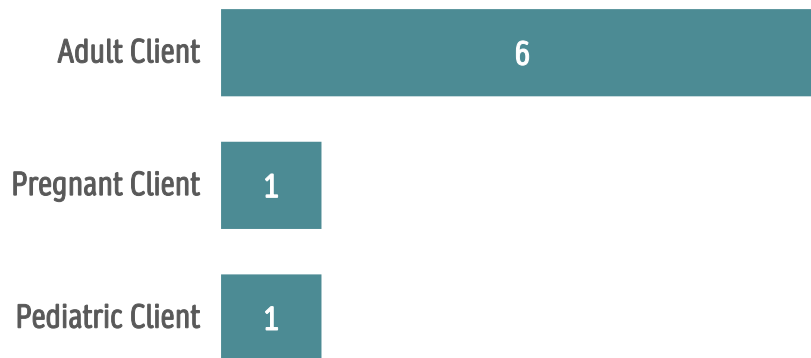
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codes 43220 and 43321 in 2023 through 57 contacts, or interactions (meetings, phone calls, emails, etc.). The age of clients ranged from 6 to 66 years.

In 2023, FCPH CHWs served **8 residents** of zip code 43220 and 43221 through **57 contacts**.



CHW clients living in zip codes 43220 and 43221 completed 66 total pathways in 2023. Examples of pathways completed by clients living in zip codes 43220 and 43221 include education, medical referrals, and social services. There were 55 education pathways, 4 social services referrals, and 4 medical referrals completed by the Upper Arlington clients. CHW services are available to any other Upper Arlington residents who needs CHW assistance on www.myfcph.org.

Health Promotion

FCPH’s Health Promotion section works to promote healthier habits and environments throughout the Franklin County community. In 2022, FCPH was awarded the countywide Healthy Brain Initiative grant from NACCHO and the National Alzheimer’s Association, which ran through December 2023. The purpose of this grant is to integrate brain health (i.e., dementia, Alzheimer’s) into our current chronic disease prevention work. The cohort of selected local health departments meet monthly to receive guidance and mentorship in working with their local Alzheimer’s Association chapter and other partners to increase brain health awareness in their communities.

Active Living

The HSP Active Living Coordinator focuses on creating healthy communities by increasing access to physical activity opportunities and healthier environments.

Community Health Action Teams (CHATs)

Community Health Action Teams (CHATs) are partnerships between FCPH and community members who live, work, or play in the CHAT community to work together to build healthier communities in



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Franklin County. Members represent a variety of sectors and interests, and CHATs can select pathways to focus on such as mental health & wellness or access to care. In 2023, FCPH hosted the CHAT Mid-Year Meeting, which was open to all members of the Franklin County community.

The city of Upper Arlington currently has a CHAT and there is the potential to establish a CHAT for other cities at FCPHCHAT@franklincountyohio.gov. Various CHATs have already been established throughout Franklin County (Upper Arlington, Westerville, Clinton Township, Prairie Township, Hilliard, etc.) with initiatives that include produce markets, Farm to School programs in schools, community naloxone training, Complete Streets policy implementation, and Safe Routes to school program implementation. Learn more about what our CHATs completed in 2022 [here](#).

Healthy Food Access

Through the Clinton Township CHAT, FCPH supports a produce market to distribute fresh produce to community members at no cost. In 2023, the produce market supported 29 community members belonging to 8 households living in zip codes 43220 and 43221. These households may have utilized the produce market multiple times throughout the year.

In 2023, **29 community members** and **8 households** living in zip codes 43220 and 43221 received fresh produce at the Clinton Township Product Market.



Emergency Preparedness

HSP's Emergency Preparedness (EP) section works to develop plans to address risks and maintain efficient public health services for the citizens of Franklin County in case of an emergency. Examples include meeting with police and fire departments, developing response plans, practicing the management of point-of-dispensing (POD) locations, and more. Examples of public health EP and



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response capabilities addressed by the EP section include community preparedness, emergency public information and warning, responder safety and health, etc.

In 2023, the EP team trained 3 residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221 in Stop the Bleed, an evidence-based training for recognizing and responding to life-threatening bleeding. The average score increased from 7.3 to 10 from the pre-test and post-test.

Epidemiology & Data

In 2023, HSP epidemiologists completed 145 data requests for both internal staff and external partner organizations. Data requests completed by the team covered a range of topic areas, including gun violence, cancer, tobacco use, overdose, naloxone administration, suicide, housing insecurity, and more. There were 5 Upper Arlington focused data requests that were completed in 2023.

In 2023, FCPH published the [FCPH Data Hub](#), a data website meant to increase data transparency and availability to the community. This website includes data dashboards as well as reports published by HSP epidemiologists. HSP epidemiologists partnered with multiple community organizations and collaborated with the Franklin County Suicide Prevention Coalition, with HSP Epidemiology Supervisor Abigail Boeckman leading the Data and Research Action Team, to publish the countywide 2023 [Franklin County Suicide Report](#). FCPH also published the [Tobacco Retailers & Health Impact in Franklin County](#) report and the [Cancer Diagnosis & Mortality in Franklin County, OH](#) report, both of which include local-level data for the city of Upper Arlington.

To submit a data request of your own directly to our team, please visit the [FCPH Data Hub](#) and click "Submit a Data Request."

