

Monthly Update

APRIL 2026

Public Health Relaunches Community Health Assessment Data Hub

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County has relaunched its [Community Health Assessment \(CHA\)](https://cha.phdmc.org) data hub, offering a revamped, user-friendly platform for accessing verified local health data and demographics. The updated site acts as a reliable, locally curated alternative to unverified AI-generated information, featuring interactive dashboards and improved accessibility for community use. Visit the Public Health website at cha.phdmc.org to access the updated CHA.

The CHA consolidates key public health indicators, including community health outcomes, environmental measures, emergency preparedness data, and population demographics, into one centralized location. It also introduces enhanced accessibility features, ensuring that all residents, regardless of ability, can engage with and understand the data that shapes health in Montgomery County.

“Locally curated and reliable health data is the backbone of public health,” said Jennifer Wentzel, Health Commissioner, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County. “In an era where information is everywhere, and often generated by artificial intelligence without verification, our community deserves data that is sourced, reviewed, and interpreted by real public health professionals who understand our region.”

Key features of the updated data platform include locally curated data validated by epidemiologists, enhanced accessibility with mobile-friendly, compliant layouts, and improved intuitive navigation. Users can leverage transparent, evidence-based sourcing, interactive visualization tools, and neighborhood-level data to drive community-centered insights.

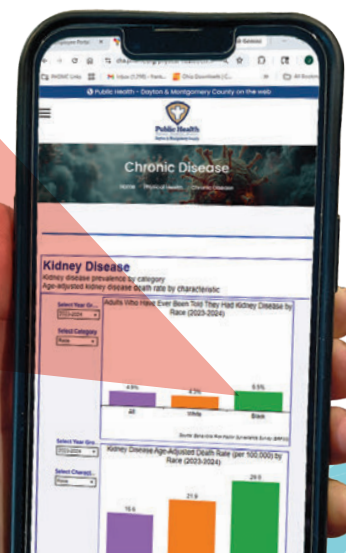
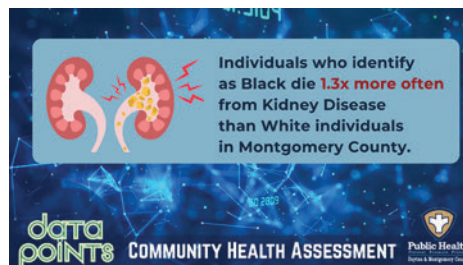
A Trusted Alternative to Unverified Artificial Intelligence (AI) Online Information

With the rise of generative AI tools and automated content, inaccurate or misleading health information can spread quickly. The CHA is designed to serve as a trusted, authoritative alternative, offering real-world data sourced from local surveillance systems, Ohio Department of Health reporting, and established national institutions such as the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the U.S. Census Bureau.

“AI tools can be helpful, but they cannot replace the accuracy and accountability of real public health data,” said Dawn Ebron, Epidemiology Manager. “Our residents can depend on the Community Health Assessment as a reliable source for understanding health trends in our county.”

Explore the Updated Platform

Community members, researchers, journalists, and partner organizations are encouraged to explore the platform and share feedback as data is updated throughout the year.





2025 Annual Report Released

Public Health is proud to release the **2025 Annual Report** to the community. The report highlights the agency's 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, PHAB re-accreditation, and participation in the NATO Parliamentary Assembly which met in Dayton in May of 2025. Other highlights include Public Health's measles response, the *Vaccines Protect Kids* campaign, the Healthy Families America program, as well as ongoing initiatives such as the Community Overdose Action Team and the LGBTQ+ Health Alliance.

The report features a *By the Numbers*, which provides a snapshot of the number of people served by 30 of Public Health's programs and services. The list includes the total number of inspections for food service operations, pools, and air pollution, as well as birth and death certificates, immunizations, TB and WIC clinic visits, HIV and Hep C tests, and more.

The report also features stories on enhancing Liberation Park, utilizing drone technology for inspections, Food Operation Inspection Service, Recovery Services Outreach Team, workplace diversity, the Human Services Levy renewal, and 2025 revenue and spending.

