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Health Department Creates Communicable Disease Tracking Dashboard

Detailed data available about respiratory viruses, other diseases that impact the community

Eau Claire, April 17, 2025 — The Eau Claire City-County Health Department has developed a public dashboard to make data about reportable communicable diseases more visible and easier for the public to access.

You can view the dashboard <u>by clicking here</u>. The dashboard provides information on many diseases in Eau Claire County, including:

- Respiratory viruses, like COVID-19 and influenza
- Vector-borne diseases, like Lyme disease and West Nile virus
- Sexually transmitted infections
- Vaccine-preventable diseases, like mumps, chickenpox, and whooping cough
- and many other diseases that are reportable to public health.

You can find a list of diseases that are reportable to the Health Department here.

You'll see weekly and yearly case counts for most of the diseases listed. Data on respiratory virus-related hospitalizations is also available.

"We're excited to share more data with the public via this new dashboard," says Rachel Mukai, communicable disease specialist with the Health Department. "We developed the dashboard to make it easier for people to check how and when communicable diseases are spreading in our county. We hope it will help community members and organizations stay informed."

The creation of this dashboard was supported by a CDC Foundation initiative. The dashboard will be updated regularly. The update schedule may depend on disease trends and staffing.

The Health Department tracks and follows up on many communicable diseases in our county. This helps us identify trends and outbreaks before they start to impact large numbers of people, and to help control the spread of infectious diseases.

On the dashboard, you'll also find information about each disease and how to reduce your risk of becoming sick. Staying up to date on your recommended vaccines is one of the best ways to protect yourself from many communicable diseases, like the flu, COVID-19, measles, and many others.