

## NOTICE OF COMMITTEE MEETING

**COMMITTEE:** BOARD OF HEALTH

**PLACE:** ONEIDA COUNTY HEALTH DEPT – SECOND FLOOR  
100 W KEENAN ST; RHINELANDER, WI  
CALL-IN OPTION – 1-312-626-6799  
Meeting ID: 832 1772 7297 Password: 897278

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**DATE:** Tuesday, February 10, 2026      **TIME:** 9:00 AM

It is possible that a quorum of county board members will be at this meeting to gather information about a subject over which they have decision-making responsibility. This constitutes a meeting of the County Board pursuant to State ex rel Badke v. Greendale Village Board, Wis 2d 553, 494 n.w.2d 408 (1993), and must be noticed as such, although the County Board will not take any formal actions at this meeting. It is also possible that there may be quorums of other County Board Committees present, although those committees will not take any formal action at this meeting.

### ALL AGENDA ITEMS ASSUMED TO BE DISCUSSION/DECISION ITEMS

#### AGENDA:

1. Call to order and Chairperson's announcements.
2. Approve agenda for today's meeting (order of agenda items at Chairperson's discretion).
3. Approve minutes from [January 13, 2026](#), Board of Health Committee Meeting
4. Public comment/communication
5. Staff Report – Melissa Bryner:
  - [Immunizations](#)
6. Monthly / Quarterly Reports:
  - [Communicable Disease](#)
  - Respiratory Illness
7. PFAS Update
8. Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters
9. Date and agenda items for next meeting
10. Public comment/communication
11. Adjournment

#### NOTICE OF POSTING

TIME: 11:45 AM    DATE: 2/6/2026    PLACE: Courthouse Bulletin Board

Dan Hess, Chair

Notice posted by Joneil Tess, Committee Secretary. Additional information on a specific agenda item may be obtained by contacting the person who posted this notice at 715-369-6106.

#### NEWS MEDIA NOTIFIED BY EMAIL

DATE: 2/6/2026

TIME: 11:45 AM

Northwoods River News

Lakeland Times

Star Journal

Tomahawk Leader

WHDG Radio Station

News WJFW Channel 12

WXPR Radio Station

WPEG.net Television Network

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**GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Must be held in a location which is reasonably accessible to the public.
2. Must be open to all members of the public unless the law specifically provides otherwise.

**NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:**

1. In addition to any requirements set forth below, notice must also be in compliance with any other specific statute.
2. Chief presiding officer or his/her designee must give notice to the official newspaper and to any members of the news media likely to give notice to the public.

**MANNER OF NOTICE:**

Date, time, place and subject matter, including subject matter to be considered in a closed session, must be provided in a manner and form reasonably likely to apprise members of the public and news media.

**TIME FOR NOTICE:**

1. Normally, a minimum of 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.
2. No less than 2 hours prior to the meeting if the presiding officer establishes there is good cause that such notice is impossible or impractical.
3. Separate notice for each meeting of the governmental body must be given.

**EXEMPTIONS FOR COMMITTEES & SUBUNITS**

Legally constituted sub-units of a parent governmental body may conduct a meeting during the recess or immediately after the lawful setting to act or deliberate upon the subject which was the subject of the meeting, provided the presiding officer publicly announces the time, place and subject matter of the sub-unit meeting in advance of the meeting of the parent governmental body.

**PROCEDURE FOR GOING INTO CLOSED SESSION:**

1. Motion must be made, seconded and carried by roll call majority vote and recorded in the minutes.
2. If motion is carried, chief presiding officer must advise those attending the meeting of the nature of the business to be conducted in the closed session, and the specific statutory exemption under which the closed session is authorized.

