

Monthly Update

APRIL 2025

Public Health Celebrates Minority Health Month

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County is celebrating [Minority Health Month](#) in April with free events all month long!

This year's theme is ***Good Health Begins with You.*** The focus is to improve health outcomes for racial and ethnic minorities, and to empower individuals to live healthier lives.

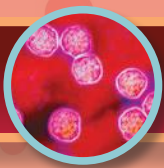
"Minorities have historically been at a disadvantage when it comes to having the support and resources needed to live a healthy life," said Donecha Daniels, Project Manager, Local Office on Minority Health. "Public Health is working hard to help remove existing barriers to good health, that are present where we live, work and play."

The five goals of Minority Health Month are to:

1. Provide crucial information to allow individuals to practice disease prevention
2. Promote healthy lifestyles
3. Showcase healthcare providers and resources
4. Highlight the unequal health of Ohio's minorities compared to non-minorities
5. Increase ongoing community support to improve minority health

Public Health is hosting a variety of events during the month of April including: an Expo, Cultural Wellness Seminar, Seizure Recognition Training, CPR Training, and more. Visit phdmc.org for a complete list, and to register.





Measles Outbreak in Ohio

On March 26, 2025 the Ohio Department of Health announced a measles outbreak in Ohio. Ashtabula County has identified 10 measles cases. Nine are linked to an adult male. None of the individuals were vaccinated.

Ohio had 90 cases of measles in 2022, when an outbreak in central Ohio totaled 85 cases. The state had one measles case in 2023 and seven in 2024.

The U.S. is experiencing widespread outbreaks of [measles](#). As of March 27, 2025, a total of 483 confirmed measles cases were reported by 20 jurisdictions: Alaska, California, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York City, New York State, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, and Washington.

The spread can be attributed to declining vaccination rates due in part to misinformation regarding the safety and effectiveness of vaccinations. Public Health emphasizes the importance of the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine in preventing the disease. When measles gets into communities of unvaccinated people, outbreaks can occur. Tragically, this outbreak has claimed the life of a school-aged child, the first measles-related fatality in the United States in over a decade.

Measles is considered one of the most contagious diseases. It can linger in the air, infecting non-immune people even two hours after an infected person leaves the room. In the U.S., about one in five unvaccinated people who contract measles are hospitalized. As many as 3 of every 1,000 children infected with the disease die, according to the CDC.

The measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine is very safe and effective. Vaccination reduces the risk of infection and severe disease. Vaccination coverage among U.S. kindergartners continues to decrease. Getting vaccinated is the best way

to prevent measles. CDC recommends all children get two doses of MMR vaccine, starting with the first dose at 12 through 15 months of age, and the second dose at 4 through 6 years of age. MMR vaccine is also recommended for adults who are not vaccinated, or whose vaccination status is unknown. When you and your family get vaccinated, you help keep yourselves and your community healthy.

Public Health provides MMR vaccinations at the [Public Health Immunization Clinic](#) located in the Reibold Building, 117 S. Main St. in downtown Dayton. Call 937-225-4550, Monday to Friday, 8:00 am - 4:30 pm. to schedule an appointment.



MEASLES

is **highly contagious** and spreads through the air when an infected person **coughs or sneezes**.

It is so contagious that if one person has it, **9 out of 10 people** of all ages around him or her will also become infected if they are not protected.



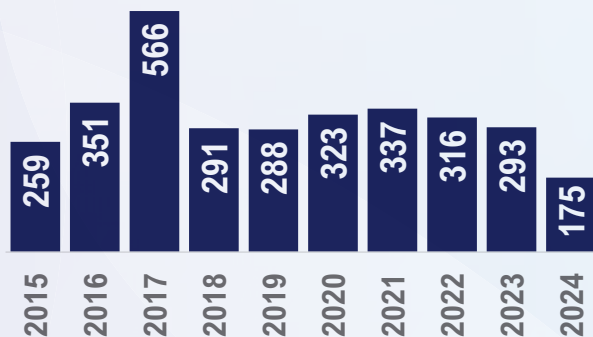
LET'S GET
VACCINATED

**STOP
MEASLES**

Montgomery County Overdose Deaths Down 40% in 2024

The number of **fatal overdoses** occurring in Montgomery County **declined 40%** in 2024.

