



Building a healthy community together.



UNION COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

March 26, 2026

We can't wait for spring! We've got a lot coming your way, but we're also looking back at 2025.

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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

SAVE THE DATE!



Rabies Vax Clinic: May 17, 1-4pm
 Marysville, Milford Center & Raymond
 \$12 rabies shots for your fur babies. Thanks to the vets at OSU Large Animal Services and Union County Humane Society volunteers for helping us make this happen.
 Learn More: <https://uchd.net/rabies-clinic>



Safety Town: May & June
 A mini-town built just for kindergarteners! It's part of the school day at Fairbanks, North Union and Jonathan Alder this spring. For Marysville schools, Safety Town is June 1-4. Sign-ups start April 1.
 Learn More: <https://uchd.net/safety-town>



Tire Collection: May 2, 9-11am
 Bunsold Middle School
 You asked. We listened. We're rolling out a special spring cleanup edition of our annual tire disposal event.
 Learn More: <https://uchd.net/tire-collection>



ACCEPTING NEW PATIENTS

Primary Care & Sick Bay

940 London Ave, Suite 1100 • Marysville, OH
937-645-2058



Check-Ups - Sick Visits
 Weight Management - Birth Control
 STD Testing & Treatment - TB Testing - Vaccinations and more

"Nurses were extremely friendly, you can tell they are passionate about their jobs, have fun and work well together. Provider was incredibly professional and supportive during the whole visit. Front desk was very attentive and diligent! Overall great experience!" ~ Health Center Patient

Union County Health Center: Let Us Care for You

Our Board of Health and caring team want more people to get the routine healthcare they need. So, we've invested in expanding our clinical services and are in the process of applying for a federal Community Health Center Look-Alike designation. And now we're spreading the word. From annual check-ups and sick visits to weight management and STD testing and treatment, we've got something for people of all ages and life situations. We accept Medicaid/Medicare, most insurances and people without insurance. Discounted rates and payment plans available. Give us a call and let us help you live your healthiest life.

Annual Report: Looking Back at 2025

Get a sneak peek at our annual report before the condensed postcard version hits your mailbox at the end of next week. The quick read gives a high-level overview of some of the priority areas we worked on in 2025. [Check out the 2025 Annual Report](#). Cliff notes version:

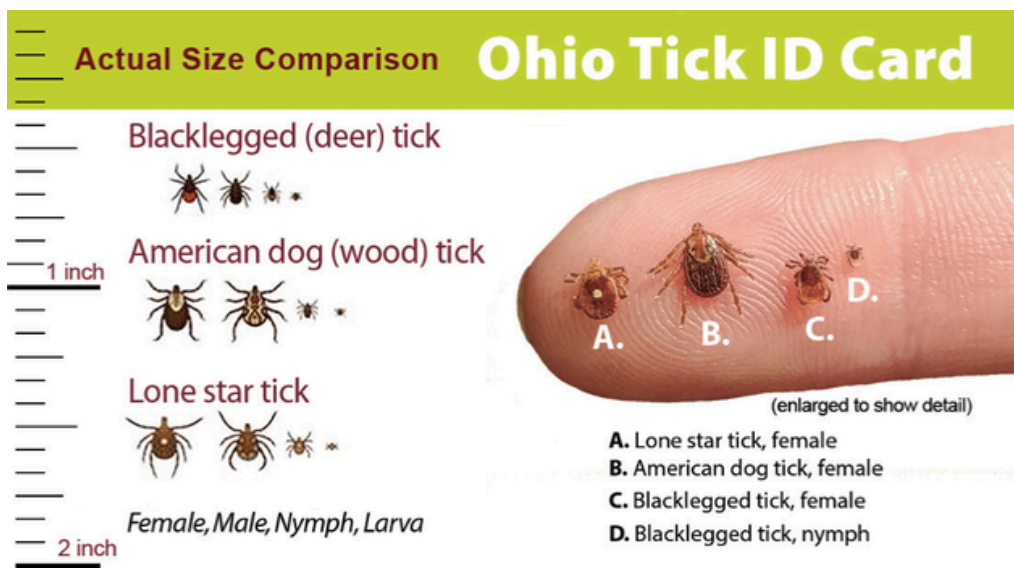
- UCHD continues to seek federal designation as a Health Center. The designation provides access to primary care services to more people – with discount programs, payment plans, and more options to help people who are underinsured or uninsured – while also supporting long-term stability of our public health nursing services. In the first full year of expanded Health Center services, we exceeded our goals: seeing 700 unduplicated patients (goal of 500) for just over 1,600 visits (goal of 1,500). We believe that is proof of concept!
- 2025 saw a record number of flu hospitalizations – 87 reported hospitalizations of Union County residents. Changes were also made to reporting requirements for communicable diseases in Ohio. As of Oct. 1, 2025, RSV hospitalizations are now a reportable condition, and only COVID hospitalizations (not all cases) are reportable.
- The Union County Community Health Assessment was completed in 2025. The assessment compiles data from many sources and combines it with more than 500 survey responses to identify what health outcomes and health factors are being experienced in Union County. [View the full assessment](#) and let us know what you make of the story it tells. Email comments to contact@uchd.net.

