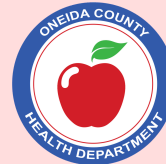
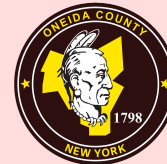


Oneida County Health Department Public Health Update

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Measles

Be Alert and Ready for Measles Infections

As of October 5th, Governor Kathy Hochul has declared a disaster emergency in response to the Measles Outbreak ([Executive Order No. 65](#)). To see the latest information on Measles in NYS please go to the [NYS Measles Dashboard](#). This information is updated each Tuesday. For information on how to test for measles you can go to [NYSDOH Wadsworth Measles Testing, Collection, Packaging and Shipping Instructions](#). If you suspect measles, call the Oneida County Health Department at 315-798-5747. Business hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. In the event it is not during normal business hours, or a holiday call 315-798-5064.



Skin of a patient after three days with measles rash.

*For more picture examples
click either description*



The child's cheek shows the characteristic rash associated with measles.



Clinical Provider Flowsheet:

A tool to guide providers in evaluating a patient presenting with rash and fever.



Oneida County Efforts to Combat Measles

Community engagement and educational initiatives focused specifically on measles and MMR immunizations have been conducted across the county. Outreach efforts included traveling to areas known to have lower MMR vaccination rates, having informative conversations and providing literature. Oneida County Health Department has provided over 80 first doses of the MMR vaccine in September with second doses scheduled.

This map shows NYSIIS data as of January 2026 in which a child has received at least 1 MMR dose by their 2nd birthday. For more information on State and Local MMR Data please go to the [NYSDOH Measles Homepage](#).

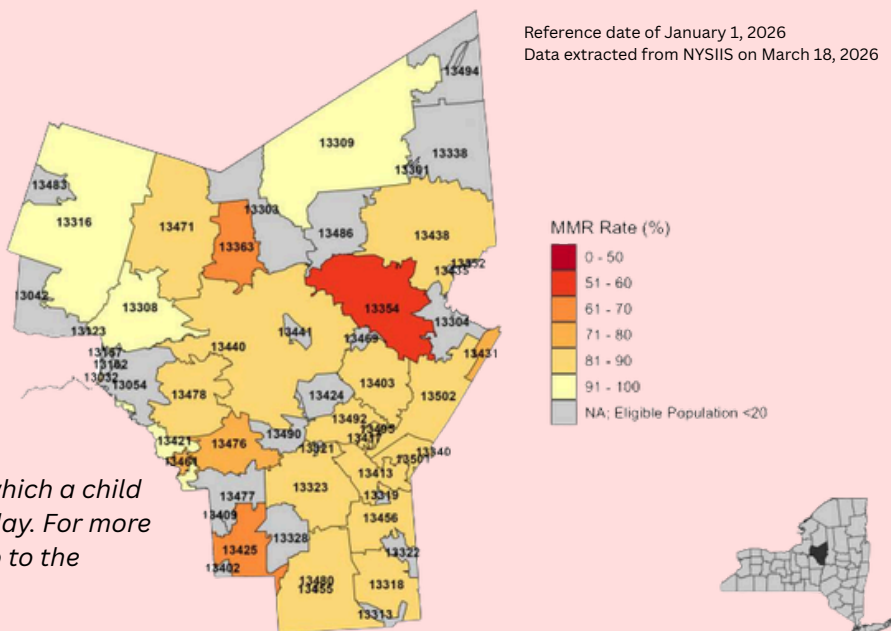


Figure 1: Oneida County Children Age 2 with ≥ 1 MMR dose(s) by Age 2 by Zip Code

*Some ZIP codes' label may be in a different place than they would appear on a geographic map or not be visible due to formatting limitations with the software used to generate the Department of MMR vaccination rate ZIP code map. If you do not see a ZIP code label on the map, please refer to Table 1 for the corresponding MMR vaccination rate for each ZIP code available for the data description for more information about the data source.

