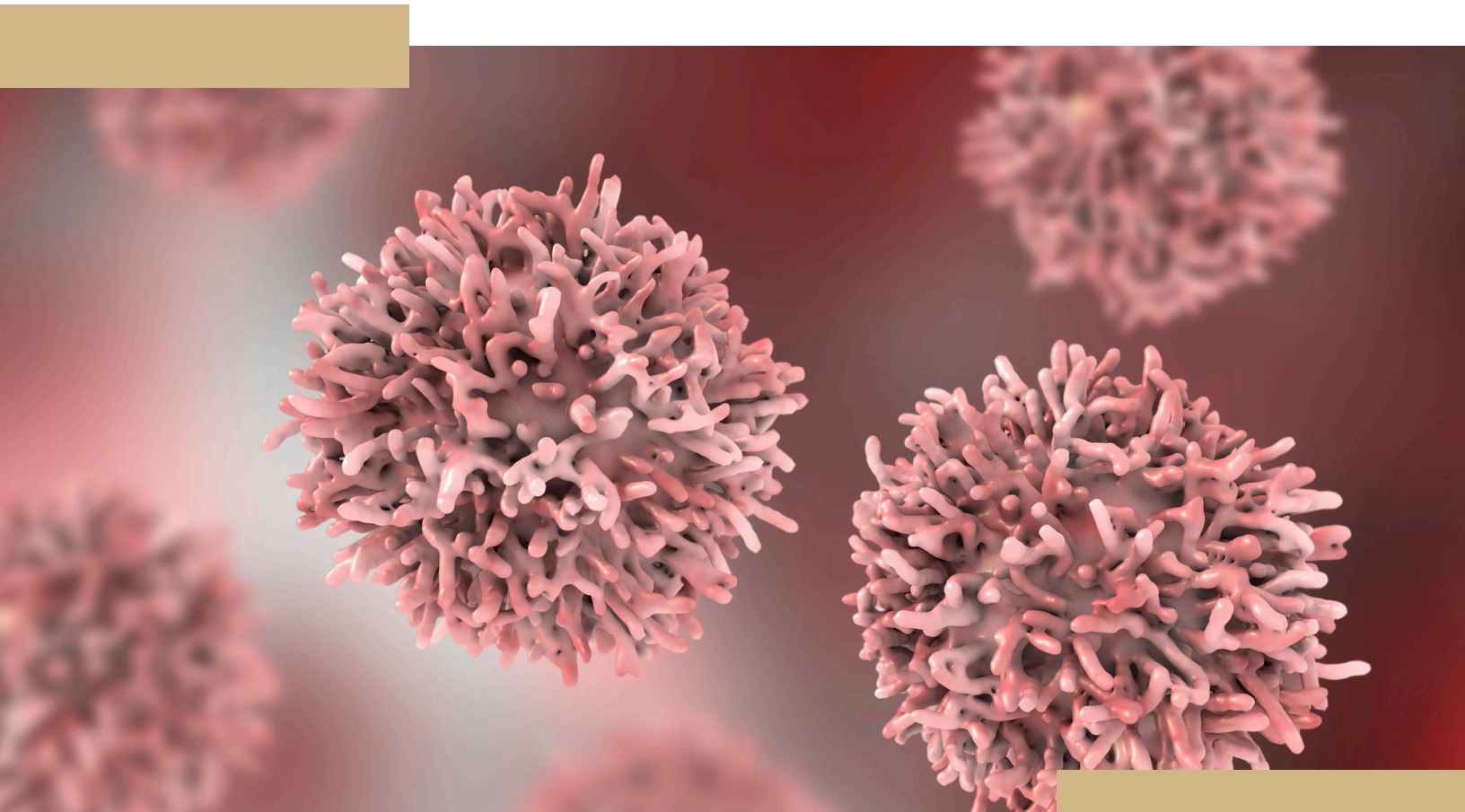


FAIRFIELD COUNTY

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE SUMMARY

MARCH 2026

AT A GLANCE

75

TOTAL CASES THIS MONTH

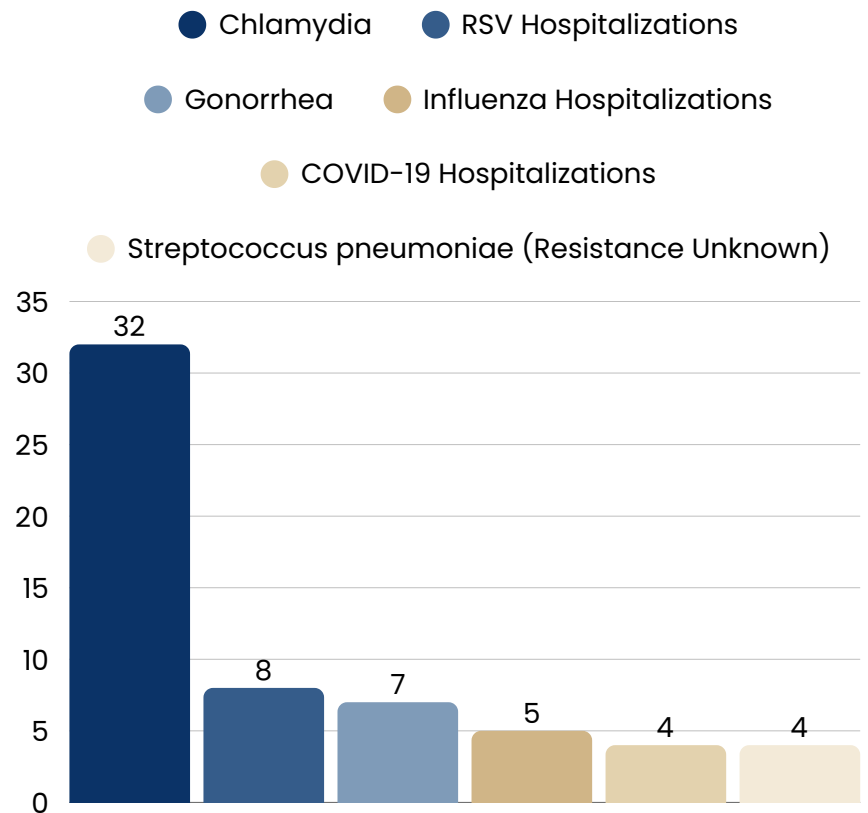
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YEAR TO DATE (YTD) TOTAL

▼ **192**

YTD DIFFERENCE VS 2025

Top Reported Conditions in Fairfield County, Ohio
March 2026*



*Counts include confirmed, probable, and suspected cases.

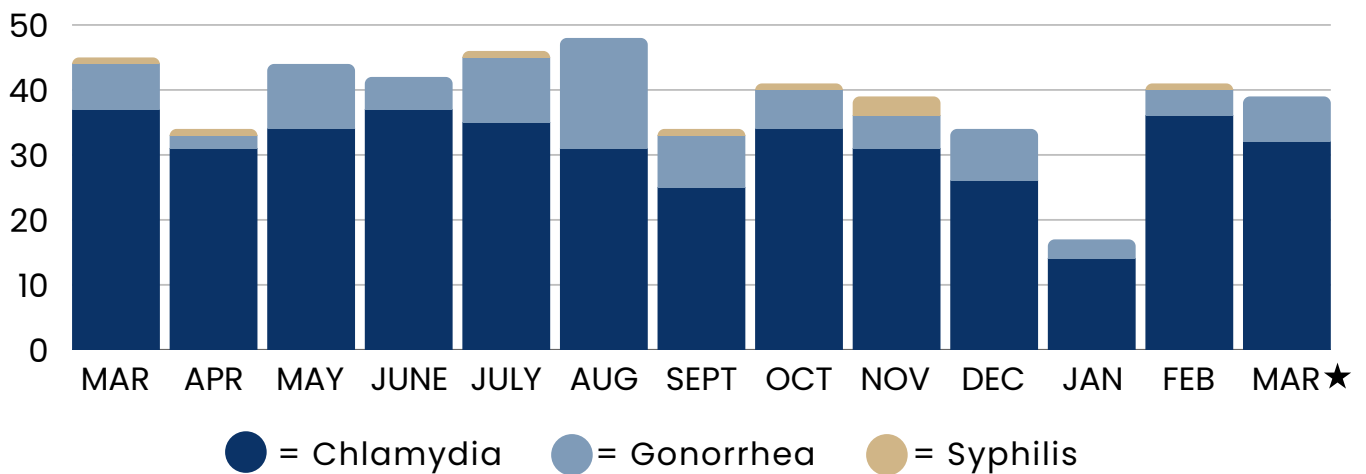
KEY FINDINGS

- March activity was driven largely by respiratory hospitalizations. Influenza activity in the community is beginning to decline, but current levels remain lower than those seen in 2025.
- One Influenza outbreak was identified and confirmed in a long term care facility.
- 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 CPO (1), Haemophilus influenzae (1), Salmonellosis (1), and Varicella (1), with no identified clusters.

SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

Disease	March 2026*	March 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Chlamydia	32	37	▼ 5	82
Gonorrhea	7	7	▬ 0	14
Syphilis	0	1	▼ 1	1

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



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- STI activity in February was driven primarily by chlamydia, which continues to account for the majority of reported cases. A slight decrease was seen from February 2026 (36) to March 2026 (32).
- Overall STI case counts were lower compared to this time last year.
- 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.

