



Public Health
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Dayton & Montgomery County

PUBLIC HEALTH - DAYTON & MONTGOMERY COUNTY

Monthly Update

AUGUST 2025

Make Sure Your Child's Vaccinations Are Up to Date.



A new school year is just around the corner, and now is the perfect time to check your child's vaccination records. Staying up to date on recommended vaccines helps keep your child healthy, protects classmates and teachers, and prevents the spread of serious diseases

like measles, whooping cough, and meningitis.

[Childhood vaccinations](#) have been one of the most significant advancements in public health, dramatically reducing the prevalence of infectious diseases and saving countless lives.

Schools require proof of certain immunizations before the start of classes. If your child needs a vaccine or booster, schedule an appointment with your healthcare provider, or call the [Public Health Clinic](#) at (937) 225-4550.



Measles OUTBREAK Reaches Historic Levels

The U.S. is experiencing its worst measles outbreak since the disease was declared eliminated in 2000. As of July 29, there have been 1,333 confirmed cases across 40 jurisdictions, with 165 hospitalizations and three deaths. Texas, New Mexico, and Kansas are among the hardest-hit states.



Public Health reminds parents about the importance of vaccinations to protect their children. Measles vaccines are highly effective at protecting children from a potentially deadly disease. The measles vaccine has prevented more than 60 million deaths globally between 2000 and 2023, according to the World Health Organization.

[Measles](#) is a highly contagious virus that can lead to severe complications, especially in children under five. Vaccination not only protects the individual child but also helps prevent outbreaks by reducing community transmission. Despite its proven safety and effectiveness, gaps in immunization coverage continue to leave many children vulnerable.



NOURISHING MONTGOMERY COUNTY

FREE Family Event

Saturday, Aug. 9

9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

2nd Street Market

600 E. 2nd St. in Dayton

- Learn about local food
- Explore food resources
- Fun giveaways
- Shop with vendors



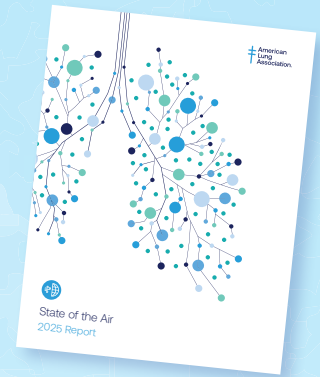
Nourishing Montgomery County is a community-centered event dedicated to raising awareness about the vital work taking place across our regional food system.

This gathering will highlight the passionate stakeholders and organizations striving to create a more equitable, accessible, and sustainable food environment for everyone in Montgomery County. This free, family-friendly event will include music, giveaways, local food, and numerous vendors.



Air Quality Report is Troubling

In its 26th annual [State of the Air 2025](#) report, the American Lung Association paints a troubling portrait: 156 million Americans live in regions with dangerously polluted air, marking the worst air quality in a decade. Climate change, wildfires, and regulatory rollbacks are converging to threaten public health and environmental justice.



The report reveals 42 million residents suffer from air pollution, failing all three key measures: ozone and both short and long-term PM. Communities of color bear the brunt, highlighting a stark environmental inequity. Major pollution hotspots, such as Bakersfield, Los Angeles, Houston, Denver, and Salt Lake City, illustrate how regional climate events and local emissions intersect.



Dayton-Springfield-Kettering, OH

- Ranked 79 worst for high ozone days out of 228 metropolitan areas
- Ranked 73 worst for 24-hour particle pollution out of 225 metropolitan areas
- Ranked 70 worst for annual particle pollution out of 208 metropolitan areas