**SYNOPSIS OF STATUTORY EXEMPTIONS UNDER WHICH CLOSED SESSIONS ARE PERMITTED:**

1. Concerning a case which was the subject of a Judicial or quasi-judicial trial before this governmental body. Sec. 19.85(1)(a)
2. Considering dismissal, demotion or discipline of any public employee or the investigation of charges against such person and the taking of formal action on any such matter; provided that the person is given actual notice of any evidentiary hearing which may be held prior to final action being taken and of any meeting at which final action is taken. The person under consideration must be advised of his/her right that the evidentiary hearing be held in open session and the notice of the meeting must state the same. Sec. 19.85(1)(b)
3. Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which this body has jurisdiction or responsibility. Sec. 19.85(1)(c)
4. Considering strategy for crime detection or prevention. Sec. 19.85(1)(d)
5. Deliberating or negotiating the purchase of public properties, the investing of public funds, or conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. Sec. 19.85(1)(e)
6. Considering financial, medical, social or personal histories or disciplinary data of specific person, preliminary consideration of specific personnel problems or the investigation of specific charges, which, if discussed in public, would likely have a substantial adverse effect on the reputation of the person referred to in such data. Sec. 19.85(1)(f), except where paragraph 2 applies.
7. Conferring with legal counsel concerning strategy to be adopted by the governmental body with respect to litigation in which it is or is likely to become involved. Sec. 19.85(1)(g)
8. Considering a request for advice from any applicable ethics board. Sec. 19.85(1)(h)

**PLEASE REFER TO CURRENT STATUTE SECTION 19.85 FOR FULL TEXT****CLOSED SESSION RESTRICTIONS:**

1. Must convene in open session before going into closed session.
2. May not convene in open session, then convene in closed session and thereafter reconvene in open session within twelve hours unless proper notice of this sequence was given at the same time and in the same manner as the original open meeting.
3. Final approval or ratification of a collective bargaining agreement may not be given in closed session.
4. No business may be taken up at any closed session except that which relates to matters contained in the chief presiding officer's announcement of the closed session.
5. In order for a meeting to be closed under Section 19.85(1)(f) at least one committee member would have to have actual knowledge of information which he or she reasonably believes would be likely to have a substantial adverse effect upon the reputation involved and there must be a probability that such information would be divulged. Thereafter, only that portion of the meeting where such information would be discussed can be closed. The balance of that agenda item must be held in open session.

**BALLOTS, VOTES AND RECORDS:**

1. Secret ballot is not permitted except for the election of officers of the body or unless otherwise permitted by specific statutes.
2. Except as permitted above, any member may require that the vote of each member be ascertained and recorded.
3. Motions and roll call votes must be preserved in the record and be available for public inspection.

**USE OF RECORDING EQUIPMENT:**

The meeting may be recorded, filmed, or photographed, provided that it does not interfere with the conduct of the meeting or the rights of the participants.

**LEGAL INTERPRETATION:**

1. The Wisconsin Attorney General will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.
2. The municipal attorney will give advice concerning the applicability or clarification of the Open Meeting Law upon request.

**PENALTY:**

Upon conviction, any member of a governmental body who knowingly attends a meeting held in violation of Subchapter IV, Chapter 19, Wisconsin Statutes, or who otherwise violates the said law shall be subject to forfeiture of not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$300.00 for each violation.

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Counsel Office - 5/16/96

**BOARD OF HEALTH COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2026**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Dan Hess, Vice Chair William “Casey” Crump absent; Debbie Condado (zoom), Billy Fried, Lenore Lopez

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS EXCUSED:** Khrystyne Lindgren, Marcy Davies

**STAFF PRESENT:** Linda Conlon, Rebecca Wold, Robbie Deede, Beth Stamper, Jenny Chiamulera, Erika Kleinschmidt, Jody McKinney, and Joneil Tess

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Vella Walden, Dorothy Skye

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**Call to order:** Vice Chair Hess called the meeting to order at 9:00am on the second floor of the Health & ADRC Building, 100 W. Keenan Street, Rhinelander, WI. The meeting was posted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meeting Law and the facility is handicap accessible.

**Approval of agenda:** Motion by Fried/Lopez to approve today’s agenda with the order of items at the Chair’s discretion to move around. All ayes; motion carried.

**Minutes of December 9, 2025:** Motion by Fried/Lopez to approve the December 9, 2025, Board of Health Committee minutes. All ayes; motion carried.

**Public Comment/Communications:** None

**Beth Stamper – 15 year service award:** Conlon presented Stamper with a 15-year service award. She served one year in Social Services and the past 14 years at the Health Department in Reproductive Health. Conlon noted Stamper has demonstrated a strong passion and deep commitment to her program.