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HSP Services January 2024 – March 2024

Behavioral Health & Addiction Services

- In Quarter 1, 100 naloxone kits and 138 fentanyl test strips were distributed to residents of zip codes 43220 and 43221. There were 17 naloxone community training attendees that reported either 43220 or 43221 as their residential zip code as well. It is possible that more residents of Upper Arlington received these resources, but it is not required for recipients to report their zip code of residence.
- Quarter 1 overdose data has not been finalized and cannot be included in this report.
- Franklin County CARES is a surveillance platform that offers access to local data on overdose, addiction, and community health indicators. Visit the [Upper Arlington Community Profile](#) for more information.
- The Health Systems and Planning tobacco team provided 4 different community trainings to 73 community residents within Franklin County. While none of these trainings were conducted in zip codes 43320 or 43221, tobacco trainings can be requested at any time.
- The city of Upper Arlington has had initial discussions of TRL and an initial flavor ban policy discussion but has not yet passed the policies for the city.

Care Coordination

- Health Systems and Planning Community Health Workers received 2 referrals in zip codes 43220 and 43221 and these referrals are still in process.
- The CHWs served 4 residents in Quarter 1 from zip codes 43220 and 43221. These clients completed 10 pathways, including education and social services referrals.
- The Care Coordination team started receiving referrals regarding a housing crisis in Franklin County during Quarter 1 and received 3 times the referral requests from Quarter 4 2023 to Quarter 1 2024 (102 to 314).

Health Promotion

- In Quarter 1, the Clinton Township Produce Market provided fresh produce to 8 individuals from 2 households in zip code 43220 and no report of individuals or households in zip code 43221.



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Upper Arlington Services (Q1 2024)

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- The Health Promotion team in HSP engaged with 864 community members through 7 different community events. These events included healthy food access outreach and an Annual CHAT Summit on January 23, 2024. While none of these events were held in Upper Arlington, it is possible that members of the city attended the events.

Emergency Preparedness

- The Emergency Preparedness team holds and participates in many county-level planning efforts that impact residents of Upper Arlington.
- The team trained 94 individuals in Stop the Bleed in Quarter 1, although none reported they were residents of Upper Arlington. To request a Stop the Bleed training, please follow this [link](#).

Epidemiology & Data

- The epidemiologists completed 40 data requests in Quarter 1. Two (2) data requests focused on the city of Upper Arlington and 26 data requests also focused on FCPH's service area and Countywide information that can include Upper Arlington data within.



Immunization Program/School Nursing Section

Adult, Childhood and COVID-19 Vaccination Clinics

From January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024 there was a total of 10 patients from Upper Arlington attending 15 separate visits, resulting in a collective administration of 22 vaccinations.

NACCHO Partnering for Vaccine Equity (PAVE) III Grant

The communications team has been diligently working on revamping the "Getting to Know Public Health" Campaign. They've introduced a character named "Vicki Vaccine" to aid in communicating and educating Franklin County residents about vaccines. Susan Foster, the Immunization and School Health Supervisor, collaborated with the Communications team to finalize a concise PSA aimed at vaccine education for the community.

Get Vaccinated Ohio (GVO) Grant

FCPH immunization staff convened to create an implementation plan to address some of the disparities highlighted in the 2024 Get Vaccinated Ohio Franklin County Immunizations Disparities Report. The immunization program plans to focus efforts in Groveport, Minerva Park, Whitehall, and Reynoldsburg. Strategies identified include providing parental education, supporting school nurses in these jurisdictions, and exploring additional community partnerships to improve childhood immunization completion rates. Work is underway to establish a standing vaccine clinic at Groveport-Madison Schools, commencing in the fall of 2024. A pop-up clinic is scheduled for May 16, 2024, at Groveport-Madison Schools.

School Health

The Immunization and School Health team at FCPH is actively engaged in cross-sector initiatives aimed at reducing the asthma burden in Franklin County. Collaborating with members from various divisions, they are part of coordinated efforts to apply for the CDC EXHALE grant, a strategy-based grant designed to enhance the quality of life for individuals with asthma. The application deadline for this grant is April 19th, 2024, with a Notice of Selection anticipated in August 2024.

Staff Training, Conferences, Outreach, and Partnerships

The implementation of MARTTI a real time, audiovisual language interpretation service, has begun and the Immunization and School Health team is actively addressing any challenges encountered during the rollout process to ensure its effectiveness for the agency.

Immunization staff is partnering with the HSP CHAT team to offer health resources, education, and COVID/flu vaccines to residents of Prairie Township on April 27, 2024, and Whitehall residents on April 26, 2024.



Maternal and Child Health Section

CMH Program

Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) oversees the Children with Medical Handicaps (CMH) program catering to individuals aged 0-24 residing in Franklin County. Within this program, Public Health Nurses (PHNs) offer case management assistance to children with specific healthcare requirements. Their support encompasses helping families locate high-quality healthcare, accessing community resources, engaging in outreach initiatives, and facilitating the coordination of care for children with diverse medical needs. The CMH PHNs deliver their services through various channels including telephone, email, mail, and home visits.

From January 1, 2024, to March 31, 2024 PHN case management services were provided to 24 families from Upper Arlington concerning CMH services.