Public Health is committed to the agency's vision: ***Montgomery County is a healthy, safe, and thriving community for all.***

To see and download the complete report visit <https://www.phdmc.org/agency/agency/reports/annual-report/3319-annual-report-2025/file>

RAPCA Monitors Fuyao Plant Fire

Public Health's [Regional Air Pollution Control Agency \(RAPCA\)](#) was alerted to a fire that started at the Fuyao manufacturing facility in Moraine on the evening of March 22. RAPCA's air monitors did not record any elevated levels of particulate matter (PM2.5) in the days following the incident.

The City of Moraine contacted the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) which provided emergency air monitoring in close proximity to the facility. At the time of the monitoring, USEPA reading did not detect dangerous levels of contaminants in the air. RAPCA and Public Health Communications program answered calls from concerned citizens regarding the health effects of the fire and provided information to the public through numerous interviews with local media.

In addition, Public Health added resources to its website regarding how citizens can protect themselves from smoke.



APRIL 12 - 18, 2026

STI AWARENESS WEEK

CHOOSE A CAMPAIGN • PLAN ACTIVITIES • SPREAD AWARENESS



talk | test | treat

Protecting Our Community Through Knowledge and Action

Each year, [STI Awareness Week](#) provides a vital opportunity for communities across the country to come together and focus on sexual health, prevention, and access to care. The week serves as a reminder that sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are both common and preventable, and that open conversations and routine screening are critical to maintaining overall well-being.

Why STI Awareness Matters

STIs affect millions of people each year, and many infections often have no symptoms, which means they can go unnoticed without regular testing. Early detection helps prevent long-term health complications and reduces the likelihood of unknowingly transmitting infections to others.

STI Awareness Week, April 12 - 18, encourages individuals to:

- Learn about common STIs and how they spread
- Understand the importance of routine screenings
- Access reliable resources and local testing services
- Engage in informed, stigma free conversations about sexual health



Prevention Starts with Knowledge

The most effective way to prevent STIs is through a combination of healthy choices and staying informed. Simple steps, such as using protection, communicating openly with partners, and keeping up with medical checkups, go a long way toward protecting yourself and others.

Many health providers now offer confidential testing, virtual consultations, and quick turnaround times for results, making sexual health care more accessible than ever before.

[Public Health's STI Clinic](#) provides routine testing and treatment. To schedule an appointment call 927-225-4550.

Reducing Stigma, Increasing Support

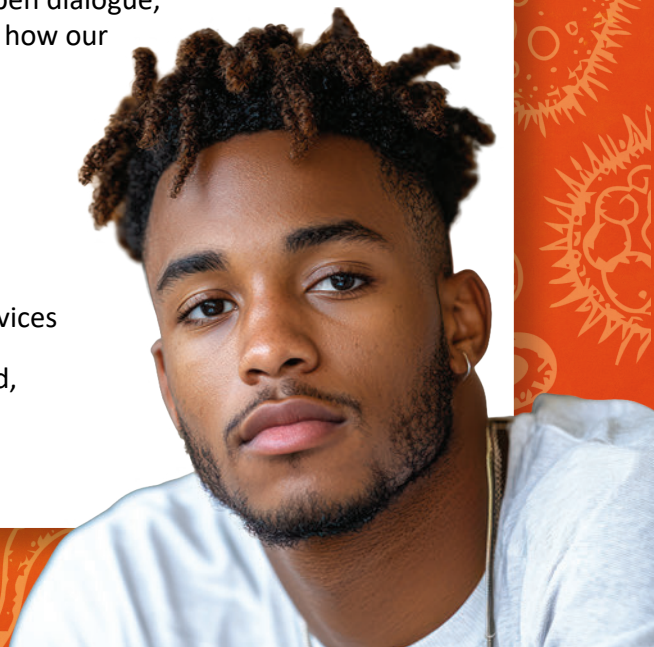
A key focus of STI Awareness Week is reducing the stigma that often discourages people from seeking care. By fostering a culture of understanding and support, we help ensure that everyone feels comfortable accessing the information and services they need. Open dialogue, inclusive language, and empathy make a meaningful difference in how our community approaches sexual health.

Take Action This Week

Here are a few ways to participate in STI Awareness Week:

- Schedule a routine screening, even if you feel healthy
- Share educational materials with friends or colleagues
- Attend local events or webinars focused on sexual health
- Support organizations that provide prevention and testing services

Awareness is the first step toward prevention. By staying informed, encouraging conversation, and connecting people with resources, we strengthen the health of our entire community.