**Out of State Staff Report – Jenny Chiamulera & Erika Kleinschmidt:**

**2025 National Deflection & Pre-Arrest Diversion:** Chiamulera introduced herself as a Community Health Specialist and also introduced Erika Kleinschmidt, Peer Support Coordinator in Human Services. She mentioned that she, Kleinschmidt, and three representatives from the Rhinelander Police Department, members of the Community Response Team, attended the 2025 International Deflection & Pre-Arrest Diversion Conference in New Orleans in early December. Chiamulera noted that the conference was very beneficial, providing valuable opportunities to network with other communities and learn from peer programs. With several team members attending, the group was able to participate in all available breakout sessions.

Chiamulera noted the first day was spent working with the coordinated community response team, which created space for brainstorming ways to improve systems and identify opportunities for growth. Kleinschmidt shared her takeaways from the breakout trainings related to youth deflection and noted that the team plans to focus more on youth this year. Chiamulera added that the team was able to advance their training and mentioned the possibility of requesting a grant extension. She also noted that they are addressing sustainability issues to determine how the program will continue once the grant ends.

**Monthly/Quarterly Reports:**

**Environmental Health:** McKinney introduced herself and provided a recap of the Environmental Health Team's 2025 activities, including facilities and inspections, lab and water testing, and Temporary Event Inspections. She also highlighted new lodging codes set to take effect at the end of January, which will increase nitrate testing by over 500. The team is currently conducting a cost analysis to determine whether to perform nitrate testing in-house rather than sending samples to UW Oshkosh. Discussion followed.

**Health Hazards:** Deede reviewed 2025 Health Hazards report, highlighting trends identified in quarter 4. Deede mentioned the quality improvement efforts in 2025, reduced case investigation time, despite five more cases than in 2024. A lead investigator improved workflow and efficiency, though variability in case complexity and outcomes highlights the need for ongoing monitoring and process improvement. Discussion followed.

**Respiratory Illness:**

Conlon reported an increase in Influenza A cases, noting that this season's strain is not a good match for the flu vaccine. Many hospitalizations are occurring among individuals who were not vaccinated. Influenza activity is particularly high in the northern region and continues to rise, even as statewide Influenza A cases begin to decrease. RSV activity remains low.

Conlon explained that surveillance relies on state data, school monitoring, and ESSENCE reports. She also noted that at-home tests are available for both influenza and COVID-19.

**Board of Health 2025 Annual Summary:** Conlon reviewed the Board of Health's 2025 Annual Summary, which highlighted the Board's activities over the past year.

**PFAS Update:**

Conlon provided an update from the DNR regarding the expanded PFAS testing and results from a few weeks ago.

Crump noted that PBS will be producing a documentary about the Town of Stella. He asked whether there had been further consideration of forming a countywide PFAS committee, noting that other townships have been reaching out to him for information. It was explained that ongoing litigation is being monitored before any action is taken, and Fried noted that efforts to establish a committee will continue.

**Public Health Infrastructure Grant Regional Epidemiologist LTE position:** Conlon reviewed the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Regional Epidemiologist LTE position request. Discussion followed.

Motion by Hess/Crump motion to forward the Public Health Infrastructure Grant Regional Epidemiologist LTE position on to executive committee for consideration. All ayes; motion carried.  
Student Representative: Aye

**Vouchers, purchase orders, line item transfers and other fiscal matters:**

Conlon reviewed the 2025 budget and the paid invoices report, noting no major concerns at this time. Final, or near-final, numbers are expected to be available for the February meeting. Hess highlighted the presentation of vouchers, purchase orders, and line-item transfers.

**Date and Agenda items for next meeting:** Next meeting slated for Tuesday, February 10, 2026 at 9am, check to make sure we have a quorum

**Public comment/communications:** None

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Committee Chair or Designee

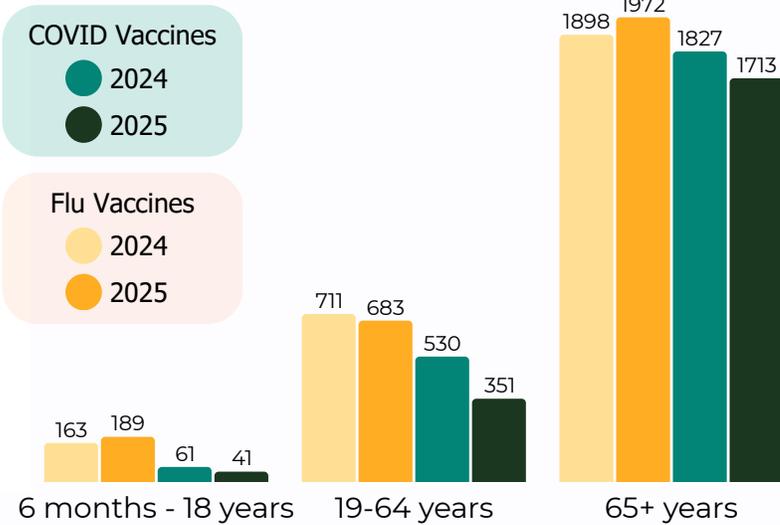
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Committee Secretary

