



Jefferson County General Health District

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Quarterly Newsletter

Program Updates



Welcome to Our New Team Members

Dotty O'Neil joined the JCGHD in April as a WIC Clerk. Dotty brings a number of years' experience working as a doula, supporting perinatal and postpartum mothers. Her ability to connect with families during these important stages of life will be a tremendous asset to our WIC office.

Brody Krantz was hired in June after completing his bachelor's degree in Environmental Science from Kent State University. Brody previously served as an intern with our Environmental Division, and we are excited to welcome him in an official capacity as a Sanitarian-in-Training.



Public Health Nuisances

The JCGHD may declare certain situations a public health nuisance when they pose a likelihood of causing disease or injury. These are conditions that threaten community health, not just comfort. Examples of public health nuisances include:

- **Open dumping** — piles of garbage that attract pests or contaminate soil/water
- **Sewage issues** — failing septic systems, sewage backups, or leaks
- **Insect/vermin infestations** — rats, roaches, mosquitoes, etc.
- **Food service complaints** — unsafe food handling, contamination, improper temperatures
- **Improper scrap tire storage** — tires that collect water and breed mosquitoes

To begin an investigation, a signed complaint form must be submitted to the Environmental Health Division. Food complaints may be submitted anonymously, and some issues may be forwarded to other agencies if they fall outside JCGHD's authority.

The enforcement ability of public health is limited to conditions that threaten the public health. The following issues may be problematic, but they do not fall under public health authority: tall grass or overgrown vegetation, poison ivy or weeds, abandoned vehicles, metal junk yards, zoning violations, drainage issues not caused by sewage systems, animal noise or number of animals, suspected drug houses, and domestic disputes between neighbors or family members. These issues are typically handled by zoning departments, law enforcement, or other local agencies.

2026 Communicable Disease Report

Disease Type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	TOTAL
Anaplasmosis	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Campylobacteriosis	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Chlamydia	11	18	15	14	9	9	76
COVID-19 Hospitalization	24	7	11	3	0	0	45
CP-CRE / CPO	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
E. coli, Shiga Toxin-producing	0	0	0	0	0	1	1
Giardiasis	0	1	0	0	0	0	1
Gonorrhea	2	4	1	4	0	2	13
Hepatitis B	0	0	0	1	1	0	2
Hepatitis C	3	3	5	8	3	8	30
Influenza-associated hospitalization	31	13	13	4	1	0	62
Lyme disease	0	4	5	11	11	11	42
RSV Hospitalization	11	8	7	3	1	0	30
Salmonellosis	0	1	1	1	1	2	6
Streptococcal disease, group A	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Syphilis	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Yersiniosis	1	0	2	0	0	1	4
TOTAL	85	59	61	51	29	36	321

DISEASE UPDATES

Cyclosporiasis is an intestinal illness caused by the microscopic parasite *Cyclospora cayetanensis*. Infection happens when someone consumes food or water contaminated with the parasite. Because the parasite must mature in the environment before becoming infectious, direct person-to-person spread is very unlikely. If someone is experiencing symptoms such as prolonged diarrhea, stomach cramps, nausea, or fatigue, it is important that they see a healthcare provider for evaluation. Cyclosporiasis is not usually life-threatening, and healthcare providers often treat it with antibiotics.

To help prevent cyclosporiasis

- **Handwashing** — Wash hands with soap and water before and after preparing raw fruits and vegetables.
- **Produce washing** — Rinse fruits and vegetables thoroughly under running water; scrub firm produce like melons with a clean brush.
- **Safe storage** — Eat or refrigerate cut, peeled, or cooked produce promptly to prevent contamination.

Source: CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Upcoming Events & Meetings

PreVenture Mental Health Education

Heritage Place Apartments
July 15, 1 - 3 pm

Board of Health Meeting

Jefferson County Tower, 2nd Floor
July 21, 8:15 am

Back to School Event for Teachers and Students

Public Library of Steubenville and Jefferson County
Main Branch
August 10, 4 – 6 pm

Board of Health Meeting

Jefferson County Tower, 2nd Floor
August 18, 8:15 am

Board of Health Meeting

Jefferson County Tower, 2nd Floor
September 15, 8:15 am

United Way 5K Run/Walk in Memory of Suzanne Kresser

Downtown Steubenville
September 19, 8:30 am
[Sign-up Here](#)

Isolation & Quarantine for Rural Communities

Jefferson County Tower, 2nd Floor
September 23, 8 am – 5 pm
[Sign-up Here](#)



Health Commissioner Andrew Henry and Steubenville Mayor Ralph Petrella provided the newly opened Shelter on Sixth with an AED with funds raised from the 2025 Pump and Run.



Community Health Worker Lysaih Rice leads a mental health education program called PreVenture at Edison High School in May.



Nursing and WIC staff joined Trinity Health System to provide safe sleep resources and health education for Jefferson County families on June 18 at Beatty Park.