National Public Health Week

National Public Health Week is April 6-12, 2026. 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 the 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 the many programs and services available to the community by visiting our website at phdmc.org.



Community Tobacco Survey



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Dayton & Montgomery County



Public Health is conducting a short survey to better understand tobacco use in our community. By taking just a few minutes to share your experience, you can help shape future health programs and support a healthier Montgomery County.

Thank you in advance for helping make Montgomery County a healthy, safe, and thriving community for all.

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<https://surveys.phdmc.org/s3/Community-Tobacco-Survey>

Overdose Deaths Drop 12% in Montgomery County

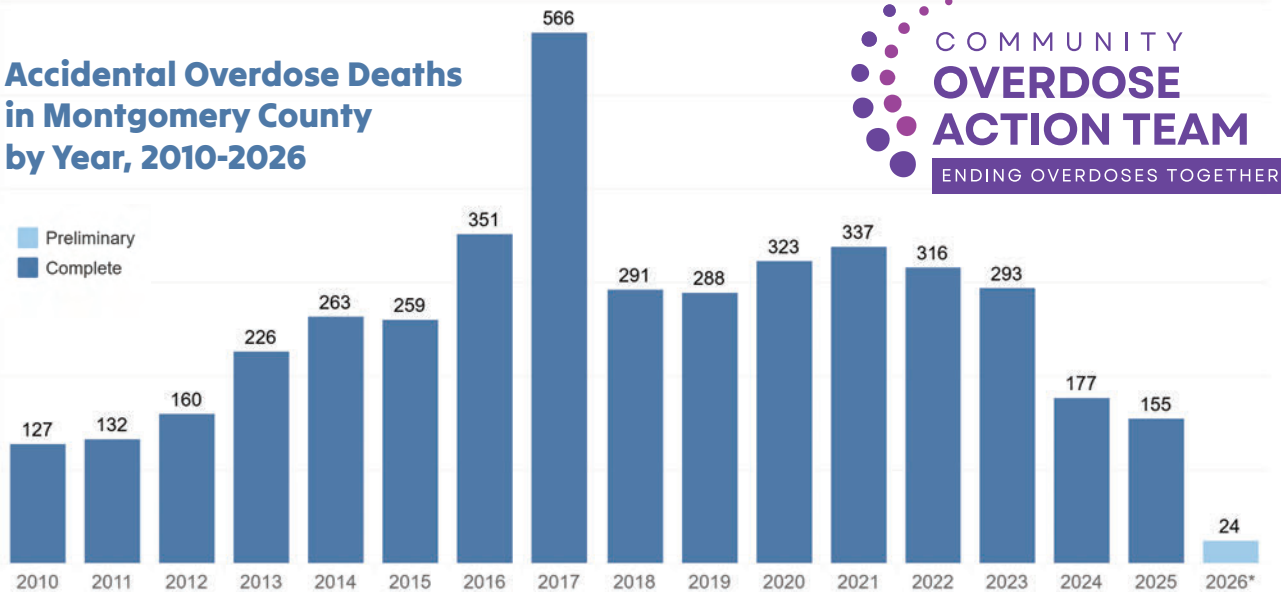
Community Collaboration Drives Meaningful Progress

Montgomery County is seeing measurable progress in the fight against drug overdoses. According to recently released data, there were 155 unintentional overdose deaths in Montgomery County in 2025. This is a 12% decline from 177 deaths in 2024. This marks the fourth consecutive year of decline and the lowest number of deaths since 2011.

This encouraging trend reflects the strength of a coordinated, county-wide response led by the [Community Overdose Action Team](#). Team participants include Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, ADAMHS, Montgomery County, and multiple police and fire departments, hospitals and recovery agencies. This collaboration of community partners works together to prevent overdose deaths and provide services in Montgomery County.

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

Accidental Overdose Deaths in Montgomery County by Year, 2010-2026



Saturday, April 25
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 before it starts.

On April 25, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., residents can drop off unneeded medication at various collection sites in Montgomery County.