# Immunizations

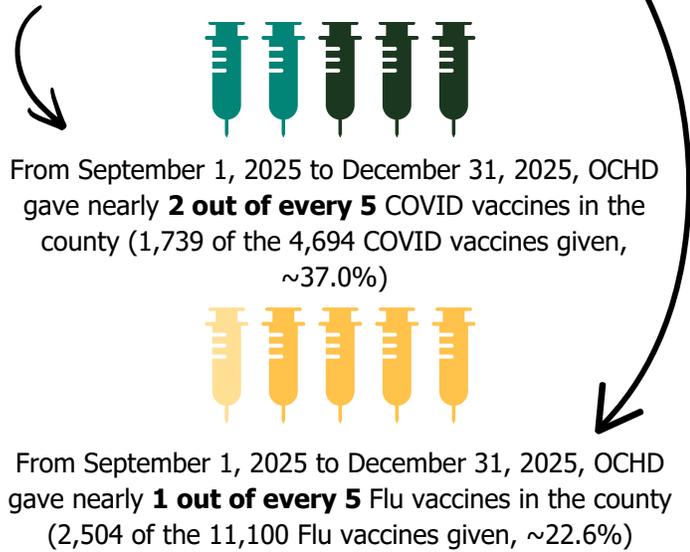
## What is the Immunization Program?

The **Immunization Program** is dedicated to **increasing vaccination rates**, **preventing the spread of vaccine-preventable diseases**, and **safeguarding vulnerable populations**, including infants, older adults, and individuals with compromised immune systems. The department provides private-pay vaccines, accepts a variety of insurance plans, and participates in the Vaccines for Children and Vaccines for Adults programs to ensure eligible individuals with access to vaccinations at no cost or reduced cost.

### Flu & COVID Vaccines Provided by OCHD



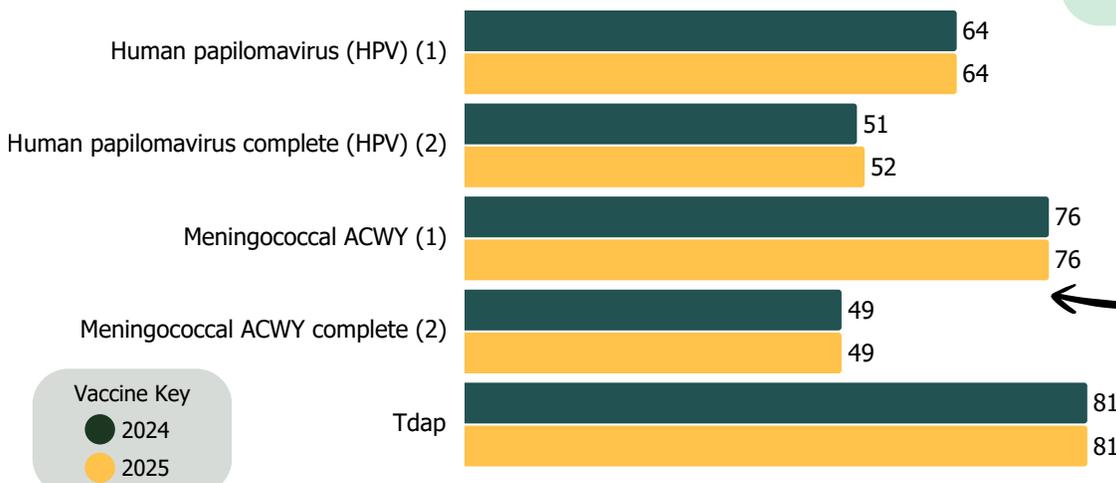
### Local Impact, Countywide Comparison



## Why is this important?

The OCHD Immunization Program aims to **reduce vaccine-preventable diseases** by **increasing vaccination rates** and **achieving herd immunity**, which helps protect individuals who cannot be vaccinated by limiting disease spread and exposure.