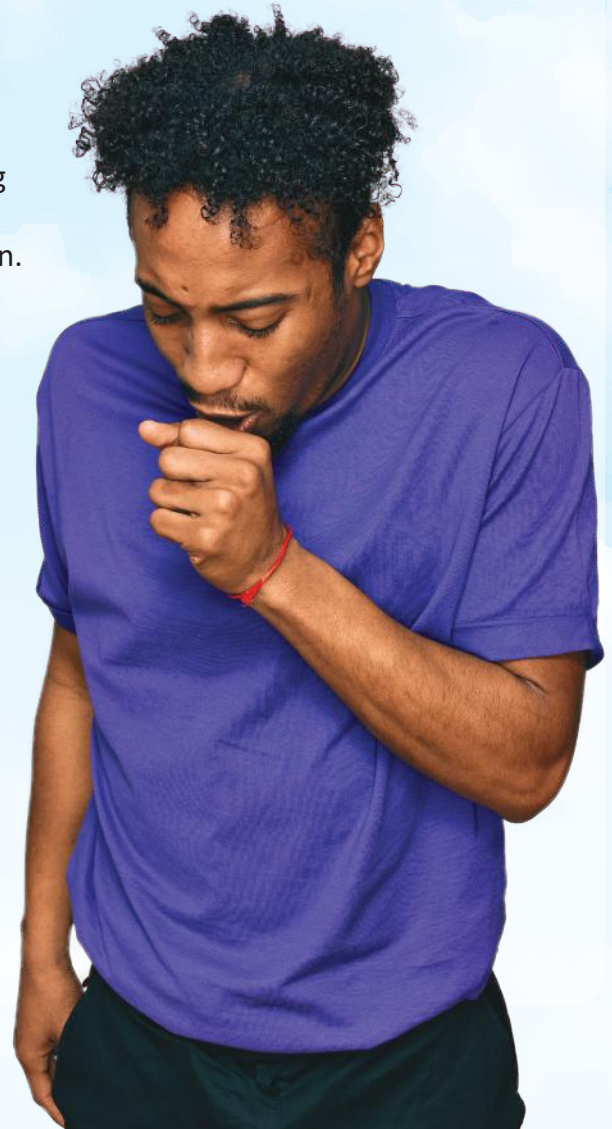


Call to Action:

The report urges citizens to advocate for strengthened federal safeguards. Long-term solutions include promoting clean energy, enhancing wildfire resilience, expanding monitoring networks, and passing local clean-air legislation.

At a personal level, checking daily air quality forecasts by [signing up for AirNow alerts](#), reducing outdoor exertion during pollutant spikes, and supporting local advocacy can all help. Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County's [Regional Air Pollution Control Agency \(RAPCA\)](#) is the air pollution agency serving the citizens of Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, and Preble counties. RAPCA enforces state and local air pollution regulations and operates an extensive network of air pollution monitors to measure ambient air quality.

As we confront the current challenges that may lead to reduced air quality, the [State of the Air 2025](#) report delivers a clear message: clean air isn't a given, it's a right we must continually work to collectively address.



Stony Hollow Landfill Tour with Ohio EPA:



**Environmental
Protection
Agency**

On Wednesday July 30, the [Ohio Environmental Protection Agency](#) (OEPA) Health Department Advisory Panel met at Stony Hollow landfill in the City of Dayton for a facility tour.

The Health Department Advisory Panel includes Public Health's Environmental Health Director, Matthew Tyler, along with OEPA and other local health department (LHD) officials from Ohio. The panel meets regularly through the year to coordinate and discuss environmental health issues that LHDs face.

The group met with Stony Hollow management to learn some of the history of the facility and their efforts in odor mitigation and leachate and gas collection.





The 2023 State Health Assessment provides a comprehensive review of health conditions and trends across Ohio, forming the foundation for the next State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP). Developed by Ohio University in collaboration with state agencies and informed by over 1,800 Ohioans and more than 200 community assessments, the SHA identifies progress, challenges, and emerging health concerns in Ohio.

Key Findings

Progress and Positive Trends

- Increased physical activity and decreased smoking rates among adults and youth.
- Improvements in lead exposure and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs).
- More Ohio youth are consuming fruits/vegetables and drinking less alcohol.
- Community engagement in health planning has grown significantly.

Ongoing Challenges

- Mental health issues (depression, anxiety, suicide) are increasing among adults and youth.
- Access to care remains limited due to insurance gaps, provider shortages, and cultural barriers.
- Chronic disease rates (diabetes, obesity, hypertension) have not improved.
- Housing, transportation, and food insecurity persist across many populations.