To find a collection site near you, visit <https://www.dea.gov/takebackday#collection-locator>

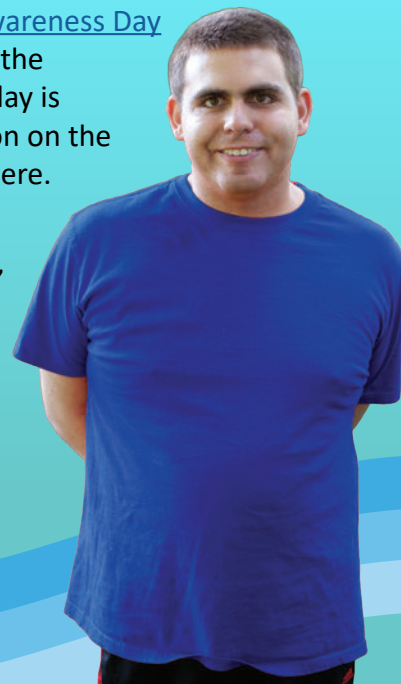


World Autism Awareness Day

While [World Autism Month](#) spans all of April, there is one date that holds special significance. [World Autism Awareness Day](#) is celebrated on April 2 annually. Established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2007, this day is observed globally as a moment to focus attention on the rights and well-being of autistic people everywhere.

On April 2, communities around the world participate in events, landmarks are illuminated, and organizations share resources aimed at

building a more inclusive society. It is a day when families, educators, and advocates come together in a unified statement: ***autistic people matter, and they deserve to be accepted and celebrated exactly as they are.***



Public Health Celebrates Minority Health Month

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

The focus of Minority Health Month 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.



Celebrate Public Health Month this April with us! We're hosting a variety of FREE events, including:

• Minority Health Month Expo • Healing for Suicide Survivors • Seizure Recognition Training • CPR Training and more! Check out the full schedule of events and sign up at <https://www.phdmc.org/events>.



*Celebrate National
Minority Health
Month with Public
Health - Dayton &
Montgomery County*



These events are free and open to the public. Funded by the Ohio Commission on Minority Health.



CPR Training – Basic Life Skills
Friday, April 3, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Sinclair Community College
444 W. Third St, Dayton, Ohio 45402

Register by March 27



Join us for a hands-on CPR and Basic Life Support (BLS) training created to empower our community with the knowledge and confidence to act quickly in emergencies involving adults, children, and infants. Participants will gain a real, hands-on experience in CPR, rescue breathing, choking response, and earn a two-year certification upon completion.



Remembering and Healing: A Gathering for Suicide Loss Survivors
Wednesday, April 8, 2026 | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley,
Mason Community Center
735 E. Main St, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Register by April 6, 2026

Contact Donecha Daniels at (937) 225-4962
or email: dwdaniels@phdmc.org
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A compassionate evening dedicated to honoring loved ones and finding support in community will bring participants together to share memories, receive grief resources, and create a personal memorial. This gathering provides a meaningful space for 50 participants to remember, reflect, and heal together.



Seizure Recognition & First Aid Training (Epilepsy Awareness Event)
Thursday, April 16, 2026 | 6:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley,
Mason Community Center
735 E. Main St, Trotwood, Ohio 45426

Register by April 13



An interactive seizure-response training led by Dr. Crystal Hagins-Hall will equip participants with the skills to recognize and safely respond to different types of seizures. Attendees will earn certification and receive a complimentary book, gaining practical, life-saving knowledge to confidently support individuals living with epilepsy.



Greater Dayton Minority Health Expo
Saturday, April 18, 2026 | 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM
St. Luke's Missionary Baptist Church
2262 N. Gettysburg Ave, Dayton, Ohio 45406

Register by April 18



The Greater Dayton Minority Health Month Expo will feature interactive exhibits, free A1c and blood pressure information, and practical guidance from trusted healthcare professionals. Open to the public, this event offers engaging activities, helpful resources, and wellness support for minority communities.

For more information contact Donecha Daniels at (937) 225-4962 or email dwdaniels@phdmc.org



Black Maternal Health Week

ROOTED IN JUSTICE & JOY

APRIL 11TH -17TH, 2026

QUEENS
VILLAGE

DAYTON



Black Maternal Health Kickoff Rooted in Justice & Joy: Film Screening of "High Risk"

Saturday, April 11

Location: The Salvation Army Dayton Kroc Center

1000 N. Keowee Street, Dayton, Ohio 45404

Doors Open: 11:30 AM

Screening of High Risk, a documentary exploring Black maternal health disparities, followed by a panel Q&A with maternal health professionals and advocates. Free popcorn and drink for attendees. Vendors on site. Pre-registration preferred.