Community Partnership Grants

The Beautiful Beginnings home visiting program continues in collaboration with Heart of Ohio Family Health with funds from the Franklin County Board of Commissioners. The CHW is currently in the process of enrolling clients on the Beautiful Beginnings program. MCH leadership is currently interviewing for 2 public health nurses to staff the program, and 1 Community Health Worker. Additionally, a comprehensive pregnancy and postpartum resource and education client resource binder is in development.

FCPH continues to partner with ROOTT (Restoring Our Own Through Transformation) through a separate Community Partnership grant opportunity. ROOTT provides perinatal doula services to Black individuals within Franklin County.

Partnership and Collaboration

Meetings with partner agencies are being convened to discuss current action steps on the Maternal and Infant Health strategy areas of the Community Health Improvement Plan.

Alyssa Grodhaus, Prevention and Wellness Division Manager is spearheading an agency-wide committee aimed at enhancing interpreter and translation services across FCPH. This collaborative effort is co-led by the Interim Director of the Health Systems and Planning Division.

MCH Events

On March 12, 2024, Acacia Luster, Supervisor of the Beautiful Beginnings Program, and LaQuisa Richardson, a Community Health Worker within Beautiful Beginnings, participated in a profound panel discussion called Black Mothers Matter, held in Linden. The discussion was deeply emotional and impactful, as five panelists bravely shared their personal pregnancy and birthing journeys, along with their encounters with medical professionals and the complexities of navigating the healthcare system. The key takeaways emphasized the urgent need for Black birthing individuals to be listened

to and acknowledged, rather than dismissed or overlooked when expressing concerns. Advocacy, support, and empowerment regarding their bodies and health were underscored as essential. It was stressed that the responsibility for this change cannot fall solely on the affected individuals. Every effort must be made to ensure that Black birthing individuals and their babies receive the highest quality healthcare, setting them on a path towards success and long-term health.



- March 27, 2024: Two PHNs from CMH attended the Franklin County Provider & Community Resource Fair, organized by the Franklin County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The fair attracted numerous families and providers. The PHNs from FCPH distributed informational resources to families, focusing on infant safe sleep practices, immunizations, and details about the CMH Program. Additionally, they established connections with other providers and partners present at the event.
- April 5, 2024: The Director of Prevention and Wellness, alongside the Prevention and Wellness Division Manager, and the Director of Epidemiology & Data, along with the Health Systems and Planning Division Manager, are scheduled to participate in a Data Capability pilot interview for the Community Information Exchange (CIE), facilitated by the RISE Together Innovation Institute. The primary objective of this initial interview is to gain insights into each organization's data management practices, including client and programmatic data handling, as well as their capacity to collect, receive, and share data. Understanding the data management capabilities of each organization and those within the broader health and human service ecosystem in Central Ohio will enable the RISE Together Innovation Institute to identify the necessary support and resources required to ensure the participation of all organizations in the CIE.
- April 18, 2024: The Supervisor of the Beautiful Beginnings Program and the Beautiful Beginnings Community Health Worker will be attending CompDrug's 2024 Perinatal Conference. This conference is specifically tailored for individuals supporting pregnant individuals dealing with substance use issues. The agenda includes critical topics such as recovery during pregnancy, the current housing crisis, the intersection of sex work and substance use, treatment of neonatal opiate withdrawal syndrome, addressing generational trauma, harm reduction strategies including xylazine, maternal mental health, advocacy within healthcare systems, and a peer panel discussion.



Staff Highlights

Mary Taylor, Supervisor of Maternal and Child Health, has been accepted into the fifth cohort of the Early Childhood Fellowship, commencing in August 2024. This Fellowship is tailored for emerging leaders within the early childhood workforce. Throughout the program, participants will bolster their ability to shape policies promoting healthy development and early learning, ultimately aiming to improve outcomes for Ohio's youngest learners and their families. Over the course of the year, Fellows from across Ohio will partake in a curriculum designed to enhance leadership skills, deepen knowledge, and enrich the professional landscape of early childhood professionals. The Fellowship offers a stimulating curriculum comprising keynote speakers, online learning modules, dialogues with policymakers, networking opportunities, and collaborative small-group projects. Upon completion of the program, Fellows will be better equipped to advocate successfully for themselves, infants and toddlers, families, and their communities. Congratulations to Mary!

[Source: <https://www.groundworkohio.org/fellowship>]

LaQuisa Richardson, a Community Health Worker with the Beautiful Beginnings program, recently concluded a 4-day virtual Grief Recovery Method Training Program, spanning from March 22, 2024, to March 25, 2024. This evidence-based training covered various forms of grief, including loss of life, relationships, employment, pets, or any other loss experienced by individuals. The program emphasized that emotional pain resulting from loss is a universal human experience and equipped trainees with tools to facilitate release, empowerment, and healing in others.

[Source: <https://www.griefrecoverymethod.com/>]

Advancing Health Literacy Franklin County

With the support of the Advancing Health Literacy Franklin County (AHLFC) grant, the grant partners organized a successful All Access Pass to Health Literacy Conference, focusing on access to care and community engagement. This conference served as a platform for exchanging insights and strategies to enhance health literacy within the community.

Furthermore, AHLFC collaborated successfully with partners at CommunicateHealth to present the final Digital Health Literacy Training, which focused on social media best practices. The session attracted 30 attendees, who reported a 3-point increase in knowledge overall from before to after the presentation. These trainings will be available as enduring materials on the Advancing Health Literacy Franklin County webpages, providing valuable resources for the community.

