

Oneida County Health Department

Public Health Update

April 2024



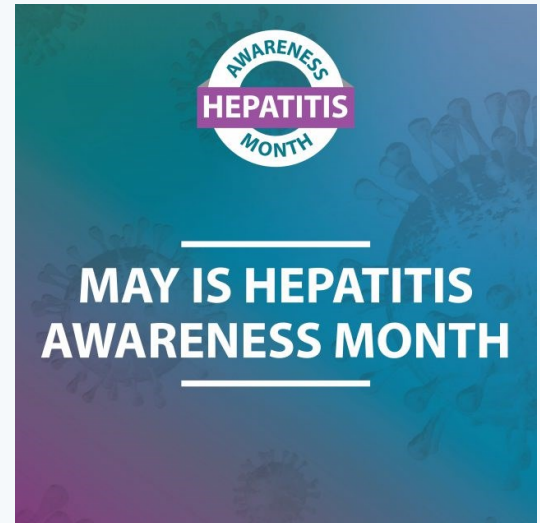
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It's National Infant Immunization Week
You have the power to protect.
Your recommendation matters.



MAY IS HEPATITIS AWARENESS MONTH

CDC's Hepatitis Patient Education

Help infants and toddlers start healthy by spreading the word on staying on schedule with recommended routine vaccines.

Public Health Alerts

COVID-19 Antiviral Treatment Underutilization and Changes in How to Access Medications with Commercialization of Oral Anti-Virals
February 20, 2024

Hepatitis C Universal Screening for Adults
March 2024

Hepatitis C Universal Screening for Pregnant Persons
March 2024

Health Advisory: Measles in New York State
March 26, 2024

Increase in Invasive Serogroup Y Meningococcal Disease in the United States
March 28, 2024

Informational Message: COVID-19 and Vaccine Hotlines Ending after March 29, 2024

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Most children exposed to lead have no symptoms.

Screen your patients today.



Confirmed Cases of Communicable Diseases

| Disease 2024 | Jan | Feb | Mar |
|------------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Amebiasis | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Campylobacteriosis | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Cryptosporidiosis | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Ecoli Shiga Toxin | 3 | 0 | 2 |
| Giardiasis | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Haemophilus Influenzae, Inv B | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Haemophilus Influenzae, Not Type B | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hepatitis A | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hepatitis B, Chronic | 1 | 4 | 2 |
| Hepatitis C, Acute | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Hepatitis C, Chronic | 3 | 4 | 1 |
| Legionellosis | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Malaria | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Pertussis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Salmonellosis | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Shigellosis | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Strep, Group A Invasive | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| Strep, Group B Invasive | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Strep Pneumoniae, Invasive | 4 | 3 | 5 |
| Vibrio Non 01 Cholera | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Yersiniosis | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Total | 24 | 27 | 32 |

Managing and Preventing Lead Poisoning

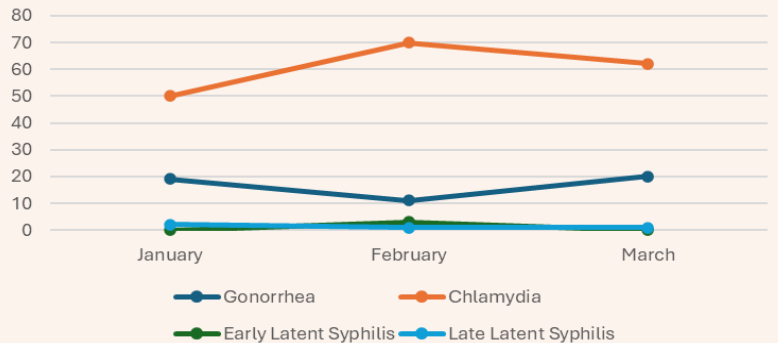
New York State Public Health Law and Regulations require health care providers to:

- Obtain a blood lead test for all children at age 1 and again at age 2.
- Assess all children ages 6 months to 6 years for risk of lead exposure. This needs to be done at least annually as part of routine care. They may also get a blood lead test on all children found to be at risk.
- If a child has an elevated lead level, the health care provider must make certain the child has appropriate follow-up testing and medical management. Providers must also provide guidance on lead poisoning prevention and risk reduction.
- Provide anticipatory lead exposure prevention guidance to all parents of children under six years old, as part of routine care. Health care providers, please note as of October 1, 2019 guidelines for blood lead levels have changed.