Emerging Issues

- Rise in infectious diseases (COVID-19, RSV, syphilis).
- Decline in school readiness and increase in chronic absenteeism.
- Growing needs of Ohio's aging population.
- Increased health disparities tied to race, disability, income, and geography.

Health Equity and Demographics

- 21.7% of Ohio's population is non-white; 14% live with a disability.
- Seniors (60+) are projected to make up over 25% of Ohio's population by 2025.
- Disparities in outcomes (e.g., life expectancy, access to care) are stark among Black, Hispanic, LGBTQ+, and rural residents.

Next Steps

The SHA will guide development of the 2024–2026 SHIP, which will prioritize actionable strategies to address identified health disparities and build upon successes. Ongoing collaboration among state agencies, healthcare providers, and community stakeholders will be crucial.

August is

NATIONAL BREASTFEEDING MONTH



August is [National Breastfeeding Month](#), and in 2025, the theme is “Nourishing Futures, Empowering Families.” This month-long campaign highlights the critical role breastfeeding plays in building a healthier, more equitable future—one baby, one family, one community at a time. National Breastfeeding Month raises awareness about the benefits of breastfeeding, the challenges families face, and the need for inclusive policies that support all parents in their feeding choices.

Why Breastfeeding Matters

Breastfeeding provides unmatched health benefits for babies and pregnant people, including stronger immunity for infants and reduced risk of certain cancers and chronic conditions for mothers. It also contributes to environmental sustainability and long-term public health savings.

However, barriers remain—especially for Black, Indigenous, and people of color (BIPOC), rural families, LGBTQ+ parents, and low-income communities. National Breastfeeding Month 2025 calls for action across all sectors to dismantle systemic barriers and ensure every family can access skilled lactation support, workplace protections, and culturally appropriate care.

Breastfeeding Benefits Babies and Mothers

Infants who are breastfed have reduced risk of:

- Asthma
- Severe lower respiratory disease
- Obesity
- Type 1 diabetes
- Ear infections
- Sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS)
- Gastrointestinal infections, which can cause diarrhea and vomiting

Breastfeeding can help lower a mother's risk for:

- High blood pressure
- Type 2 diabetes
- Ovarian cancer
- Breast cancer

Support for Breastfeeding

"Breastfeeding is the clinical gold standard for infant feeding and nutrition. We must do more to create supportive and safe environments for mothers who choose to breastfeed."

—Dr. Ruth Petersen, Director of CDC's Division of Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity



MONTGOMERY COUNTY OVERDOSE AWARENESS DAY **AUGUST 12**

5 - 8 PM | LEVITT PAVILION

134 S. MAIN STREET, DAYTON OH 45402

The Community Overdose Action Team invites you to join us for Overdose Awareness Day on Tuesday, August 12, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the Levitt Pavilion in downtown Dayton.

The day is dedicated to raising awareness about the devastating impact of drug overdoses and honoring the lives lost to substance abuse. This day serves as a reminder of the tragic consequences of addiction and aims to educate the public, support individuals struggling with substance use, and advocate for effective prevention and treatment measures.

- Live DJ
- Harm reduction resources
- Prevention and recovery services
- Raffle baskets
- Free event bags and meal!



6-30-25



We are committed to hosting an accessible event. To request accommodations call (937)225-5700.



**FOR MORE INFORMATION:
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Dayton &
Montgomery
County

Black Breastfeeding Week Brunch



BLACK
BREASTFEEDING
WEEK
AUGUST 25-31

*Celebrate the milestones
of breastfeedings: from
birth to weaning.*

Saturday, August 23
11 am – 2:00 pm

At The Job Center

1111 S. Edwin C. Moses Blvd, Room 292

(Please enter through the S2 door)

SCAN



SPEAKER:
Rhonesha Isreal,
CBS, IBCLC
Milking with Rho

Door Prizes!
\$75-\$100 **gift cards**
to the first
50 eligible attendees

Brunch catered by:
Divine Catering
& Events
First come, first served.