In addition, a total of 9 sessions on Reader-Friendly Plain Language Material, along with coaching, have concluded. These robust trainings enhance accessibility and comprehension of health information through plain language and the delivery of written materials. These sessions have played a pivotal role in improving health literacy skills among the target audience.



Lastly, AHLFC hosted the final CLAS (Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Services) and Cultural Competency Training in collaboration with partners at Ethiopian Tewahedo Social Services (ETSS), with a focus on the Haitian Creole community. The session attracted 48 attendees, who reported a 4-point increase in knowledge overall from pre- to post-presentation.

Infectious Disease Section

Measles Update

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Health Alert Network (HAN) has issued an advisory regarding the increase in global and domestic measles cases and outbreaks.

- Measles (rubeola) is highly contagious, with one infected individual capable of spreading the virus to 9 out of 10 unvaccinated individuals with whom they have close contact.
- From January 1, 2024 to March 14, 2024, the CDC has received reports of 58 confirmed cases of measles across 17 jurisdictions in the United States, including seven outbreaks in seven jurisdictions. This marks a notable increase compared to the 58 total cases and four outbreaks reported for the entire year of 2023.
- Among the 58 cases reported in 2024:
 - 54 (93%) cases were linked to international travel.
 - Most cases occurred in children aged 12 months and older who had not received the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine.
- Recommendations for Healthcare Providers regarding measles include:
 - Ensuring patients are up to date with the MMR vaccine.
 - Administering the first dose of MMR vaccine to children aged 12 to 15 months, followed by a second dose at 4 to 6 years.
 - Advising all U.S. residents older than 6 months without evidence of immunity who are planning international travel to receive the MMR vaccine prior to departure.
 - Recognizing that evidence of measles immunity for international travelers includes birth before 1957, documented administration of two doses of live measles virus vaccine, or laboratory confirmation of immunity or disease.
 - Considering measles as a potential diagnosis in individuals with fever ($\geq 101^{\circ}\text{F}$ or 38.3°C) and a generalized maculopapular rash with symptoms such as cough,



coryza, or conjunctivitis, particularly if they have recently traveled abroad, especially to countries experiencing measles outbreaks.

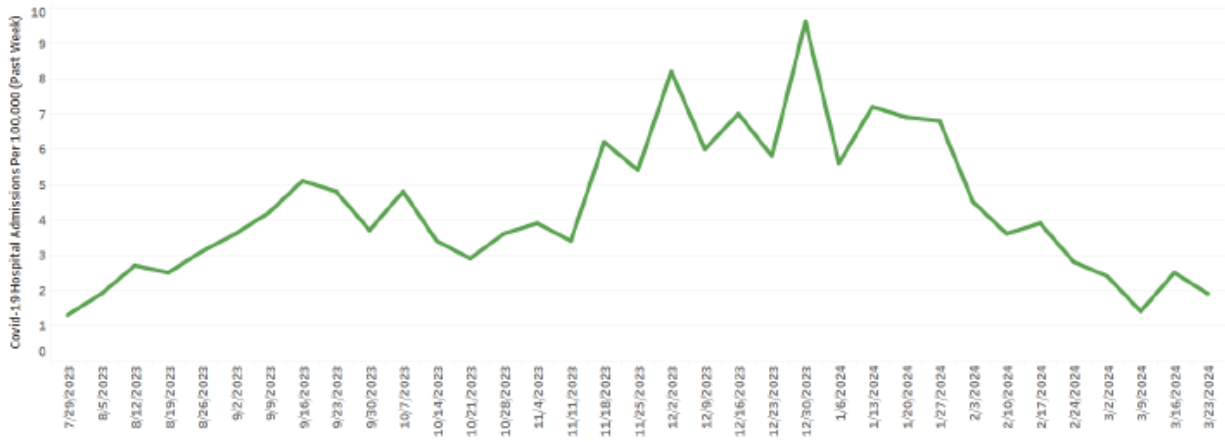
COVID-19 Response Updates

Epidemiology Update for COVID-19
Franklin County Public Health
April 1, 2024

Please note: Due to underreporting of COVID-19 testing and cases, please interpret data with caution on this report. The true number of cases are likely higher. Data are pulled from the Ohio Disease Reporting System and The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

COVID-19 Cases Reported by Year and Sex, Franklin County Public Health Jurisdictions						
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	Grand Total
Female	15,235	22,795	28,573	6,441	1,519	74,563
Male	13,673	20,215	22,661	4,390	1,096	62,035
Blank	200	163	366	32	4	765
Unknown	53	148	240	20	3	464
Grand Total	29,161	43,321	51,840	10,883	2,622	137,827

Despite an increase in the rate of hospitalizations since October 2023, COVID-19 Hospitalization Admission Levels have decreased since January 2024. COVID-19 Hospitalization Admission Levels have remained **Low in Franklin County.**