### Adolescent Benchmark Percent Rates



### Community Outreach

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School catch up clinic held in Oneida County.

Vaccines administered:

- 9 Meningococcal ACWY
- 7 Tdap

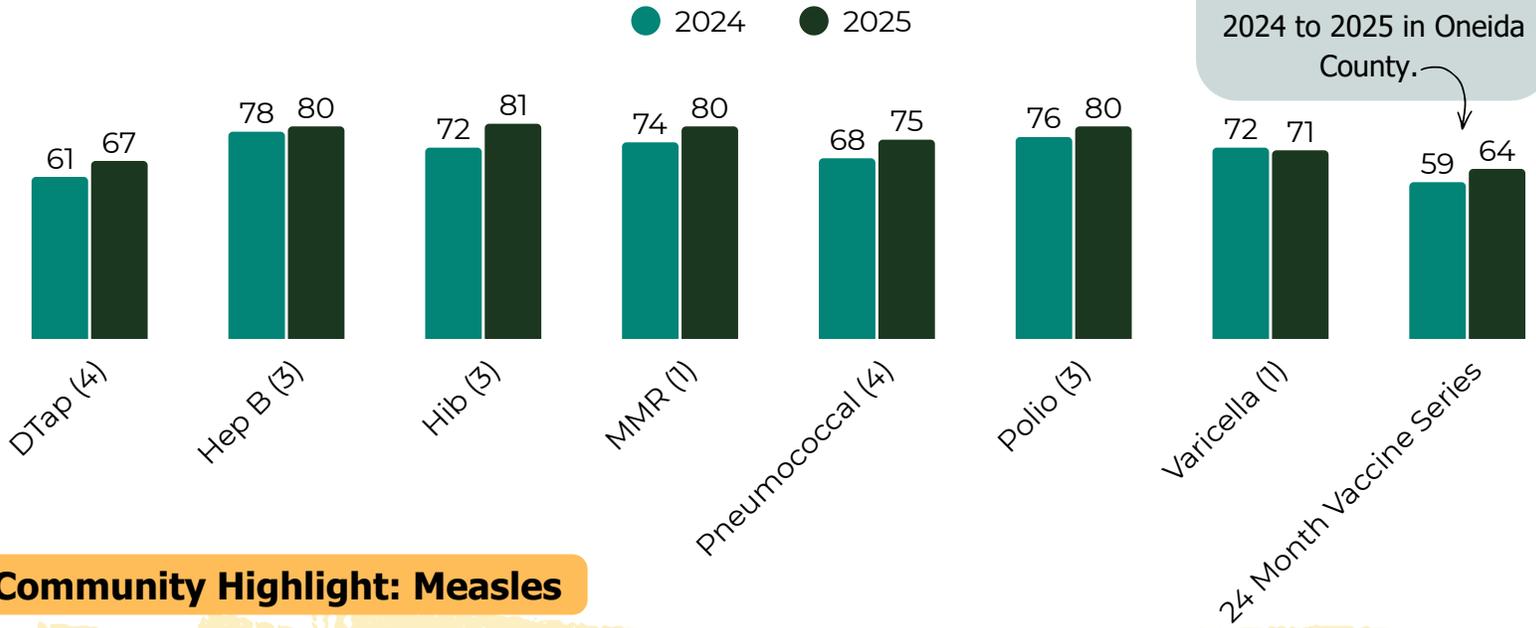


The **Adolescent Benchmark** chart shows how many children in our community are up to date on general vaccines recommended or required for school.

## Children's Vaccination Rates

Vaccinations are recommended throughout the lifespan. In addition to the Adolescent Benchmark shown above, several immunizations are recommended during early childhood to protect children from preventable diseases. The following vaccines are recommended for children by age 2 by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP).

### Percent of 24 Month Olds Up-to-Date on Vaccinations by Type



24-month old up-to-date vaccination rates **increased 5%** from 2024 to 2025 in Oneida County.

## Community Highlight: Measles

**36** Number of Cases of Measles in Wisconsin (2025)

In 2025, Oneida County continues to be **12% below herd immunity threshold** for measles which is 92%-94%.