Communicable Diseases

Communicable Diseases Reported	Jul 2026	Aug 2026	Sep 2026	TOTAL
ANAPLASMOSIS	21	3	11	35
BABESIOSIS	4	1	3	8
CAMPYLOBACTERIOSIS	9	5	6	20
CRYPTOSPORIDIOSIS	2	3	1	6
CYCLOSPORIASIS	3	2	0	5
SHIGA TOXIN-PRODUCING E. COLI INFECTION	3	2	2	7
EHRlichiosis	0	1	1	2
LYME DISEASE	127	95	81	303
GIARDIASIS	2	6	4	12
HAEMOPHILUS INFLUENZAE	1	0	0	1
LEGIONELLOSIS	4	3	0	7
SALMONELLOSIS	7	8	5	20
STREP GROUP A, INVASIVE	0	0	1	1
STREP GROUP B, INVASIVE	0	1	2	3
STREP PNEUMO INVASIVE DISEASE	0	0	1	1
YERSINIOSIS	1	2	1	4

Arboviral Disease Season Review

This arboviral season, Oneida County recorded no human cases of locally-acquired mosquito-borne diseases. Oneida County recorded an increase in tick-borne disease this season compared to previous years. This increase matches trends reported in the most recent [NYSDOH Tick-borne Disease Surveillance Report](#) which shows an increase in incidence of Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Ehrlichiosis, and Lyme Disease between 2020 and 2024.

Incidence of Tick-borne Diseases in Oneida County January-September			
Diseases	2024	2025	2026
ANAPLASMOSIS	30	68	83
BABESIOSIS	3	13	7
EHRlichiosis	0	0	3
LYME DISEASE	321	428	532
ROCKY MOUNTAIN SPOTTED FEVER	0	0	2



Milestones Matter Sessions



Oneida County Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs Program expanded their free Milestones Matter sessions to Jervis Public Library in Rome. An occupational therapist attended on September 30th, 2026, to collaborate with their scheduled children's story time. They bring activities for the children to participate in, focusing on ages 0-5 years old. The therapist is also available to speak with families on any possible concerns they may be having for their child developmentally. This program is created to bring specialists into the community where they can help children and families work on meeting milestones.



National Lead Poisoning Prevention Week October 25-31, 2026

Order Free Lead Poisoning
Prevention Publications



Studies show that no amount of lead exposure is safe for children. Even low levels of lead in blood have been shown to affect a variety of adverse health effects including: reduced growth indicators; delayed puberty; lowered IQ; and hyperactivity, attention, behavior, and learning problems. New York State Public Health Law and Regulations require health care providers 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.

Rabies Information

Animal Bites/Rabies Report Form

Rabies Post-Exposure Prophylaxis (RPEP)
Administration

NYSDOH Rabies Guidance and Regulations

2026 Environmental Health Program Statistics

Rabies	Jul	Aug	Sep	2026 Totals
Exposure Investigations	129	147	63	708
PEP Patients	43	63	12	178
Animals Tested	37	61	16	186
Rabies Positive	2	3	1	10
Referrals	3	1	1	15
Non-Exposures	7	12	4	52
Clinics	1	1	0	4
Pets Vaccinated	122	124	0	466

Additional Information



Public Health Alerts

Assess health literacy in your organization by using one of these assessment tools.

HEALTH LITERACY MONTH

October

Opioid Information



MATTERS
Medication for Addiction Treatment & Electronic Referrals

The MATTERS network offers free drug test strips and other harm reduction supplies to individuals and organizations across New York State. MATTERS offers services and resources to those working to address substance use disorder.

[Order Drug Test Strips](#)

[More Information](#)

Act Early on Diabetes



Diabetes is one of the world's fastest-growing health challenges. By 2050 the number of people living with diabetes is projected to reach 853 million. Urgent action is needed to increase early detection, provide uninterrupted care and support diabetes risk reduction. Early action on diabetes will save lives, improve health and reduce long-term costs to health systems. This World Diabetes Day join our call to #ActEarlyOnDiabetes

[Clinical Guidance for Diabetes](#)



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