

## Provider Newsletter - Quarter 3 2025 (Q3: July, August, September)

On this quarter’s edition, we will go over Q3 communicable disease trends, new guidelines on reportable diseases, and respiratory illness trends. Check out page 5 for Wood County Health Department Vaccine Clinic info!

### Q3 Disease Trends

Pertussis and CPOs were notably higher in Q3 than the 5-year average while Shiga-toxin producing E. coli and salmonellosis were lower than historical trends. There were 2 outbreaks of hand, food, mouth disease.

Reportable Disease	Q3 2025	Five-year average	Trend
Campylobacteriosis	22	11	↑
Salmonellosis	9	10	↓
Pertussis	4	1	↑
Carbapenemase Producing Organism (CPO)	4	1	↑
Yersiniosis	4	2	↑
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-Producing	3	7	↓

# Disease Reporting Changes

On October 1, 2025, updates were made to the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) disease reporting rules. Please review the Ohio Department of Health attachment for specific rule changes and updated **“Know Your ABCs: A Quick Guide to Reportable Infectious Diseases in Ohio”**

## New Reportable Diseases

The **following diseases** are **now reportable** to the local health department (LHD):

<b>Class A</b> Report immediately via telephone to LHD	<b>Botulism</b> <b>Free-living amoeba infection</b> <b>Tularemia, inhalation</b>
<b>Class B</b> Report to LHD by end of next business day	<b>Acute flaccid myelitis (AFM)</b> <b>Cholera</b> <b>COVID hospitalizations</b> <b>Cronobacter, invasive infection in infants less than 12 months of age</b> <b>Melioidosis</b> <b>Mpox</b> <b>Latent tuberculosis infection in a child 2 years of age or younger</b> <b>RSV hospitalizations</b> <b>Tularemia, non-inhalation</b>

Amebiasis, aseptic meningitis, COVID are **no longer** reportable conditions. **COVID hospitalizations are now considered a Class B reportable disease.**

## How to Report Diseases

Please use the following contact methods to report infectious diseases including both **suspect cases** and when a **positive lab** result is known.

<p><b>Class A</b> <b><u>Immediately</u></b> <b>Via Phone</b></p>	<p>Please do <b>NOT</b> leave a voicemail, you <b>MUST</b> speak with someone.</p> <p><b><u>During business hours (Monday through Friday 8:30 to 4:30):</u></b></p> <p>Infectious Disease: <b>419-354-4306</b></p> <p>General Health Department: <b>419-352-8402</b></p> <p><b><u>After business hours:</u></b></p> <p>Wood County Sheriff Department: <b>419-354-9001</b> option 9</p>
<p><b>Class B</b> <b><u>End of Next Business Day</u></b> <b>Via Fax or Phone</b></p>	<p>Fax to <b><u>WCHD Infectious Disease</u></b> at <b><u>419-353-1516</u></b></p> <p>Phone to <b><u>WCHD Infectious Disease</u></b> at <b><u>419-354-4306</u></b></p> <p>Diseases such as mumps, pertussis, and varicella (not shingles) <b>must be reported</b>, including both <b><u>suspected cases</u></b> and when a <b><u>positive test result</u></b> is known.</p> <p>Because test results for these diseases can take weeks, timely reporting is essential to ensure public health follow-up for isolation and close contact guidance</p>