Number of overdose deaths by year, fatal incidents occurring in Montgomery County, 2015-2024



Source: Montgomery County Coroner's Office

*Includes deaths for which the incident occurred in Montgomery County. Individuals transported to Montgomery County hospitals from other counties are not included.

There were 175 unintentional overdose deaths in Montgomery County in 2024*. This is a 40% decline from 293 deaths in 2023.

In 2024, 69% of decedents were male, 81% were White, and the median age was 45. Black men who died of an unintentional overdose accounted for 15% of decedents but only 9% of the population. The percent of individuals who were 55 and older increased from 16% in 2017 to 27% in 2024.

Drugs involved in overdose deaths have shifted, as well. While fentanyl remains the most common drug found in toxicology screens (69% of deaths in 2024), the percent of tox screens with any opioid declined from 92% in 2017 to 76% in 2024. The percent with a stimulant but no opioid present increased from 4% in 2017 to 20% in 2024.

Public Health, along with the Community Overdose Action Team, and community partners continue to work together to prevent overdose deaths and provide services in Montgomery County.

If you or a loved one need help, go to <https://www.mccoat.org/get-help> for local resources or call our Outreach Team at 937-602-8020 or 988 for immediate linkages to care.

Public Health Facing Federal Grant Funding Cuts



Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County has been informed by the Ohio Department of Health that the federal government is discontinuing funding for a local Enhanced Operations grant. The loss of funds totals \$830,890.

These funds were essential in supporting a variety of ongoing and upcoming initiatives, including staff to combat the spread of communicable diseases,

a project to modernize and enhance access to medical records for both patients and healthcare providers, a new software system to help coordinate individual community services during an emergency response, and facility projects to enhance client safety and services.

In 2024, federal funding accounted for approximately 23% of [Public Health's](#) \$41.8 million budget. "Any loss of resources to provide services to our community is concerning. As the federal government continues to reorganize and prioritize its expenditures, these changes are being felt here in Montgomery County and across the nation," said Jennifer Wentzel, Health Commissioner for Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County. "Despite the reduction in federal funding, Public Health remains committed to safeguarding the health and well-being of all Montgomery County residents. We will focus on streamlining and improving operations while actively seeking alternative revenue sources."

"Public Health's leadership is thoroughly assessing the potential impact on our programs and services," Wentzel added. "While this evaluation may take some time, we are dedicated to understanding the full scope of the situation and minimizing any disruptions."



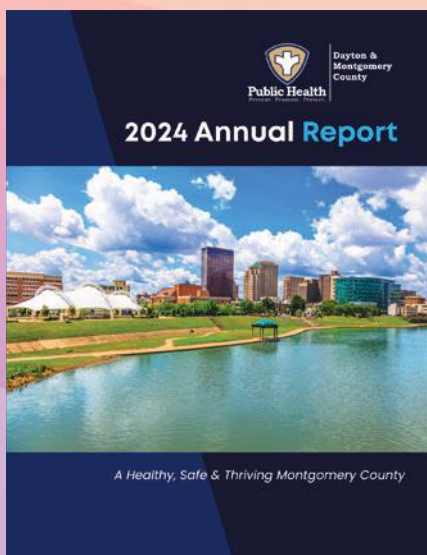


National Public Health Week

National Public Health Week is April 1-7, 2025. It's a week to recognize that everyone should have the opportunity to lead healthier lives, irrespective of where they live, work, or come from. Since its founding in 1955, the initiative has become an important movement to highlight issues that can improve the health and well-being of a nation.

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County works to help all Montgomery County residents achieve their best health outcomes by actively promoting policies, creating systems, and providing services that enable residents to live healthier lives. The agency is dedicated to preventing the spread of disease, promoting healthy lifestyles, and protecting the environment to keep our community healthy, safe, and thriving.