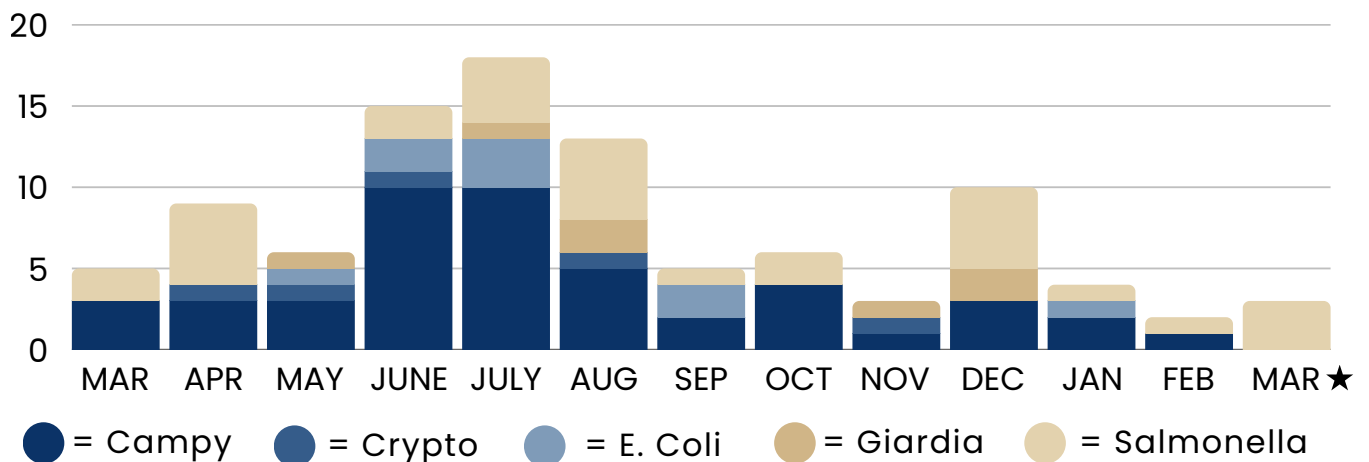
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Source: Ohio Disease Reporting System Data as of 04/02/2026.

FOODBORNE & ENTERIC DISEASES

Disease	March 2026*	March 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Campylobacteriosis	0	3	▲ 3	3
Cryptosporidiosis	0	0	▬ 0	0
E. Coli	0	0	▬ 0	1
Giardiasis	0	0	▬ 0	0
Salmonellosis	3	2	▲ 1	5

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



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- Foodborne and enteric diseases saw a slight increase in case numbers compared to March 2025.
- Salmonella was the leading disease reported with 3 cases, slightly higher than what was observed at this time last year. All other listed diseases reported 0 for March 2026.
- 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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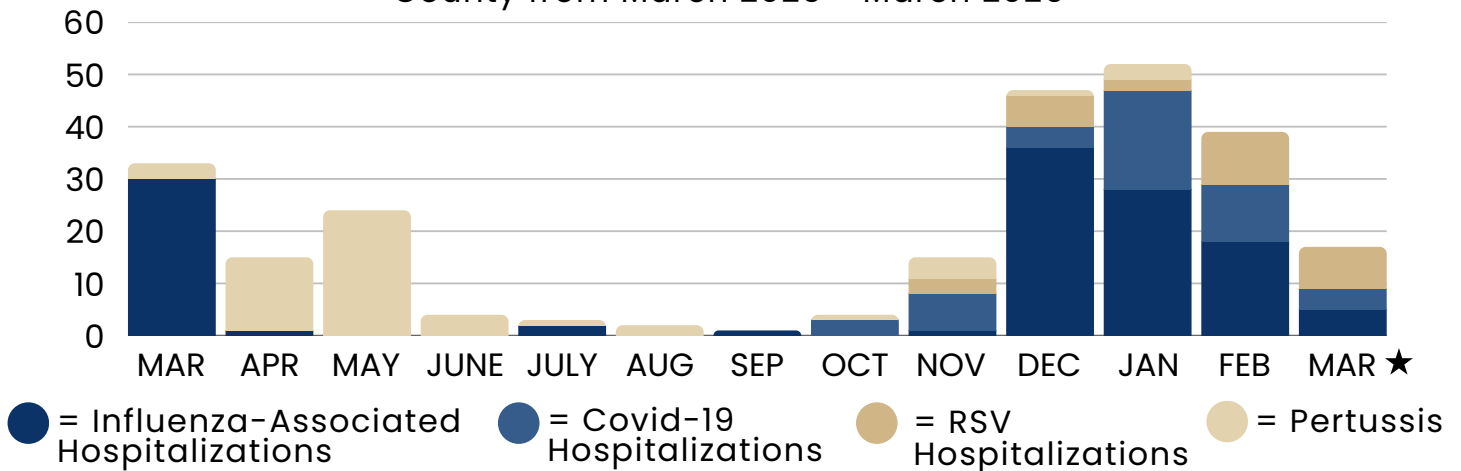
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SEASONAL FOCUS

RESPIRATORY & VACCINE-PREVENTABLE

Disease	March 2026*	March 2025*	Change	YTD 2026*
Influenza-Associated Hospitalizations	5	30	▼ 25	51
Covid-19 Hospitalizations	4	Not reported	N/A	34
RSV Hospitalizations	8	Not reported	N/A	20
Pertussis	0	3	▼ 3	3

Number of Respiratory & Vaccine-Preventable Cases by Month in Fairfield County from March 2025 - March 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 RSV having the most reported for March 2026 (8).
- 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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