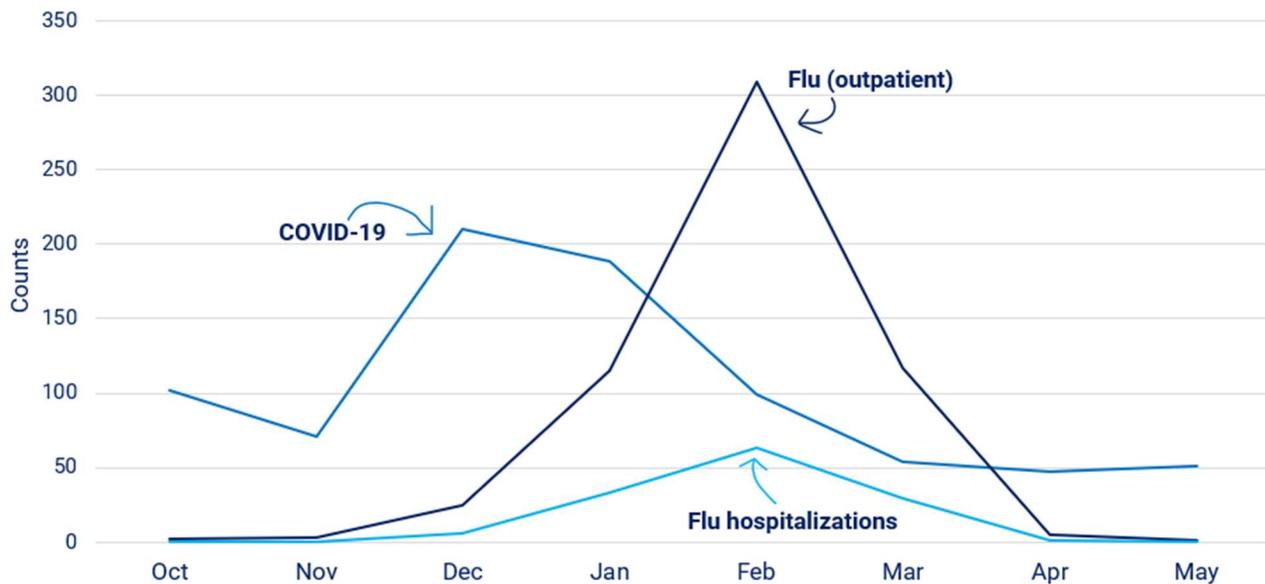
## Respiratory Season (October – May)

Over the past two respiratory seasons, respiratory illness activity peaked in February. COVID-19 and influenza-associated hospitalizations represent reportable case counts as required by OAC 3701. Outpatient influenza counts reflect patients seen in the emergency departments (ED) at Mercy Health – Perrysburg Hospital and Wood County Hospital. Data on respiratory-like illnesses—defined as ED visits with a chief complaint of congestion, cough, muscle aches, or other respiratory symptoms—come from EpiCenter, a syndromic surveillance system.

During the 2024-25 respiratory season, **COVID-19 peaked in December** and **flu peaked in February**. We will only track COVID-19 hospitalizations during the 2025-26 season, not individual cases, but we will also monitor RSV-associated hospitalizations in addition to the regularly reported flu hospitalizations. Flu, COVID-19, and RSV **activity in 2025-26 is low (so far)** and respiratory illnesses may be due to the common cold (enterovirus/rhinovirus).

It is a good time to remind your patients about easy and effective prevention methods like vaccines, proper hand washing, and staying home when they're sick!

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# Let's Get vaccinated Wood County

COVID Vaccine: Moderna

Regular Flu Vaccine: Trivalent Flulaval

High Dose Flu Vaccine 65+: Fluzone



**Scan for  
Clinic Dates**

No Appointment needed. Open to the public for all ages.

More info and clinic dates at  
[woodcountyhealth.org](http://woodcountyhealth.org)

 Wood County  
Health Department

## October Flu and COVID-19 Vaccine Clinics Now Available!

- Oct. 10, 11 a.m.- 1 p.m., Wayne Senior Center
- Oct. 10, 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wood County Health Department
- Oct. 15, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Bowling Green Senior Center
- Oct. 17, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Pemberville Senior Center
- Oct. 17, 3 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wood County Health Department
- Oct. 29, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Perrysburg Senior Center
- Oct. 30, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m., Rossford Senior Center

**For dates and details, scan the QR Code above or click the link below:**

<https://woodcountyhealth.org/health-promotion-prevention/infectious-disease/seasonal-health-information/>

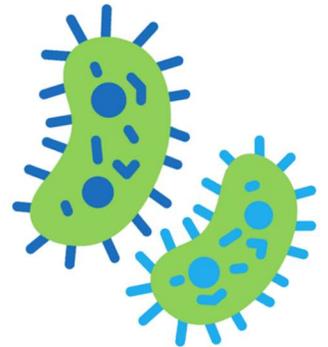


## Infectious Disease Escape Room

Are you interested in hosting an escape room designed to train your staff on infection prevention and control?

Wood County Health Department offers this engaging and interactive training on a variety of scenarios, including C. diff, pertussis, and food safety.

Each “room” takes 15-20 minutes with 5-6 participants. Please let us know if we can provide this educational opportunity to your staff!



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For questions, topic suggestions, or if you know others who are interested in signing up for this newsletter, please contact:

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