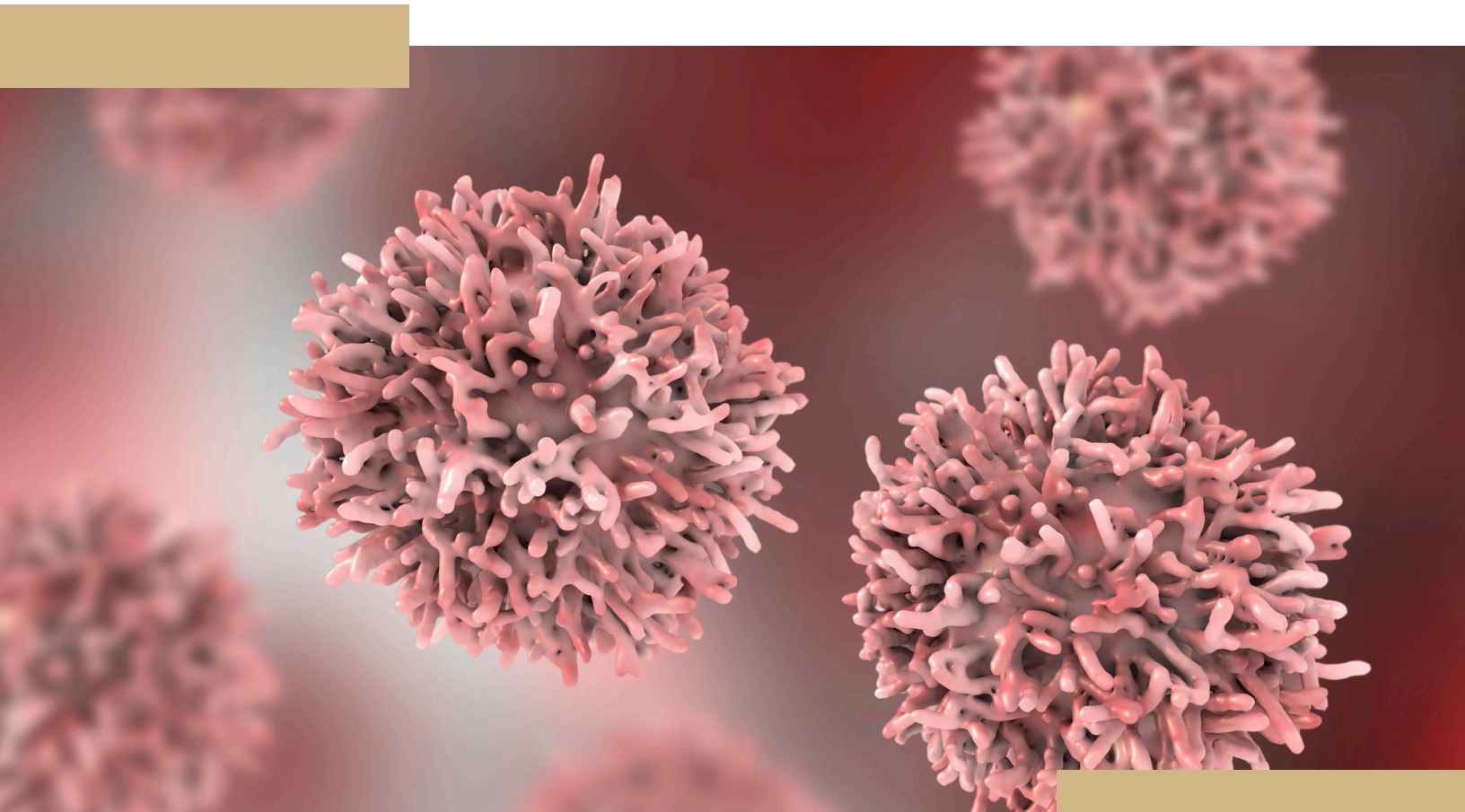


FEBRUARY 2026

FAIRFIELD COUNTY

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

FEBRUARY 2026

AT A GLANCE

92

TOTAL CASES THIS MONTH

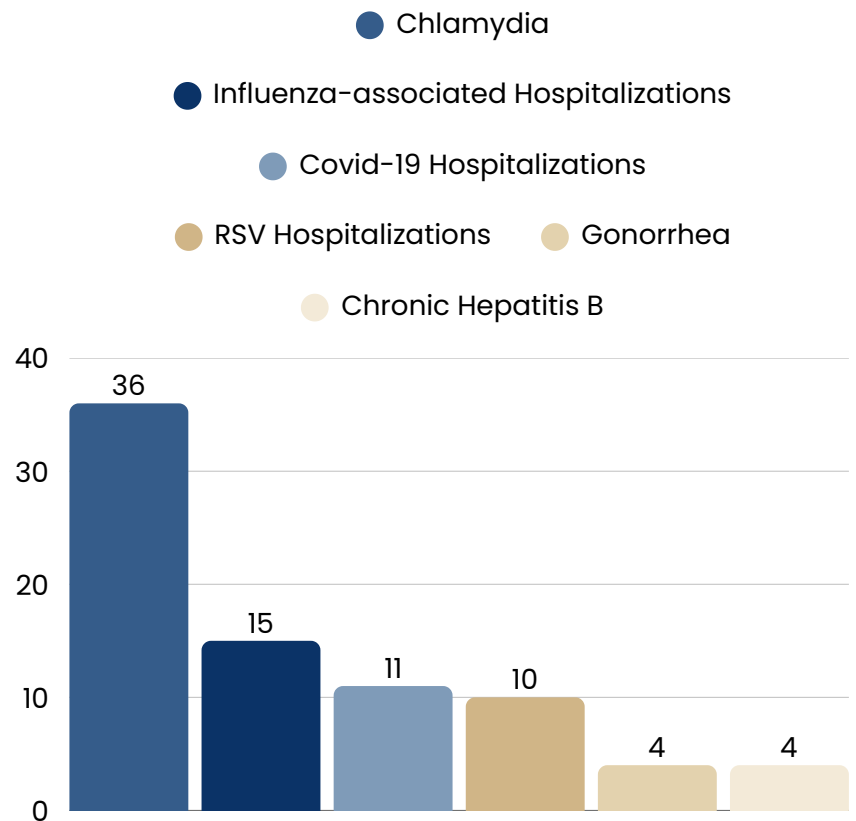
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YEAR TO DATE (YTD) TOTAL

▼ **170**

YTD DIFFERENCE VS 2025

Top Reported Conditions in Fairfield County, Ohio
February 2026*



*Counts include confirmed, probable, and suspected cases.