Public Health invites you to learn more about improving and protecting your health, as well as our many programs and services available to the community by visiting our website at phdmc.org.



2024 Annual Report Released

Public Health is proud to release the 2024 Annual Report to the community. The report highlights the agency's key accomplishments, ongoing initiatives, and areas for future improvement, as well as our continued response to evolving public health needs while proactively preventing disease, promoting wellness, and protecting our most vulnerable populations.

The report features a *By the Numbers* section which provides a snapshot of the number of people helped by our services including food, pool, RAPCA inspections, birth and death certificates, refugee health screenings, immunizations, TB and WIC clinic visits, and HIV and Hep C tests. In addition, there are sections on Strategic Planning, Collective Impact, Program Highlights, Agency Improvements, and Community Outreach initiatives. Public Health is committed to the vision of Montgomery County as a healthy, safe, and thriving community.

To see and download the complete report [click here](#).

County Health Rankings and Roadmaps



The University of Wisconsin in partnership with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation has produced the 2024 version of the County Health Rankings & Roadmaps (CHR&R). The CHR&R works to draw

attention to why there are differences in health within and across communities.

CHR&R seeks to grow a shared understanding of health, equity and the power of communities to improve health for all. The report provides resources and tools that support community-led efforts to accurately diagnose core problems, understand and account for historical context, and implement evidence-informed solutions.

The report describes the past and current population health and wellbeing, and community conditions of Montgomery County, including areas to explore, and areas of strength. It also compares Montgomery County to the state of Ohio.

Public Health's Epidemiology Program has provided a [summary of conditions in Montgomery County](#).



Saturday, April 26
10am - 2pm

Turn in unneeded medication for safe disposal.

Keep them safe. Clean them out. Take them back.

The drug overdose epidemic in the U.S. is a clear and present public health, public safety, and national security threat. DEA's National Prescription [Drug Take Back Day](#) reflects DEA's commitment to Americans' safety and health, encouraging the public to remove unneeded medications from their homes as a measure of preventing medication misuse and opioid addiction from ever starting.

On April 26, from 10am to 2pm, residents can drop off unneeded medication at various collection sites in Montgomery County. To find a collection site near you, visit DEATakeBack.com

Public Health Honored with Workplace Diversity Award

Public Health is honored to receive the [Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce](#) Premier Health Workplace Diversity Award at their Annual Meeting on March 17, 2025. The award recognizes organizations and companies who are role models in their local community as strong advocates for diversity and inclusion. Public Health continues its focus on helping all residents of Montgomery County achieve their best possible health outcomes.



APRIL 13 -19, 2025

STI AWARENESS WEEK

CHOOSE A CAMPAIGN • PLAN ACTIVITIES • SPREAD AWARENESS

STI Awareness Week, observed the second full week in April, provides an opportunity to raise awareness about sexually transmitted infections (STIs). STI Awareness Week focuses on how STIs impact our lives, as well as ways to reduce STI-related stigma, fear, and discrimination. The goal is to ensure individuals have the tools and knowledge for prevention, testing, and treatment of STIs.

How to Get Involved:

- **Educate Yourself and Others:**
Learn about STIs, safe sex practices, and sexual health, and share accurate information with others.
- **Get Tested:**
If you're sexually active, consider getting tested for STIs regularly.
- **Support Sexual Health Services:**
Donate to or volunteer with organizations that provide sexual health education and services.
- **Participate in Events:**
Attend webinars, workshops, and community events organized during STI Awareness Week.
- **Advocate for Sexual Health Education:** Advocate for comprehensive sexual health education in schools and communities.



Learn more at:
www.cdc.gov/sti

The State of STIs in the United States in 2023.

Sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are very common but preventable.



1.6 million
cases of **CHLAMYDIA**;
9% decrease since 2019.



601,319
cases of **GONORRHEA**;
2% decrease since 2019.



209,253
cases of **SYPHILIS**;
61% increase since 2019.



3,882
cases of **SYPHILIS AMONG NEWBORNS**;
106% increase since 2019.