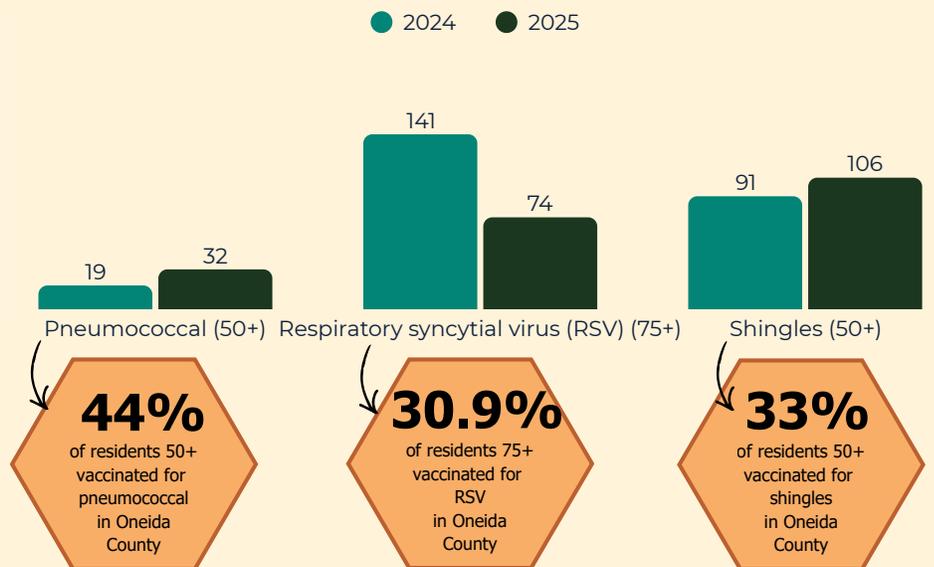
The MMR vaccine protects against measles, mumps, and rubella. **Two doses** of the vaccine are about **97% effective at preventing measles**.

## Adult Vaccine Recommendations

**Adult vaccines help keep our community healthy.** By providing access to vaccines like flu, COVID-19, shingles, pneumonia, RSV, and Tdap, we protect people most at risk and help stop the spread of disease—supporting healthier families, workplaces, and neighborhoods.

For full adult vaccine recommendations, visit the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Vaccines & Immunizations](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/imz/).

### Adult Immunization Doses Provided by OCHD (2024–2025)



# Communicable Disease (C.D.)

## October 2025-December 2025

## Quarter 4 (Q4)

Oneida County Health Department investigates communicable diseases in Oneida County in order to prevent and control the spread of disease. Communicable disease cases include respiratory viruses, tick borne illnesses, enteric illnesses, tuberculosis, hepatitis, and more.

