



Communicable Disease Report

Summit County

March, 2021



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1. Monthly Highlights/Observations:

Tuberculosis- No new suspected cases of TB were reported in March, and 5 contacts continue to be investigated. SCPH CDU currently provides direct observed therapy (DOT) to 2 cases. No DOT case were opened or closed in March. DOT clients receive daily to monthly visits via FaceTime calls depending on side effects and where client is in treatment. All cases are complex, which requires collaboration and coordination between multiple agencies and external community services.

The CDU also investigated 3 cases of babesiosis, 5 cases of CP-CRE, 21 cases of hepatitis B (chronic), 4 cases of hepatitis C, 1 case of perinatal hepatitis C, 2 cases of legionellosis, 1 case of malaria, 1 case of aseptic/viral meningitis, 2 cases of bacterial meningitis, 3 cases of MIS-C associated with COVID-19, 1 case of pertussis, 1 case of Powassan virus infection, 4 cases streptococcal disease Group A, 2 cases of *Streptococcus pneumoniae* infection, 1 case of typhoid/paratyphoid, 7 cases of varicella infection, and 16 enteric cases (3 campylobacteriosis, 1 cryptosporidiosis, 3 giardiasis, 1 hepatitis A, 1 listeriosis, 3 salmonellosis, 1 shigellosis, and 3 yersiniosis) in March. **Note:** *Since some reported cases end up being classified as "Not A Case" in ODRS, the investigation case totals may exceed the counts in the table.*

2. Outbreaks: 18 COVID-19 outbreaks were reported to the CDU in March, and were associated with behavioral health / rehabilitation facilities, work environments, day cares / preschools, schools, and sports teams. Four outbreaks were reported at long-term care facilities (3 GI / Norovirus and 1 Group A strep) were also reported.

COVID-19: There were 3,212 confirmed or probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Summit County, all were investigated by the CDU staff. Investigation of COVID-19 cases includes (but is not limited to) patient interviews, contact tracing, and follow up with healthcare providers and employers. A preliminary total of 45,733 COVID-19 cases were reported in Ohio in March. COVID-19 information, a weekly COVID-19 report, and a dashboard with data for Summit County can be accessed here: <https://www.scph.org/covid>

3. ESSENCE: Epicenter is an electronic surveillance system which provides instant notification of unusual symptomatic activity at local Emergency Departments. No ESSENCE alerts were issued for Summit County during March. These alerts were investigated and were determined to be either associated with the surge of COVID-19 cases this month or not to be a public health concern. Epicenter was inactivated and replaced by the ESSENCE Surveillance System on January 1, 2021.

4. Influenza Surveillance: Surveillance for the 2020-2021 influenza season began on October 4, and the initial reports were issued on October 30. Influenza activity in March continued to be minimal, with zero positive flu tests and zero hospitalizations at reporting Summit County labs and hospitals. Data from previous influenza seasons are available in an influenza dashboard, which is located on the SCPH website: <https://www.scph.org/dashboards> Weekly influenza reports may be accessed here: <https://www.scph.org/flu-surveillance-reports>

5. Vector-borne Surveillance: Vector borne surveillance ended on October 24, 2020, and the final report was issued on November 5. Copies of the reports for 2020 and previous years may be accessed at: <https://www.scph.org/vector-surveillance-reports>