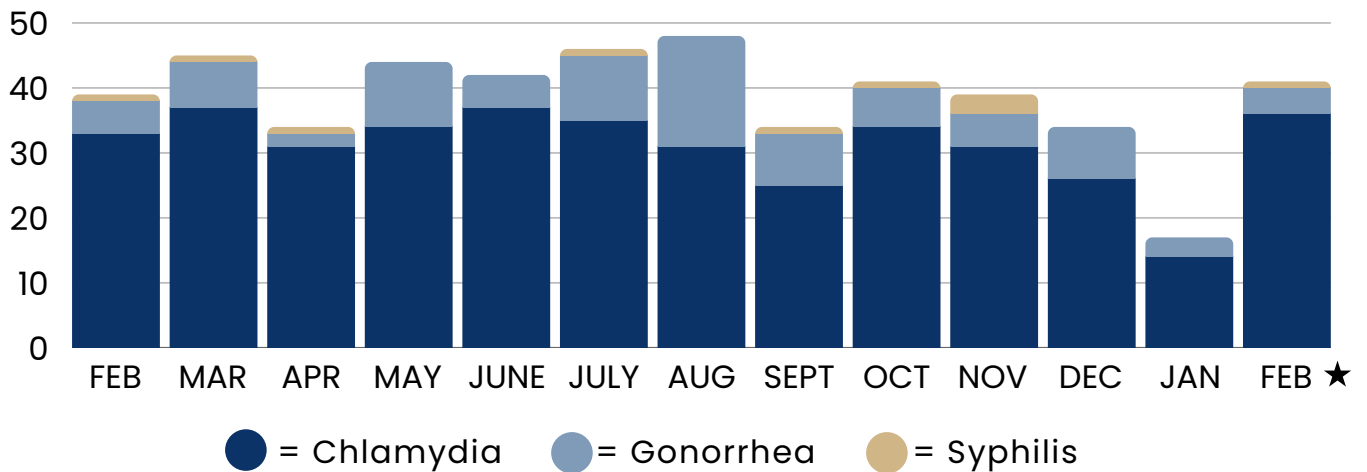
KEY FINDINGS

- February activity was driven largely by respiratory hospitalizations. While Influenza activity remains high in the community, influenza-associated hospitalizations were lower than in February of last year.
- One Norovirus outbreak was identified and confirmed in a long term care facility, affecting both staff and residents.
- Sexually transmitted infections continue at expected levels this month, with chlamydia accounting for most STI reports.
- There were a few isolated but notable reports of Legionella (2), Salmonellosis (1), and Shigellosis (1), with no identified clusters.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Disease	February 2026*	February 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Chlamydia	36	33	▲ 3	50
Gonorrhea	4	5	▼ 1	7
Syphilis	1	1	■ 0	1

Number of Sexually Transmitted Infection Cases by Month in Fairfield County from February 2025 - February 2026



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- STI activity in February was driven primarily by chlamydia, which continues to account for the majority of reported cases. A large increase was seen from January 2026 (14) to February 2026 (36).
- Overall STI case counts were lower compared to this time last year with the exception of a slight increase with Chlamydia.
- FCHD offers **free** STI testing every 4th Monday from 12 to 3 pm. Early testing and treatment, consistent condom use, and routine screening reduce spread and protect long term health.

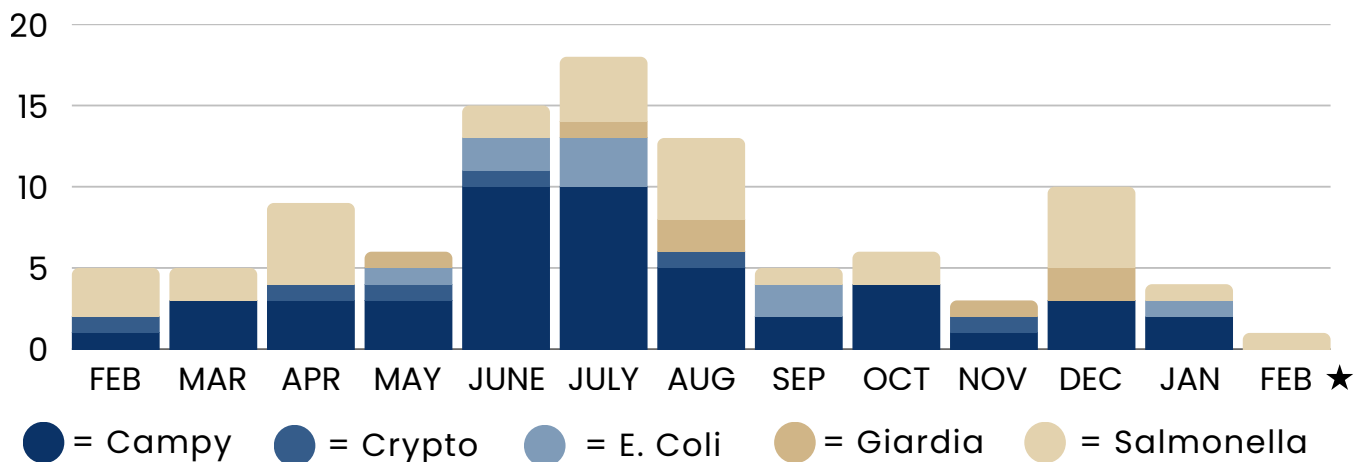
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Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System Data as of 03/04/2026.