### Case Information:

During Q4, OCHD received a

total of

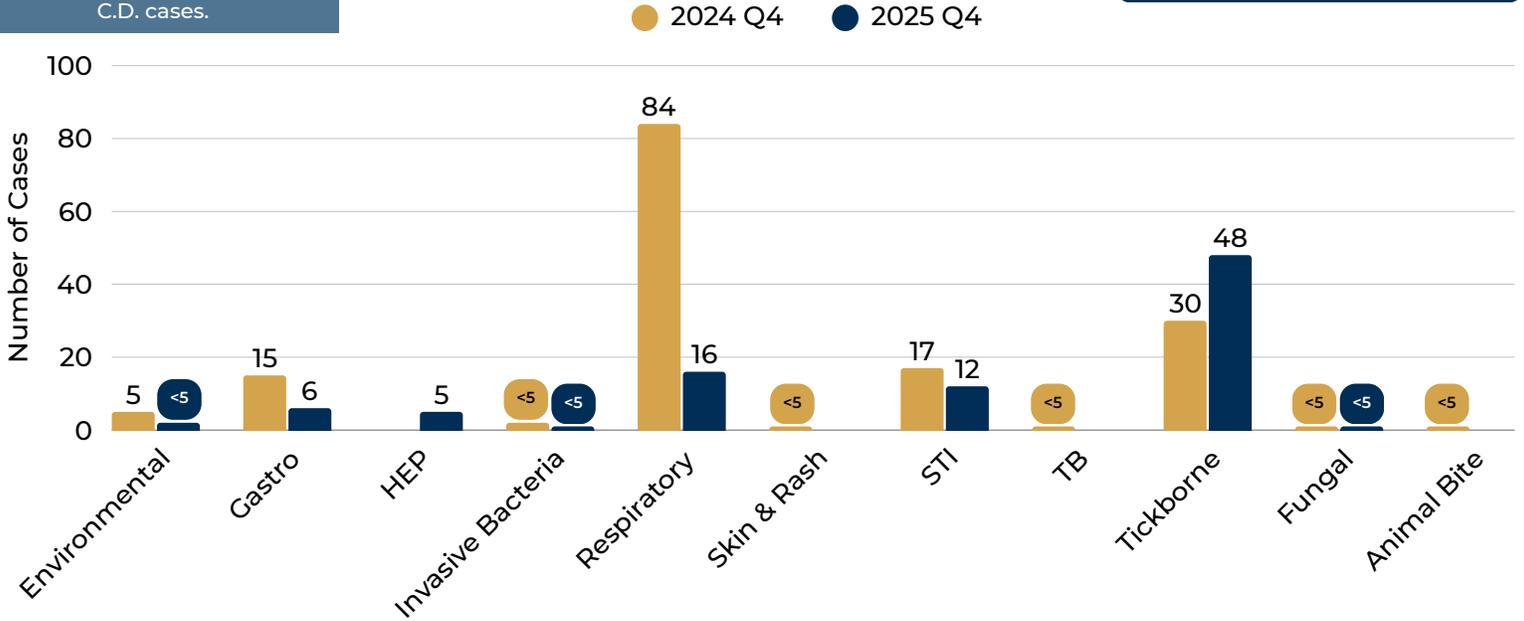
**91**

C.D. cases.

### Types of Communicable Diseases in Quarter 4

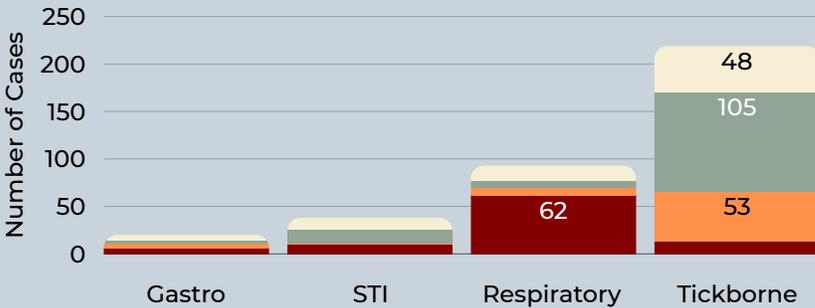
Years 2024 & 2025

<5 = Less than 5 cases reported



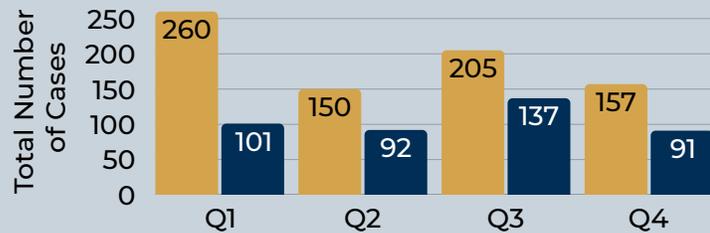
### 2025 Year to Date C.D. Cases by Quarter

● Q1 ● Q2 ● Q3 ● Q4



### Total C.D. Cases by Quarter

● 2024 ● 2025



The following had less than 10 C.D. cases for 2025:  
Skin & Rash, Fungal, Environmental, TB, Hep, and Invasive Bacteria

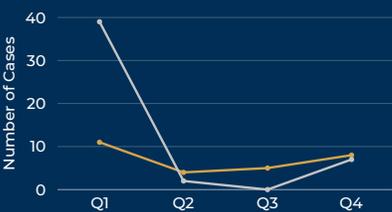
### Quarter Communicable Disease Highlight

#### Respiratory Illness 2025



Respiratory Hospitalization Cases by Quarter in 2025

● COVID ● Flu



In 2026, we will be expanding our data collection efforts to better understand flu- and COVID-related hospitalizations, including a review of vaccination status among individuals who require hospitalization.

### Types of Respiratory Illness that were reported in Quarter 4

Coronavirus, Novel 2019 (COVID-19)

**8**

COVID Hospitalizations

Influenza

**7**

Influenza Hospitalizations

Pertussis

**<5**

Pertussis Case (Whooping Cough)





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## **Board of Health Notes:**

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