Respiratory Viruses Finally Slowing Down

Influenza and COVID activity have finally settled down, with decreasing hospitalizations and declining trends for the past four weeks in Ohio and Union County. RSV seems to be lingering at a low but stable level.



Tick Talk: Lyme Disease Continues to be on the Rise



As the warmer weather hopefully starts to be a frequent visitor to Ohio, more of us will head outside, but we won't be alone. Tick season in Ohio typically begins in April and continues through September. And, when the calendar flips to spring and summer, we start thinking about diseases transmitted by arthropods (insects like ticks and mosquitoes). By far, the most common arthropod-transmitted disease in Ohio is Lyme Disease. Lyme Disease is caused by a bacterial infection transmitted to humans through the bite of an infected blacklegged tick (also known as a deer tick). This species of tick was once rare in Ohio, but has been expanding its territory from the woods of Pennsylvania into Ohio for more than a decade.

The blacklegged tick was first determined to be established in Ohio in 2010. While the relative number of Lyme Disease cases in Union County is low compared to other reportable diseases, it is certainly establishing itself as a predictable line listing in Union County's reportable conditions (average of 6 cases reported each year for the past 5 years). However, Ohio as a whole is seeing a dramatic rise in Lyme Disease. In fact, Ohio has seen a 48-fold increase in human Lyme Disease cases since 2010.

Ticks in Ohio thrive in shaded, humid, and brushy areas. Common hotspots include along the edges of trails lined by brush or tall grass, woodland perimeters, areas with lots of leaf litter, and tall grass areas. So, what can you do? Preventing tick bites is the best defense when you head outdoors.

- Wear light-colored long-sleeved shirts and pants so you can see ticks crawling on you
- Cover your head with a hat
- Tuck pant legs into socks so ticks can't crawl up inside pant legs
- Wear insect repellent that says it repels ticks on your clothing
- Do a head-to-toe tick check before you head inside. Make sure to check behind the ears and all areas of the head.
- Take a shower as soon as possible when you return indoors to help wash away any ticks
- If you find a tick attached to your skin, remove it immediately with tweezers, using steady, gentle pressure. Do not crush ticks, as you can force materials from inside the tick into the bite wound. Clean the bite with soap and water. Watch for any signs of a skin rash or flu-like illness. Tell your doctor you've been bit by a tick if you develop these symptoms.

So Much Happening; Mark Your Calendars

Safety Town – Registration Opens April 1 for Marysville School District

With small group lessons and a mini town full of bikes and trikes, Safety Town helps bring safety education to life for local kindergartners. Safety Town is built into the school day for all current kindergartners in Fairbanks, Jonathan Alder & North Union schools, but incoming kindergartners living within the Marysville School area can register starting April 1 for a June 1-4 Safety Town.



Tire Collection – May 2, 9am, Bunsold Middle School

We're rolling out a spring clean-up edition of the popular community tire disposal event. 10 tire limit per load, strictly enforced. Bring old or unwanted tires that are lying around outside before they fill with spring rains and become perfect homes for mosquitoes.



FREE
Tire Collection

May 2
9am - 11am*

Bunsold Middle School
14198 OH-4, Marysville, OH 43040
10 tire limit per load

www.uchd.net
* ends earlier if truck is full



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Rabies Clinic – May 17, 1-4pm, Marysville –
Milford Center – Raymond Locations

For more than 35 years, we've been partnering with local vets to offer low-cost rabies vaccination for cats and dogs. Vaccinations are \$12 per pet and are good for one year.



\$12 RABIES SHOTS | cats dogs

MAY 17
1-4 PM

Marysville
Milford Center
Raymond



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