FOODBORNE & ENTERIC DISEASES

Disease	February 2026*	February 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Campylobacteriosis	0	1	▼ 1	2
Cryptosporidiosis	0	1	▼ 1	0
E. Coli	0	0	▬ 0	1
Giardiasis	0	0	▬ 0	0
Salmonellosis	1	3	▼ 2	2

Number of Foodborne & Enteric Disease Cases by Month in Fairfield County from February 2025 - February 2026



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Foodborne and enteric diseases saw a decrease in case numbers compared to February 2025.
- Salmonella was the leading disease reported with 1 case, similar to what was observed at this time last year.
- While routine inspections promote safe food practices, residents can lower risk by washing hands, cooking foods thoroughly, and avoiding food preparation when sick.

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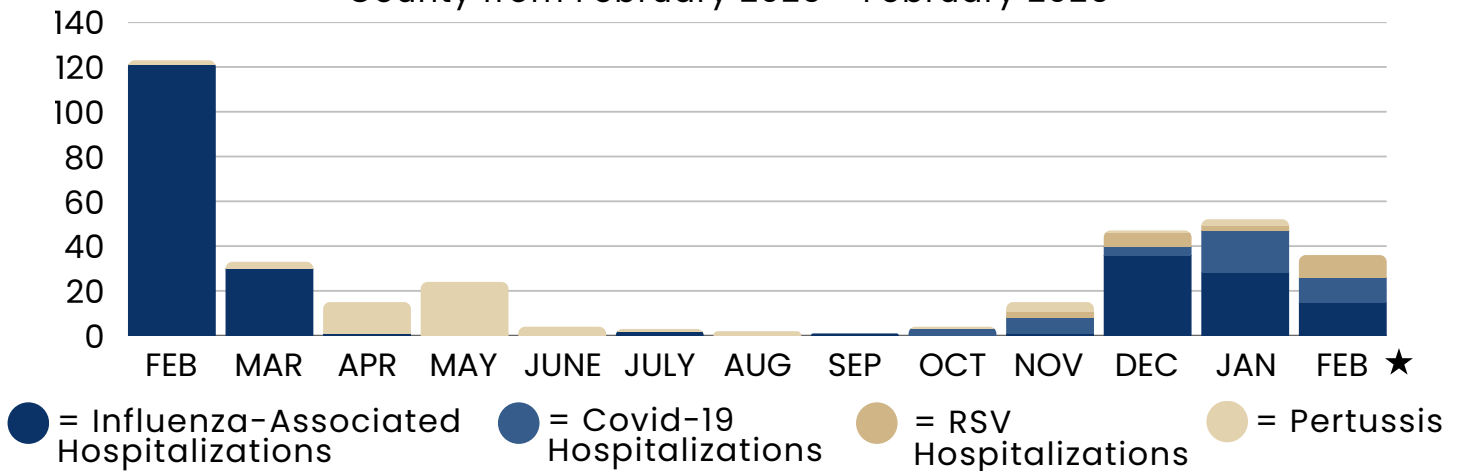
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SEASONAL FOCUS

RESPIRATORY & VACCINE-PREVENTABLE

Disease	February 2026*	February 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	15	121	▼ 106	43
Covid-19 Hospitalizations	11	Not reported	N/A	30
RSV Hospitalizations	10	Not reported	N/A	12
Pertussis	0	2	▼ 2	3

Number of Respiratory & Vaccine-Preventable Cases by Month in Fairfield County from February 2025 - February 2026



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Respiratory illnesses have increased during the current cold and flu season, though current levels remain lower than they were at this time last year.
- Covid-19 & RSV hospitalizations are newly reported conditions implemented with the disease reported changes from October 2025 with Covid-19 having the most reported for February 2026.
- FCHD continues to offer flu vaccine, and residents are encouraged to get vaccinated, wash hands often, and stay home when sick.

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