

Oneida County Health Department

Public Health Update

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Public Health Alerts

Influenza, Surveillance and Reporting Requirements, 2023-2024

October 18, 2023

2023 Changes to Provider Reporting of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in New York State

November 20, 2023

Revised Visitation Guidance

December 18, 2023

New Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) and Varicella Reporting Requirement Alert

December 20, 2023

Mpox Cases Associated with Person-To-Person Transmission

November 27, 2023

Updated Guidance for Healthcare Providers on Increased Supply of Nirsevimab to Protect Young Children from Severe Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV) during the 2023–2024

January 5, 2024



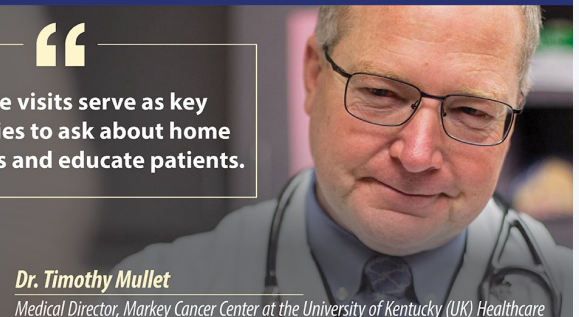
CDC Cancer Data & Statistics



Talk to Your Patients about Radon

Accessible link: <https://www.cdc.gov/radon/talk-to-your-patients.html>

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Primary care visits serve as key opportunities to ask about home radon levels and educate patients.”



Dr. Timothy Mullet

Medical Director, Markey Cancer Center at the University of Kentucky (UK) Healthcare



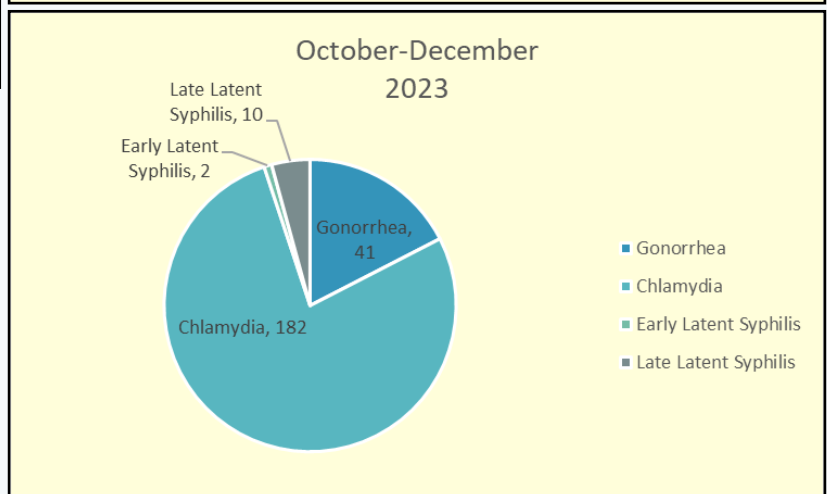
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| <p>ADMINISTRATION ADIRONDACK BANK BLDG., 5TH FL., 185 GENESEE ST. UTICA, NY 13501 TEL: (315) 798-6400 FAX: (315) 266-6138</p> | <p>SPECIAL CHILDREN SERVICES ADIRONDACK BANK BLDG., 5TH FL., 185 GENESEE ST. UTICA, NY 13501 TEL: (315)798-5249 FAX: (315) 731-3491</p> | <p>ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADIRONDACK BANK BLDG., 4TH FL., 185 GENESEE ST. UTICA, NY 13501 TEL: (315) 798-5064 FAX: (315) 798-6486</p> | <p>CLINICAL SERVICES 406 ELIZABETH ST. UTICA, NY 13501 TEL: (315) 798-5748 Fax: (315) 798-1057</p> |
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Confirmed Cases of Communicable Diseases

| Disease 2023 | Oct | Nov | Dec |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| Anaplasmosis | 1 | 3 | 1 |
| Campylobacteriosis | 6 | 4 | 3 |
| Cryptosporidiosis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Ecoli Shiga Toxin | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Giardiasis | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| Haemophilus Influenzae | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Hepatitis B, Acute | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Hepatitis B, Chronic | 2 | 3 | 1 |
| Hepatitis C, Chronic | 6 | 7 | 5 |
| Legionellosis | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Pertussis | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Salmonellosis | 0 | 1 | 6 |
| Shigellosis | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Strep, Group A Invasive | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Strep, Group B Invasive | 2 | 1 | 1 |
| Strep | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Vibrio Non O1 Cholera | 0 | 1 | 1 |

Confirmed Cases of Sexually Transmitted Infections



| 2023 | October | November | December |
|-----------------------|---------|----------|----------|
| Gonorrhea | 23 | 9 | 9 |
| Chlamydia | 71 | 54 | 57 |
| Early Latent Syphilis | 0 | 2 | 0 |
| Late Latent Syphilis | 5 | 2 | 3 |

| Rabies Data 2023 | October-December | Total |
|-------------------------|------------------|-------|
| Exposures (Bites) | 122 | 669 |
| PEP Patients | 16 | 113 |
| Animals Tested | 23 | 144 |
| Rabies Positive Animals | 4 | 16 |
| Pets Vaccinated | 99 | 484 |

