Seneca County General Health District

Monthly Newsletter

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SENECA COUNTY General Health District
PREVENT. PROMOTE. PROTECT.

WHAT'S GOING AROUND

Each month, SCGHD's epidemiologist outlines illnesses with the highest activity in Seneca County.

In April, a total of 36 disease cases were reported to SCGHD. Of these, 26 were confirmed and counted as cases.
Nineteen (73%) of the cases were COVID-19, and the remaining 7 were different bacterial and viral diseases.

Influenza activity in the county is currently:

LOW

To help prevent respiratory illnesses such as COVID-19:

Avoid close contact with people who are sick. If you are sick, stay home and limit contact with others as much as possible to keep from infecting them.

Wash your hands often with soap and water. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand rub that contains at least 60% alcohol.

Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth. Germs spread this way.

Schedule your COVID-19, flu and RSV vaccine now! Call (419) 447-3691 ext. 6333 to schedule an appointment.

MEASLES PREVENTION

Measles, a highly contagious but preventable disease, is currently impacting communities across the world.
As of April 24, a total of 884 confirmed measles cases have been reported in the United States, with 11 percent of the cases requiring hospitalizations. Three deaths also have been reported.
Measles spreads from person to person through the air or contaminated surfaces and can live for up to two hours in an airspace after the infected person leaves the area.
Symptoms typically include high fever, cough, a runny nose, red, watery eyes, and a rash three to five days after symptoms begin. To protect you and your family from measles, two doses of MMR is recommended. This complete course will protect you from measles for life.

Want to schedule an MMR vaccine?
Call our nursing division at (419) 447-3691 ext. 6333

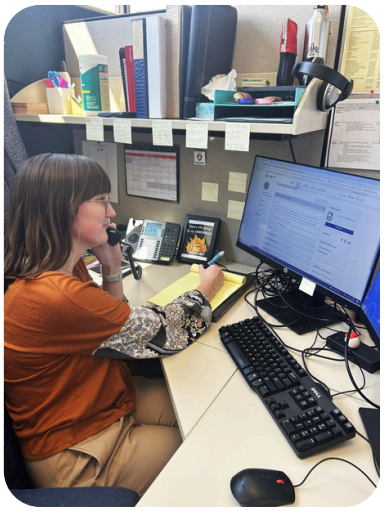
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Erika Handru has been selected as SCGHD's Employee of the Month.
Erika is the Communications Specialist at SCGHD and was nominated by a co-worker for always being accessible and ready to take on any developing project with a friendly and respectful manner. Her co-worker said she works many long hours for the health district and often on very complicated projects.
"She champions the efforts to be transparent to our citizens and is motivated by a wonderfully intrinsic nature," her co-worker said.

Congratulations Erika!

SCGHD DIVISION SPOTLIGHT

This month, our Epidemiology Division is in the spotlight! Epidemiology is the foundation of public health and is defined as the study of diseases or disorders within groups of people and the development of knowledge on how to prevent and control them. Cat Dennison, SCGHD's Epidemiologist, works hard to help us understand diseases and disorders and why and how they affect our residents.



In 2024, SCGHD received 1,527 communicable disease reports that were investigated. Fifteen outbreak investigations also were conducted.

Leading Communicable Diseases in Seneca County, 2024

Disease	Number of Cases
COVID-19	1,089
Chlamydia	133
Influenza-Associated Hospitalization	72
Gonococcal infection (Gonorrhea)	26
Salmonellosis	16
Hepatitis C (chronic)	13
Campylobacteriosis	11
Pertussis	8

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9:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M.

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- Examinations by Licensed Healthcare Professionals
- Pap Tests & Screening for Cervical Cancer
- Birth Control Options
- STD Testing & Treatment
- HIV Testing & Counseling
- PrEP – HIV pre-exposure protection
- Patient Education & Counseling
- Pregnancy Testing

TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT, CALL: 1 (800) 524-7171

TICK AWARENESS

Tick exposure can occur year-round, but ticks are most active during warmer months. Reducing exposure to ticks is the best defense against tickborne diseases like Lyme disease and Rocky Mountain spotted fever.

To prevent tick bites:

- Know where to expect ticks and avoid them; ticks live in grassy, brushy, or wooded areas, or even on animals. Walk in the center of trails.
- Treat clothing and gear with products containing 0.5% permethrin.
- Use EPA-registered insect repellents.

Find a tick on you? Use the CDC's Tick Bite Bot to help you properly remove it.