Anyone who has sex could get an STI, **but some groups are more affected:**

- ✓ young people aged 15-24
- ✓ gay & bisexual men
- ✓ pregnant women
- ✓ racial & ethnic minority groups

Untreated STIs can lead to **serious health problems:**

- ✖ increased risk of transmitting or getting HIV
- ✖ long-term pelvic/abdominal pain
- ✖ inability to get pregnant or pregnancy complications



Prevent the spread of STIs with three simple steps:

talk | test | treat



Public Health's clinic provides [testing and treatment](#) for individuals on a sliding-fee scale. Call (937) 225-4550 to schedule an appointment.



These events are free and open to the public.



CPR / Basic Life Support Training
Tuesday, April 8 ▪ 11 am - 5 pm
Sinclair Community College / Dayton Campus
444 W. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402

Register by April 4



Register

This event will provide essential skills for responding to and managing emergencies. Participants will learn techniques in first aid, choking assistance, and procedures for handling cardiac arrest situations. Upon completion of the training course, individuals will receive a two-year course completion card for CPR and AED certification.



Seizure Recognition and First Aid Training
Wednesday, April 16 ▪ 6 pm - 9 pm
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley West Campus
735 E. Main St., Trotwood, OH 45426

Register by April 11



Register

The Seizure Recognition and First Aid Training certification program will provide information and skills on how to recognize seizures and safely help someone during a seizure. Dr. Crystal Hagans-Hall, DrPH—Epilepsy Foundation Regional Director for OH and IN—will provide the training. A listening session will end the training with open discussions with two individuals currently living with epilepsy.



2025 Greater Dayton Minority Health Month EXPO
Saturday, April 19 ▪ 10:30 am - 12:30 pm
Downtown Dayton Metro Library
215 E. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402

Register by April 16



Register

The Greater Dayton Minority Health Month Expo 2025 will focus on health issues in Montgomery County. During the event we will highlight various organizations, their resources, and how they impact minority and vulnerable communities.



Culture & Wellness Through Expression
Thursday, April 24 ▪ 5:30 pm - 7 pm
Downtown Dayton Metro Library
215 E. 3rd St., Dayton, OH 45402

Register by April 18



Register

Join us for an evening of culture, creativity, and wellness! This impactful activity will highlight cultural expression through dance, music, and art, promoting movement and creativity as essential parts of a healthy lifestyle. Explore the connection between health, wellness, and self-expression.

For more information contact Donecha Daniels at (937) 496-6588 or email: dwdaniels@phdmc.org.



**Commission on
Minority Health**

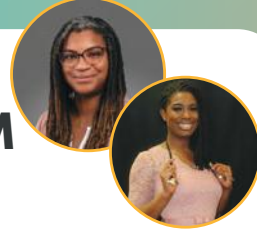


To register
for events
[click here.](#)

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QUEENS SANCTUARY: LIFE-SAVING TIPS FROM BLACK MIDWIVES



6:30 PM- 8:30 PM DOMINION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL
6542 N. UNION RD., CLAYTON, OH 45315



[Register Here](#)

Join us for an evening of promoting maternal wellness before, during and after pregnancy. Topics include: stress management, nutrition, breastfeeding and post-partum care, and mental health, geared towards improving your health and wellbeing. If you are pregnant, post-partum or planning to start a family come and receive practical advice, community support and easy strategies for a healthy pregnancy and post-partum journey. Meal provided!

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APRIL 2025

ASK A DOULA STROLLER WALK



2:00 PM- 3:30 PM RIVERSCAPE METROPARK
237 E. MONUMENT AVE., DAYTON, OH 45402



[Register Here](#)

Come walk with us! If you are pregnant or newly post-partum, you can connect with other Black women and get useful information from birth doulas, midwives, and post-partum doulas in a relaxed and inviting atmosphere. Get your questions answered while getting in a refreshing walk promoting physical and mental wellness and overall maternal health. You will feel empowered with knowledge and resources that will enhance your pregnancy journey. Refreshments provided.

