

Oneida County Health Department

Public Health Update

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Happy New Year! Throughout 2022, under the leadership of County Executive Anthony J. Picente Jr., the Oneida County Health Department, along with MVHS and Rome Health have spent much of the year working on the 2022-2024 Community Health Assessment, Community Service Plan and Improvement Plan (CHA/CSP/CHIP). Within the parameters of the NYS Prevention Agenda, this assessment is the first since the start of the COVID pandemic and provides us with a look at our county's current health status, needs, and issues. The COVID-19 pandemic touched the health and wellness of the entire community in a variety of ways but also highlighted the value of collaboration with community partners. Community input was gathered through surveys, focus groups and in-depth interviews with key stake holders.

This process led us to select the following needs themes as the key focus in the upcoming CHIP:

- Mental Health/Children Teens Social Emotional Health
- Chronic Disease Preventive Care/Screenings

Goals include:

- Increasing breast cancer screening rates.
- Increasing early detection and promoting evidence-based care to prevent and manage diabetes and prediabetes.
- Preventing suicides.
- Facilitating supportive environments that promote respect and dignity for people of all ages.
- Supporting and enhancing children and adolescents' social-emotional development and relationships.

The complete CHA/CSP/CHIP is now available and can be found [here](#).

I am also pleased to announce our new Director of Clinical Services, Michael Cox. Mike retired from the US Army on December 1 where he served as a Medical Service Corps Officer for 18 years specializing in Medical Operations, Security, Intelligence, and Training. He served in several operational and leadership assignments throughout the Northeast and the National Capital Region in support of Operation Iraq Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom and broadening assignments as a health care recruiter, joint medical planner, and special assignment to US Army Public Health Command. He holds a B.S. in Chemistry from the University of Utah, MS Administration (Leadership Concentration) from Central Michigan University, and a graduate of the US Army Command and General Staff College.

I wish everyone a happy, healthy, and safe New Year.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel W. Gilmore".

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Director of Public Health

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Lead Testing

If a child has an elevated capillary blood lead level $\geq 5 \mu\text{g/dL}$, confirmation with a venous sample is required. In the case of EBLL $\geq 45 \mu\text{g/dL}$, you must notify OCHD at 315-798-5064 within 24 hours.

To be discharged from the Health Department's care coordination services, two venous tests at least three months apart are required, and both of them must be less than $5 \mu\text{g/dL}$.

[Guidelines for Health Care Providers for the Prevention, Identification, and Management of Lead Exposure in Children \(ny.gov\)](#)

[Quick Reference Guide: Management of Children According to Blood Lead Level \(BLL\)](#)



Follow the 
ABCs
of **Safe Sleep**



- A** **Alone.**
Baby should sleep **Alone**.
- B** **Back.**
Put baby on their **Back**.
- C** **Crib.**
Put baby in a safe **Crib**.

[Order Safe Sleep Educational Materials from NYS here](#)

February is National Children's Dental Health



CNY Diabetes Education Program

CNY Diabetes is formally Recognized by the CDC to conduct this program using certified Lifestyle Coaches.

Registration is ongoing

Contact CNY Diabetes:

(315) 624-5620 or email cjacobus@mvhealthsystem.org

NATIONAL
DIABETES
PREVENTION
PROGRAM



ONEIDA COUNTY OPIOID TASK FORCE

PREVENTION • SURVEILLANCE • RECOVERY • TREATMENT • HARM REDUCTION

Oneida County Health Department, through the Opioid Task Force, offers Medication Disposal Bags

In an effort to reduce the chance of accidental or intentional misuse of medications in the home, the Health Department as an initiative of the Oneida County Opioid Task Force, is offering Detera Drug Deactivation bags to the community. The bags help residents safely and conveniently remove unused or expired medications from their homes.





Oneida County Health Department will mail two free drug disposal bags directly to residents. For more information please visit: <https://www.ocopioidtaskforce.org/medication-disposal/>. If you would like a supply of bags to distribute to your patients, please contact us at publichealth@ocgov.net

**BE PREPARED FOR A
WINTER
STORM**

Emergency Preparedness
Overexertion, Frostbite, and Carbon Monoxide are just a few of the safety concerns people face during a winter storm. Help families be Winter Weather Ready by sharing the following tips.

Rabies Data 2022	
October, November, December	
Exposures (Bites)	117
PEP Patients	14
Animals Tested	18
Animal Rabies Positive	2
Pets Vaccinated	93

[NYSDOH Rabies Post Exposure Prophylaxis \(RPEP\)1 Algorithm](#)

Increase in Pediatric Invasive Group A Streptococcal Infections
December 22, 2022