Confirmed Cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections

| 2024 | January | February | March |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|-------|
| Gonorrhea | 19 | 11 | 20 |
| Chlamydia | 50 | 70 | 62 |
| Early Latent Syphilis | 0 | 3 | 0 |
| Late Latent Syphilis | 2 | 1 | 1 |

Sexually Transmitted Infections 2024



2024
ONEIDA COUNTY CAR SEAT PROGRAM

Words Matter

Terms to Use and Avoid When Talking About Addiction

Feeling stigmatized can reduce the willingness of individuals with substance use disorder to seek treatment. Language can help destigmatize the disease. Using person-first language, such as person with substance use disorder, focuses on the person—not their illness. This page includes other [tips for providers](#), as well as terms to avoid when discussing addiction.



Clinician Outreach and Communication Activity (COCA) through the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides information to clinicians related to emergency preparedness and response and emerging public health threats. COCA helps to strengthen the emergency response capacity of clinicians by disseminating information, collaborating to develop communication strategies, and providing [emergency preparedness training opportunities](#). COCA also supports the needs of clinicians by providing:

[Conference calls/webinars](#) with CDC guidance and recommendations on emerging health threats

[Clinical support via direct email](#) for questions and feedback

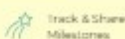
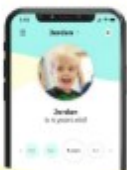
[Continuing education opportunities](#)

COCA invites all clinicians to [Sign-Up for COCA Email Updates and Reminders](#).

Help your child grow and thrive

Your child's early years are so very important. Tracking how your little one plays, learns, speaks, acts, and moves helps you support their development.

Download CDC's free Milestone Tracker app to find fun and easy activities for each age.



Track & Share Milestones



Get Tips & Activities



Learn When to Act Early

Learn more at cdc.gov/MilestoneTracker



Promoting Developmental Monitoring

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have materials available to help families with tracking milestones. The CDC also has a free Milestone Tracker app to help families find activities for each age.

If you are interested in ordering materials for your office, [visit the CDC page](#) where you can either print or order materials.

Do you have a patient that has been exposed to a potentially rabid animal?

Before administering Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis, call OCHD at:

315-798-5064 (24 hrs)

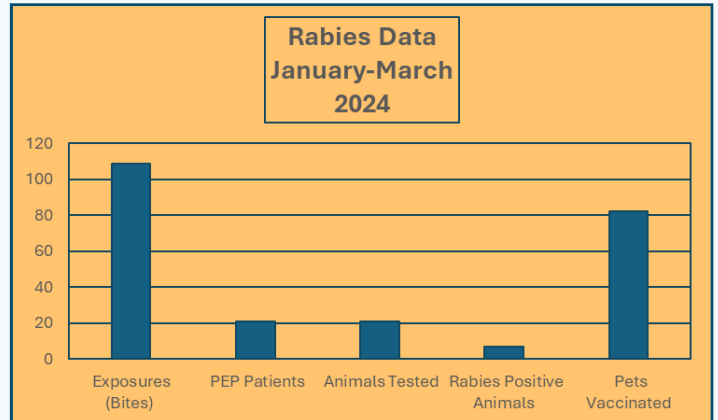
Then complete the Animal Bite form for each animal bite or exposure to potentially rabid animal.

Animal Bite Form

**NYSDOH Rabies Post
Exposure Prophylaxis**

**2024 Rabies
Vaccination Clinics**

| Rabies Data 2024 | January-March |
|-------------------------|---------------|
| Exposures (Bites) | 109 |
| PEP Patients | 21 |
| Animals Tested | 21 |
| Rabies Positive Animals | 7 |
| Pets Vaccinated | 82 |



Guidance for Clinicians Caring for Patients after a Tick Bite



Lyme Disease Prophylaxis After Tick Bite

Oneida County Health Department Clinics

315-798-5747

406 Elizabeth Street
Utica, NY 13501

and

300 W Dominick Street
Rome, NY 13440

Open Monday-Friday

*Open Mondays through April. Starting in
May, open Tuesdays.*



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