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PLANT MAMA



6:00 PM- 8:00 PM NORTHWEST BRANCH DAYTON METRO LIBRARY
2410 PHILADELPHIA DR., DAYTON, OH 45406



[Register Here](#)

Learn what it means to be a Plant Mama! Relax, rest, and repower in accordance with the core values of Queens Village while engaging in a soul-nourishing meditation that will enhance self-care and mental wellness wrapped up in therapeutic plant care. This will be a safe space that supports creativity and hands-on activity while nurturing plants and ourselves. Snacks provided.

We Are Hiring
JOIN OUR TEAM

Public Health
Dayton & Montgomery County

Health Clinic

RESTAURANT

Vaccine

Public Health
Dayton & Montgomery County

Help Us Make a Difference

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, is dedicated to public service and committed to quality relationships with one another and the community we serve.

Current Job Openings

Disease Prevention Specialist
Office Assistant I
EH Records Technician I
EH Intern
Air Pollution Control Specialist I
Substance Use Mental Health Counselor
Public Health Nurse I
Environmental Health Specialist In Training
PH Communicable Disease Clinic Senior Manager
Senior Programmer/Sys Administrator
Director Administration
Accounting Specialist
Director Health Services



- Health, Dental, and Vision Insurance
- Vacation, Sick, and Personal Leave
- Paid Holidays
- Ohio Public Employees Retirement System
- Eligible for Deferred Compensation Program
- Tuition Assistance, and More!



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Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
7 WEEK SERIES



RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Elizabeth Place

APR 8
TUE

NATIONAL MINORITY HEALTH MONTH
Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County Local Office on Minority Health presents

CPR / Basic Life Support Training



LOCAL OFFICE ON MINORITY HEALTH
CPR / Basic Life Support Training

- 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM
- Sinclair Community College

[REGISTER](#)

APR 8
TUE

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

- 2:00 PM
- Drew Health Center

APR 9
WED

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

- 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Sunrise Center

APR 10
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Strengthening Families
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RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Elizabeth Place

APR 15
TUE

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

- 2:00 PM
- Drew Health Center

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WED

Nourish Your Newborn Classes



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APR 16
WED

Seizure Recognition and First Aid Training



LOCAL OFFICE ON MINORITY HEALTH
Seizure Recognition and First Aid Training

- 8:00 PM - 9:00 PM
- Goodwill Eastseals West Ca..

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QUEEN'S VILLAGE
Public Health - Montgomery County

AS PART OF BLACK MATERNAL HEALTH WEEK
SAFE SLEEP AMBASSADOR TRAINING & PACK 'N' PLAY GIVEAWAY
THURSDAY, APRIL 17
The Wesley Center, 3730 Delphina Ave., Dayton, OH 45417
1:00 - 3:30 pm (training begins at 1:00 pm)



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Safe Sleep Ambassador Training

- 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
- Wesley Center

[REGISTER HERE](#)

APR 17
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Pumping 101 Classes



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Pumping Class 101

- 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM
- Sunrise Center

APR 19
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2025 Greater Dayton Minority Health Month Expo Vendor



LOCAL OFFICE ON MINORITY HEALTH
2025 Greater Dayton Minority Health Month Expo Vendor

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LOCAL OFFICE ON MINORITY HEALTH
Culture & Wellness Through Expression

5:30 PM - 7:00 PM
Dayton Metro Library - Main

[REGISTER HERE](#)



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Monthly Fatherhood Club

5:30 PM
Goodwill Eastseals West Ca...

[REGISTER HERE](#)



MEDIA

Date	News Source	Topic
3/4/25	DDN	Measles
3/7/25	DDN	COVID-19
3/7/25	WDTN	HIV Prevention
3/7/25	WHIO	HIV Prevention
3/10/25	WDTN	COVID-19 Anniversary
3/12/25	DDN	Allergies
3/21/25	ABC 22	Severe Weather
3/26/25	WHIO	Measles
3/27/25	WHIO	Measles
3/27/25	DDN	Vaccination Rate
3/27/25	The Guardian	Recovery
3/31/25	DDN	Public Health Funding

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