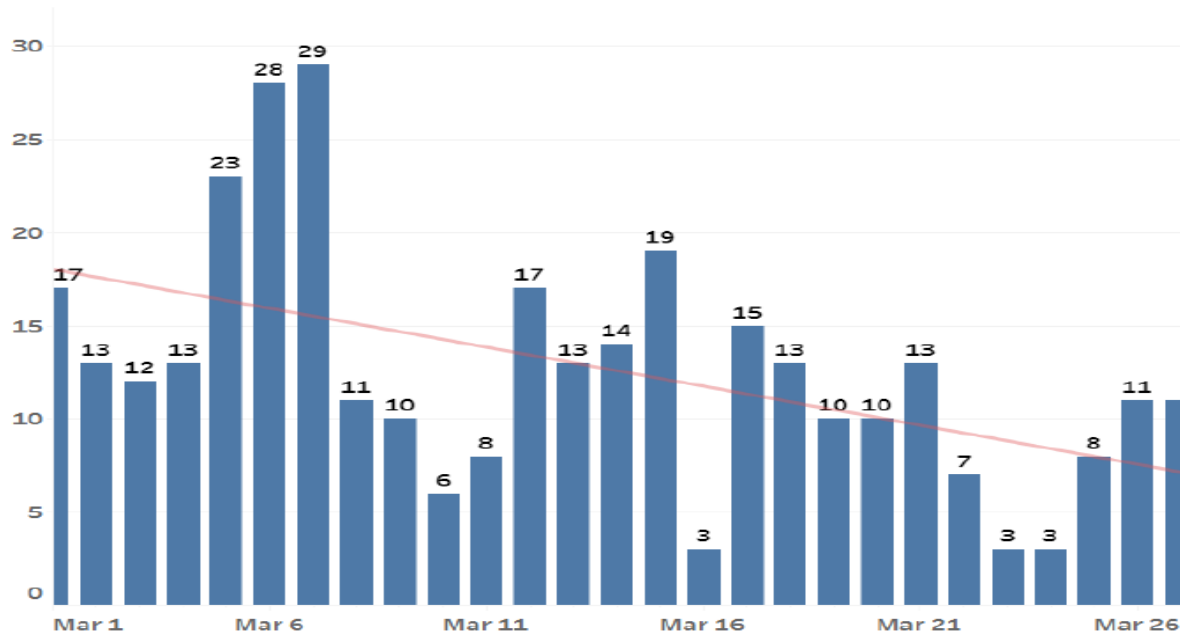
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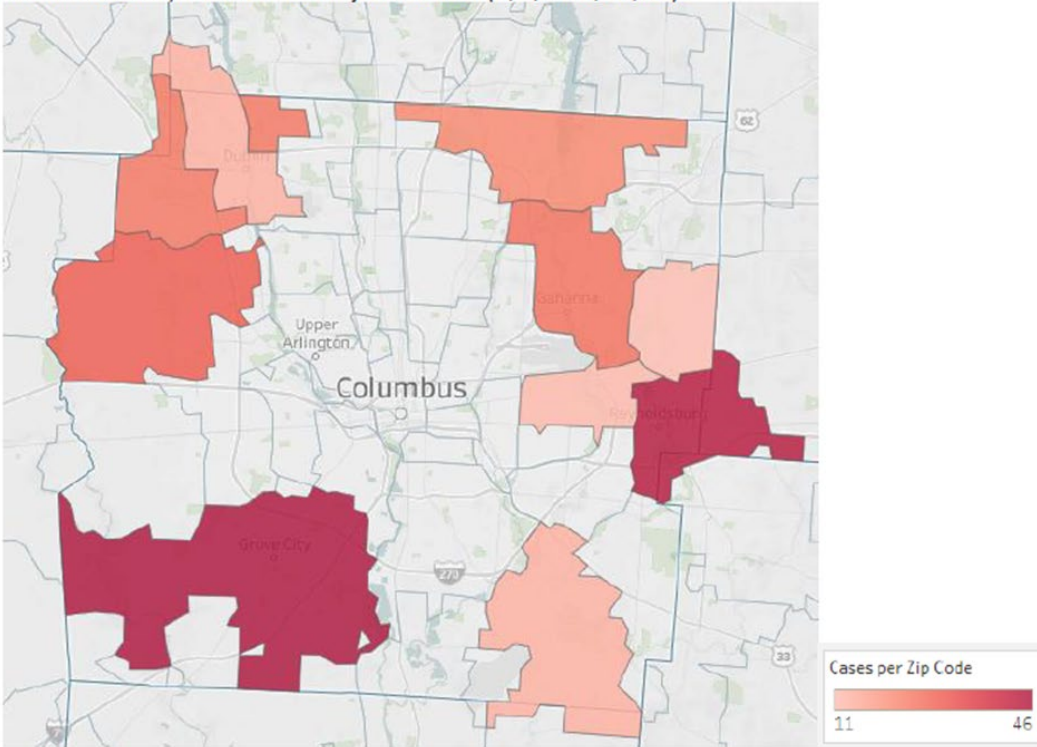
CDC Metric: New COVID-19 hospital admissions per 100,000 population, past week (total)	Low (<10.0)	Medium (10.0 to 19.9)	High (≥20.0)
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For more information on COVID-19 Hospital Admission Levels, visit [CDC COVID Tracker](#)

Reported cases of COVID-19 in Franklin County Public Health’s jurisdiction have had a decreasing trend since March 1, 2024.