Hop on the free bus!

Bus line – Route 9.
Contact Moriah at 937-715-1270
for bus passes.



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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

Accounting Services Supervisor
Accounting Specialist
Director Administration
Director Health Services
Disease Intervention Specialist I
Disease Intervention Supervisor
Disease Prevention Specialist
Domestic Violence Fatality Review Project Manager
Environmental Health Specialist in Training
Medical Records Supervisor
Office Assistant I
PH Communicable Disease Clinic Senior Manager
Public Health Nutrition Associate
Substance Use Mental Health Counselor



- 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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EVENTS

August 2025 Events

Public Health's many programs and services host a variety of community-wide events throughout the year. To register for an event or learn more, call (937) 225-5700 or [click here](#).

AUG 7 THU

Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
7 WEEK SERIES



RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Elizabeth Place

AUG 9 SAT

Black Girl Playdate
SAVE THE DATE
BACK-TO-SCHOOL BASH
SATURDAY, AUGUST 9



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Queens Village Black Girl Playdate: "Back-to-School" Bash

🕒 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

📍 Dakota Center

AUG 9 SAT



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
How Nutrition Impacts Chronic Disease with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AUG 12 TUE



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

🕒 2:00 PM

📍 Drew Health Center

AUG 13 WED



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

🕒 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

📍 Sunrise Center

AUG 14 THU

Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
7 WEEK SERIES



RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Elizabeth Place

AUG 14 THU



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
How Nutrition Impacts Chronic Disease with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County

🕒 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM

AUG 16 SAT



CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
How Nutrition Impacts Chronic Disease with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County

🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

AUG 19 TUE



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

🕒 2:00 PM

📍 Drew Health Center

AUG 20 WED

PS & KIDS
K-N-PLAY SUMMER GIVEAWAY



Receive free
diapers and baby wipes
for your family.

Cribs for Kids – Pack-N-Play Summer Giveaway

🕒 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

📍 Sunrise Center

AUG 20 WED



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Nourish Your Newborn Class

🕒 2:00 PM

📍 Sunrise Center

AUG 21 THU

Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
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🕒 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

📍 Elizabeth Place

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AUG 21 THU

BECOME A SAFE SLEEP AMBASSADOR

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Safe Sleep Ambassador Training

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Sunrise Center

[REGISTER HERE](#)

AUG 21 THU

Pumping 101 Classes

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Pumping Class 101

4:00 PM
Sunrise Center

AUG 21 THU

CHRONIC DISEASE PREVENTION
How Nutrition Impacts Chronic Disease with Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM
Dayton Metro Library – Miami...

[REGISTER HERE](#)

AUG 23 SAT

Black Breastfeeding Brunch

11:00 AM – 2:00 PM
Montgomery County Job Ce...

AUG 25 MON

Monthly Fatherhood Club

MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH
Monthly Fatherhood Club

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM
Goodwill Eastseals West Ca...

[REGISTER HERE](#)

AUG 28 THU

Strengthening Families
PARENTING CLASSES
7 WEEK SERIES

RECOVERY SERVICES
Parenting Classes

11:00 AM – 12:00 PM
Elizabeth Place

Hear from Tracey Waller, the Senior Manager of Public Health's Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Program. WIC safeguards the health of low-income women, infants, and children up to age 5. WIC provides nutritious foods to supplement diets, nutrition education (including breastfeeding promotion and support), and referrals to health and other social services. [Listen here.](#)

PUBLIC HEALTH CARES
A PODCAST FROM
Public Health
Dayton & Montgomery County

Episode 11
WIC
Tracey Waller
WIC, Senior Manager

Hosted by Dan Suffoletto
Public Information Manager

July 2025 Media

Date	News Source	Topic
7/1/25	Buckeye Flame	988 Line
7/21/25	DDN	Bed Bugs
7/23/25	DDN	Back to School Vaccinations
7/29/25	DDN	Mosquitoes

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