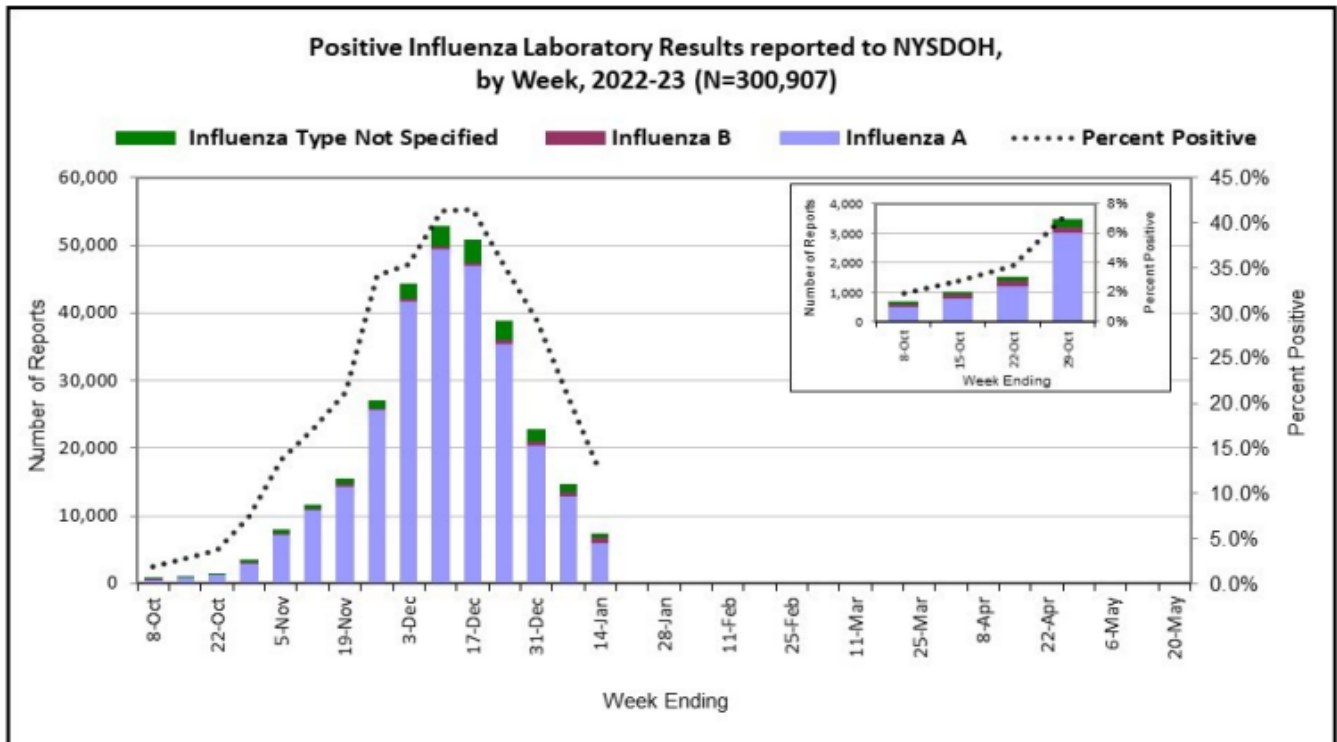
CERVICAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Better informed patients lead to better health outcomes



NYS Influenza Activity

Through January 14, 2023



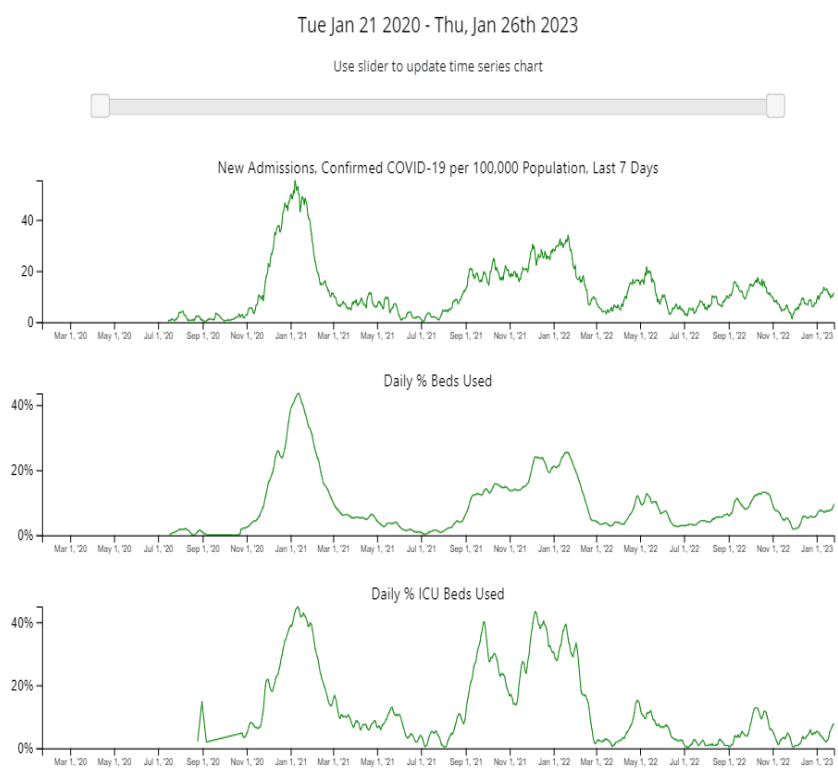
COVID-19 Hospitalizations

Oneida County through January 26, 2023

Hospitalizations in Oneida County, New York

Data through Wed Jan 25 2023

New admissions of confirmed COVID-19 among county residents (estimated)	23
New admissions of confirmed COVID-19 per 100,000 population	10.3
% Change in new admissions of confirmed COVID-19 from previous 7 days	5.70
% Staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19	8.7
Absolute change, % staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 from previous 7 days	2
% Staffed ICU beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19	6.7
Absolute change, % staffed ICU beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 from previous 7 days	3.3





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Mondays Only

315-798-5747

After hours phone: 315-798-5064

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Free car seats available for qualified Oneida County residents

Call: 315-798-5229 or email: carseatsafety@ocgov.net