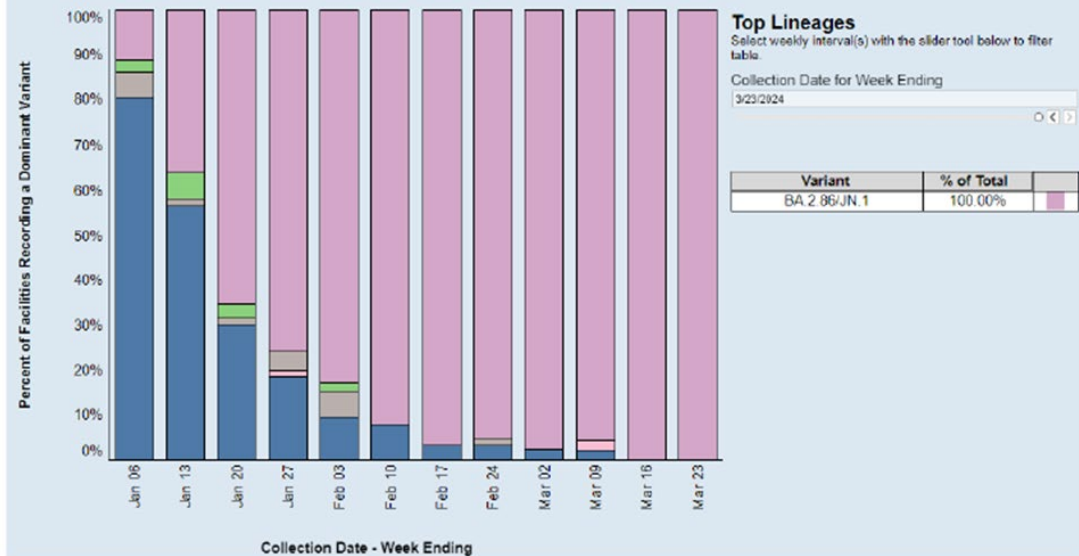


Over the past 4 weeks, 43123 and 43068 have seen the majority of **COVID-19 Cases** in Franklin County Public Health jurisdiction (3/1/24-3/27/24).



Wastewater surveillance shows variant BA.2.86/JN.1 has been the most found variant in Ohio over the last 4 weeks.

This dashboard calculates the highest proportion (i.e., dominant) variant at each wastewater facility with sufficient levels of SARS-CoV-2 to allow for successful sequencing in a given week. The figure shows the proportion of sites with dominant variants circulating in Ohio each week.