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Reportable Condition	Mar 2021	Feb 2021	Year-to- Date 2021	Year-to- Date 2020
Amebiasis	0	0	0	0
Babesiosis	0	0	1	1
Botulism - infant	0	0	0	0
Botulism, food borne	0	0	0	0
Brucellosis	0	0	0	0
COVID-19	3,212	3,698	15,274	132
CP-CRE	2	1	5	8
Campylobacteriosis	3	3	8	19
Chlamydia infection	290	253	818	791
Cholera	0	0	0	0
Coccidioidomycosis	0	0	1	0
Creutzfeld-Jakob Disease	0	0	0	0
Cryptosporidiosis	1	1	2	7
Cyclosporiasis	0	0	0	0
Dengue	0	0	0	0
<i>E. coli</i> , Shiga Toxin-Producing (O157:H7, Not O157, Unknown Serotype)	0	0	1	6
Ehrlichiosis/ anaplasmosis	0	0	0	1
Giardiasis	3	3	9	4
Gonococcal infection	161	142	489	360
<i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> infection	0	0	0	5
Hantavirus infection	0	0	0	0
Hemolytic uremic syndrome (HUS)	0	0	0	0
Hepatitis A	0	2	3	13
Hepatitis B - acute	1	4	8	2
Hepatitis B - chronic	7	6	15	39
Hepatitis B - perinatal (see Notes on page 3)	3	3	8	1
Hepatitis C- acute	0	1	1	2
Hepatitis C- chronic	48	39	123	165
Hepatitis C - perinatal infection	1	0	1	0
Hepatitis E	0	0	0	0
HIV/AIDS	6	4	15	19
Influenza - ODH Lab Results	0	0	0	1
Influenza-associated hospitalization	0	0	0	564
Influenza-associated pediatric mortality	0	0	0	1
LaCrosse virus disease	0	0	0	0
Legionellosis	2	1	4	5
Listeriosis	0	1	1	0
Lyme Disease	0	3	7	7
MIS-C associated with COVID-19	3	5	13	NR
Malaria	1	0	1	0
MERS	0	0	0	0
Measles	0	0	0	0
Meningitis - aseptic/viral	2	0	4	4
Meningitis-bacterial (Not <i>N. meningitidis</i>)	1	2	3	0

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Meningococcal disease- <i>Neisseria meningitidis</i>	0	0	0	0
Mumps	0	0	0	0
Pertussis	1	0	3	1
Powassan virus disease	0	0	0	0
Psittacosis	0	0	0	0
Q Fever	0	0	0	0
Rubella	0	0	0	0
<i>Salmonella typhi</i>	0	0	0	1
Salmonellosis	2	4	9	7
Shigellosis	1	0	1	2
Spotted fever rickettsiosis, including RMSF	0	0	0	0
<i>Staphylococcal aureus</i> - intermediate resistance to vancomycin (VISA)	0	0	0	0
Streptococcal - Group A invasive	4	1	7	13
Streptococcal - Group B in newborn	0	0	1	1
Streptococcal toxic shock syndrome (STSS)	1	0	1	0
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> - invasive - unknown resistance	0	0	0	16
<i>Streptococcus pneumoniae</i> - invasive - resistant	0	0	0	5
Syphilis - all stages	26	25	64	24
Toxic Shock Syndrome (TSS)	0	0	0	0
Trichinellosis	0	0	0	0
Tuberculosis	0	0	0	4
Tularemia	0	0	0	0
Typhoid fever	0	0	0	0
Varicella	1	0	2	4
Vibriosis (not cholera)	0	1	1	0
West Nile virus infection	0	0	0	0
Yersiniosis	3	0	4	2
Zika virus infection	0	0	0	0
Total	3,789	4,205	16,908	2,237

Notes:

- 1) This report includes the number of reports of disease received and investigated by Summit County Public Health (SCPH). This includes all reports that were determined to be probable, suspected, or confirmed. Based on case investigation, clinical diagnoses, epidemiological case definitions, and lab results, the case status may change. NR = not reported in previous year.
- 2) The Total Year-to-Date column reflects all cases of disease where SCPH is identified as the local health department in the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) as of the date that data was extracted. This includes the cases of disease entered into ODRS after last month's report was generated which will now be included in the Previous Month Revised column. Data may also vary in response to recent changes in data extraction and analysis. Because case classifications can change over time, monthly figures should not be considered final until the annual report is complete.
- 3) The number of perinatal hepatitis B cases reflect the number of infants born to hepatitis B positive mothers during the time period indicated. These infants will be followed by the Perinatal Hepatitis B Prevention Program (PHBPP) until serology indicates that the child has immunity.

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