REGISTER NOW



<https://bit.ly/3Q369xZ>

Rooted & Rising: Black Maternal Mental Health, Postpartum & Resilience

Monday, April 13

Location: Dayton Metro Library – Northwest Branch

2410 Philadelphia Drive, Dayton, Ohio 45406

Doors Open: 5:00 PM

Panel discussion featuring therapists, social workers, and maternal mental health specialists speaking on postpartum experiences, perinatal mood disorders, stress, resilience, and healing, followed by a Q&A. Light refreshments available on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration preferred.

REGISTER NOW



<https://bit.ly/4t8rB2O>

Mama's Blessing: Crowned & Covered

Wednesday, April 15

At the Dayton Metro Library - Main

215 E. 3rd St, Dayton, OH 45402

Conference Room 3A, 3rd Floor

Doors Open: 4:00 PM

A special event honoring mothers and pregnant people with a safe, relaxing space featuring chair massages, painting, music, and affirmations. Light refreshments available on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration required. Registration limited. Complete a survey for a chance to win a great prize.

REGISTER NOW



<https://bit.ly/410eQeT>





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Hiring**
JOIN OUR TEAM

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

Vital Records Technician I
Accounting Services Supervisor
Substance Use Mental Health Counselor
Director Administration
Accounting Specialist
Director Health Services



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- Eligible for Deferred Compensation Program
- Tuition Assistance, and More!



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2026 Events

Public Health's 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](#).



CPR Training: Basic Life Skills

● 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

● Sinclair Community College

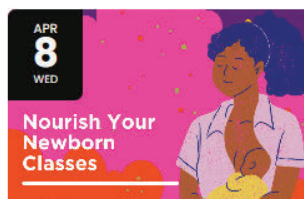
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Tai Chi For Arthritis

● 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM

● NORTHWEST RECREATION CEN.



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH Nourish Your Newborn Class

● 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

● Sunrise Center



A Gathering for Suicide Loss Survivors

● 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

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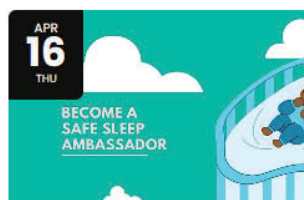
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ABC's of Safe Sleep - Safe Sleep Ambassador Training

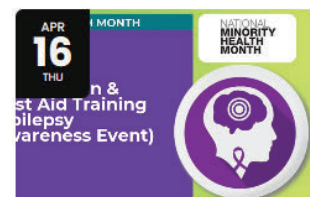
● 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM



MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH Pumping Class 101

● 4:00 PM

● Sunrise Center



Seizure Recognition & First Aid Training (Epilepsy Awareness)

● 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM

● Goodwill Eastseals West Ca..

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Mama's Kitchen: Cooking Class

● 10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

● Central State University Dayt..

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Stress & Resilience

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● Dayton Metro Library - North..

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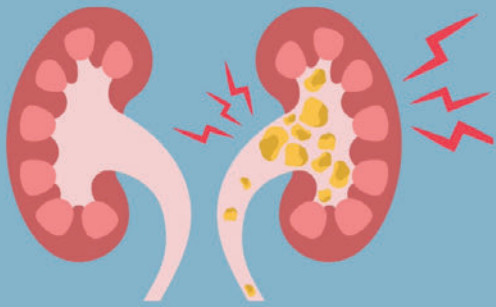


MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH Monthly Fatherhood Monthly Connect

● 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

● Goodwill Eastseals West Ca..

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Individuals who identify as Black die **1.3x more often** from Kidney Disease than White individuals in Montgomery County.

data points COMMUNITY HEALTH ASSESSMENT

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For more local health data visit <https://www.cha.phdmc.org/physical-health/chronic-disease>

Media

Date	News Source	Topic
3/12/26	DDN	Public Health Clinic
3/23/26	DDN	Building Fire
3/23/26	WDTN	Building Fire
3/23/26	WHIO	Building Fire
3/24/26	DDN	Building Fire
3/24/26	WDTN	Building Fire
3/26/26	WHIO	COVID
3/26/26	DDN	Allergies
3/27/26	WDTN	Inspections

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