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

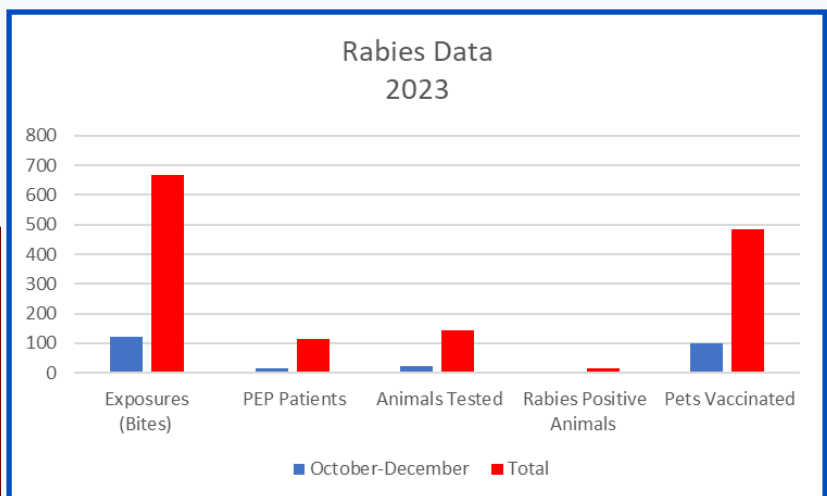
Before administering Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis, call OCHD at:

315-798-5064 (24 hrs)

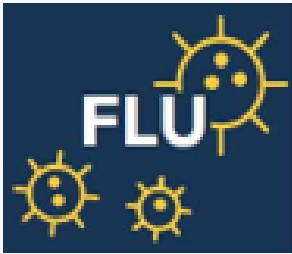
Then complete the Animal Bite form for each animal bite or exposure to potentially rabid animal.

Animal Bite Form

NYSDOH Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis



| Special Children Services Referrals by Age Quick Guide | |
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| Child's Age | Program and Referral Information |
| Age 0-2 | Provider or parent can refer to the Early Intervention Program |
| Age 3 – 5 | Parent needs to contact child's <u>home school district</u> special education department regarding their preschool education services |
| Age 0 – 21 | Provider or Parent can refer to the Children & Youth with Special Healthcare Needs program to get patients connected to community resources |
| <p>Questions? Call Special Children Services at 315-798-5249</p> | |



**Monitor Positive Influenza Cases
in Oneida County
2023-2024 Flu Season**

**New York State Public Health Law and Regulations
Lead Poisoning Prevention and Control**

Providers are required to:

- * Test all children at age 1 year and again at age 2 with a blood lead test.
- * At every well child visit, assess all children ages 6 months to 6 years for risk of lead exposure. Also get a blood lead test if there is a positive response to ANY questions in Does Your Child Need a Lead Test?
- * Report point-of-care blood lead test results to the NYS DOH in accordance with guidance.
- * Give the child's parent or guardian of the child the result of the blood lead test. You may also give them this helpful information [What Your Child's Blood Lead Test Means](#).
- * Provide anticipatory guidance to all parents or guardians of children as part of routine care, which may include the [Lead Poisoning is a Danger for Every Baby and Child](#).

Guidelines for Health Care Providers for the Prevention,
Identification, and Management of Lead Exposure in Children

Information for Health Care Providers on Lead Poisoning
Prevention and Management

ORDER
NYSDOH LEAD
POISONING PREVENTION
PUBLICATIONS FOR YOUR
OFFICE

Home Heating Related Emergencies

As the weather gets colder, some people may look to alternative methods for heating or lose utility service all together. Here are some resources that may help patients facing a heat-related emergency.

Hotline for Natural Gas/Electric Shutoffs:

- * NYS Department of Public Service 1-800-342-3355
- * HEAP (Home Energy Assistance Program) Emergency Benefit
Oneida County Department of Social Services
Utica: 315-798-5559 or Rome: 315-356-2840

*After hours emergencies: Oneida County Sheriff's Department:
315-736-0141 or 911*

Safety reminders for families:

- Know the Dangers of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
- Never use a charcoal grill to cook or heat indoors
- Do not use a gas oven to heat a home
- Emergency generators can be dangerous if used improperly. Never use one indoors.
- Install and check the batteries in carbon monoxide detectors

The symptoms of carbon monoxide poisoning can vary. People may experience headaches, dizziness, nausea, lightheadedness, weakness, confusion, vomiting, or chest pain.

Community members can now order both
Narcan and Test Strips by Mail.

To order posters or pockets cards for your
office by calling 315-798-6400 or emailing
publichealth@ocgov.net

Free Fentanyl and Xylazine Test Strips by Mail



Free Naloxone by Mail

Together, we can
build a healthier Oneida
County community for all.
www.ocoploldtaskforce.org



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