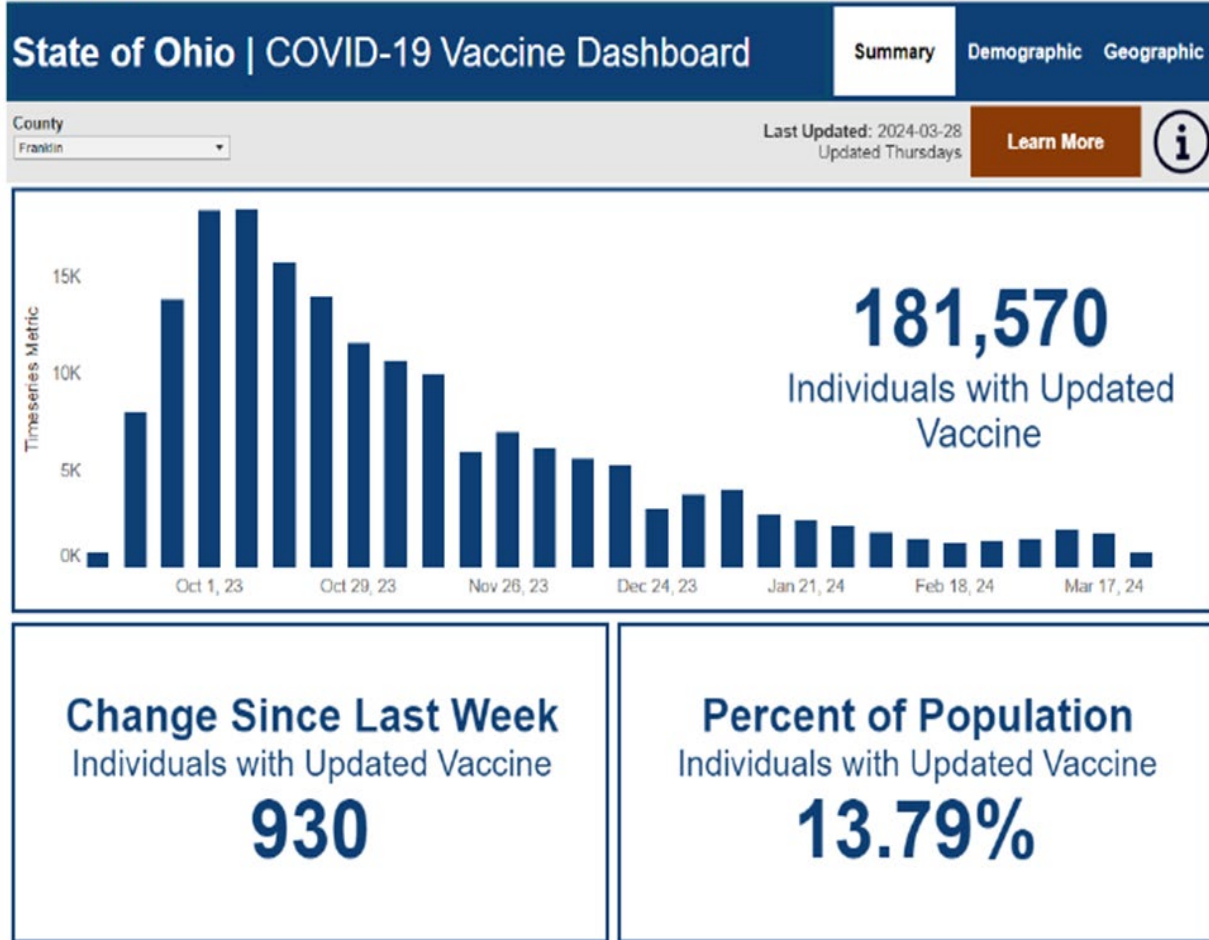


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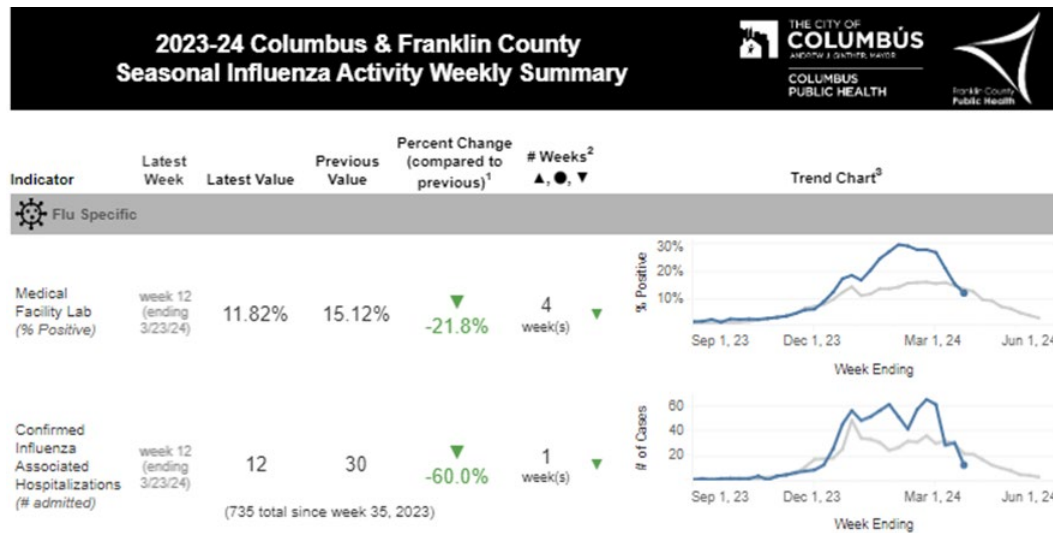
For additional information on COVID-19 vaccine and wastewater data, please visit the [Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Dashboard](#).

In Franklin County, 13.79% of the population has received an updated vaccine. Please note that vaccine data are no longer required to be reported by Ohio by vaccine providers.



2023-2024 Franklin County Seasonal Influenza Activity

Local influenza activity remains high, but we are starting to see a downward trend in the indicators.



Source: https://public.tableau.com/app/profile/columbus/viz/Flu_Surveillance/Dashboard-FluActivity

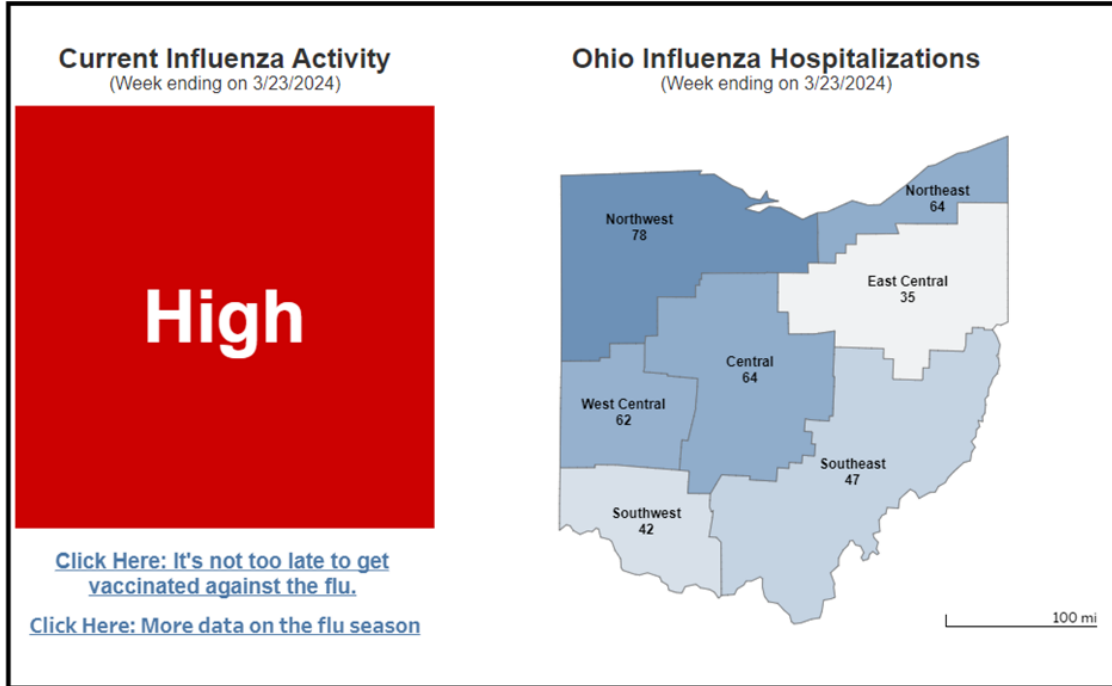


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State of Ohio | Current Influenza Activity

Last Updated: 2024-03-29
 Updated Fridays During Flu Season





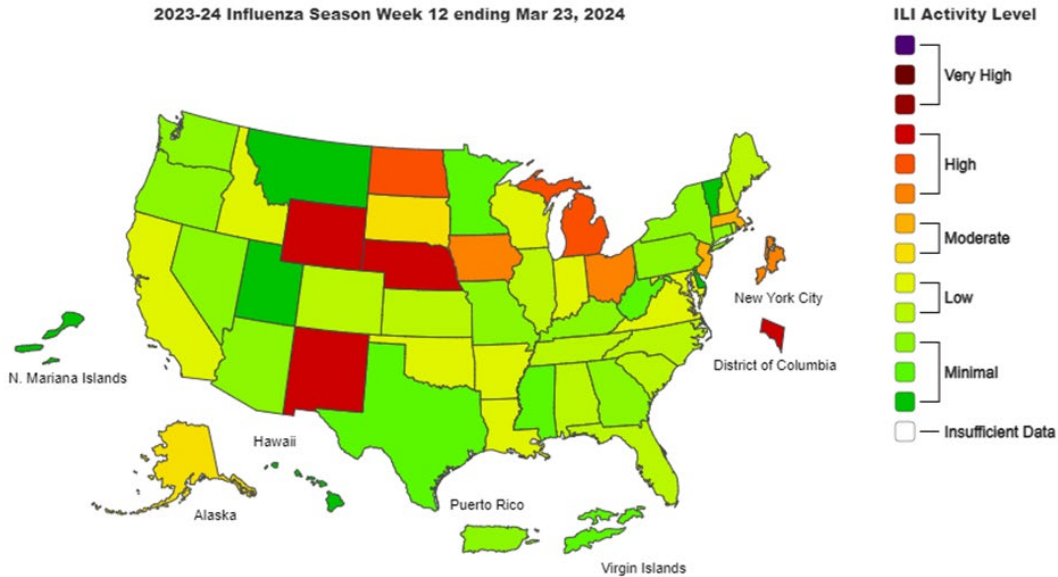
Activity Indicators (Week ending on 3/23/2024)				
Data Source	Current Week	Percent Change from last week	Trend Direction	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> Above 5 yr Average 5 yr Average </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; font-size: 0.8em;"> Below 5 yr Average Current Season Percent </div>
% of Outpatient Visits Influenza-like Illness (ILI) Outpatient Data (ILINet Sentinel Provider Visits)	4.08%	-17.07%	↓	
Thermometer Sales (National Retail Data Monitor)	0.24%	-27.27%	↓	
% of Emergency Department (ED) Visits Fever and ILI Specified ED Visits (EpiCenter)	1.63%	-9.44%	↓	
% of ED Visits Constitutional ED Visits (EpiCenter)	10.52%	-7.72%	↓	
Hospitalizations Confirmed Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (Ohio Disease Reporting System)	392	-28.07%	↓	

Footnotes:

- **National Retail Data Monitor (NRDM)-Over-the-Counter (OTC) Drug Purchases:** A five-year average, which includes data from the 2016-2017 season through the 2018-2019 season in addition to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons is displayed. Thermometer sales from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons have been omitted from the five-year baseline average due to abnormally high sales during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Emergency Department Visits (EpiCenter):** A five-year average, which includes data from the 2016-2017 season through the 2018-2019 season in addition to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons is displayed in the figure above. EpiCenter data from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons has been omitted from the five-year baseline average due to data instability and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Sentinel Providers (ILINet):** A five-year average, which includes data from the 2016-2017 season through the 2018-2019 season in addition to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons is displayed in the figure above. ILINet data from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons has been omitted from the five-year baseline average due to data instability and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.
- **Influenza-associated Hospitalizations (ODRS):** A five-year average, which includes data from the 2016-2017 season through the 2018-2019 season in addition to the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 seasons is displayed in the figure above. Influenza-associated hospitalization data from the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 seasons has been omitted from the five-year baseline average due to data instability and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Source: <https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/seasonal-influenza/influenza-dashboard>

NATIONAL ACTIVITY



Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/flu/weekly/index.htm>

Top 15 Reportable Condition	FCPH Case Counts		
	March 2024	2024 YTD	2023
COVID-19	341	2625	10913
Chlamydia infection	135	506	2203
Gonococcal infection	40	142	789
Influenza-associated hospitalization	35	189	132
Hepatitis C - chronic	12	30	150
Pertussis	<10	22	27
Streptococcal – Group A Invasive	<10	15	60
Campylobacteriosis	<10	23	137
Syphilis – stage Unknown	<10	<10	<10
Streptococcus pneumoniae - invasive antibiotic resistance unknown or non-resistant	<10	11	15
Syphilis – early	<10	15	49
Hepatitis B (including delta) - chronic	<10	17	108
Salmonellosis	<10	11	75
Syphilis - unknown duration or late	<10	25	70
Giardiasis	<10	16	43

Data are current as of 3/27/2024

Contains Suspected, Probable, and Confirmed cases

Cases counts labeled as <10 due to confidentiality purposes

Counts do not include cases in cities of Columbus and Worthington; only FCPH jurisdictions are included

HIV data is excluded

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