



Kent City Health Department
201 E Erie St. 2nd Floor
Kent, Ohio 44240
BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2025



Board Members Present

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Melissa Zullo, Vice-President
Michelle Frederick
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Absent

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a. Linda assisted PARTA with a person who defaced the elevator. PARTA cameras were able to capture the individuals coming into the KCHD as well as the defacement. Linda was able to identify the individual based on their images and remembering what records they came to pick up. Cameras and surveillance can be controversial, however sometimes they are very helpful.

b. IT department installed a new electronic time and attendance program that not only records time but also manages time benefit requests. It will provide efficiencies in many departments with the payroll process and time management.

Discussion Items:

A. Housing Needs- Joan Seidel presented the United Way 211 Flyer for 2024 with housing data being a concern. Strategies were discussed regarding the decrease in rent assistance.

B. Ideas from the Board- Michelle Frederick mentioned Taproot Catering’s lunch school fund donation program as an example for more food service facilities to follow. Joan Seidel reported that she will check fund distributions with Kent City Schools

Action Items:

A.

Expenditures - July 2025

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
7/1/2025	Ohio Division of Real Estate	Burial Permit Fees June 2025	\$107.50
7/1/2025	Treasurer, State of Ohio	Vital Statistics Fees April-June 2025	\$56,846.80
7/1/2025	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal Fees June 2025	\$28.00
7/1/2025	4Imprint	Logoed Insulated Grocery Totes (HEAL Grant)	\$440.30
7/15/2025	Billow Company	Indigent Cremation 2025-6	\$1,000.00
7/16/2025	Ace of Kent	Insect Repellant, Trufuel	\$53.76
7/17/2025	Taylor Water Technologies	Pool Water Testing Chemicals	\$62.95
7/17/2025	Amazon	Stop Smoking Aids for Quit Kit Handouts	\$3,559.68
7/18/2025	Amazon	Avery Matte White Square Labels	\$239.98
7/24/2025	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	Quit Now Digital Ads (Tobacco TU25 Grant)	\$512.00
7/28/2025	Amazon	Wi-Fi Thermometer Hygrometer	\$30.39



Vision: Empowered people, safer environments, and healthier communities.

August Health Department Report
September 9, 2025

1. Nursing Report

a. Communicable Disease –

- i. Slight uptick in COVID-19 cases as expected. More cases testing positive on campus than in city. Last case of state provided test kits opened.
- ii. One Legionella case still in healthcare system unable to contact. One suspect Hep A, but was a remote, not a current infection. Please see CD report attached.
- iii. No decision on COVID vaccines, with limiting restrictions on eligibility uncertain if cost of vaccine can be justified. Sara attempting to arrange clinics and ascertain if individual would take a COVID with their Flu vaccine this year.

2. Community Outreach –

- a. Art in the Park 9/6 & 7/2025
- b. PARTA Health Fair 9/18/2025
- c. Drug Overdose Awareness Day events
 - i. Panhellenic Council 9/30/25
 - ii. So far over 400 Narcan boxes have been distributed, 110 Fentanyl test strips, also condoms, dental dams, & hygiene kits
- d. Pop-up Pantry 9/24/25 from 1230-1430
 - i. First cart was given away to a participant who was very pleased to receive it.

3. Environmental

a. Food Service Organizations –

- i. Bibibop still under review, issue is not having an available building inspector.
- ii. Lee Angelo's held up on hood issue, no contractor available to install
- iii. Gigi's Italian market has work ongoing.
- iv. Flashes crepe- no plan review submitted
- v. Gas USA wants to start serving food from their kitchen after they gave up their class III license several years ago. Concerning that they do not have knowledgeable staff to serve food.
- vi. KSU hotel will be renovating their kitchen in the Spring of 2025

b. Housing –

- i. 1605 South Water Street apartments with 3 floods so far this year. Disabled resident still residing there. Mold and fungus was remediated. Sand bags placed for future flooding, not convinced this will supply the fix that is needed for this property. Property owner is attempting to safeguard complex.

- c. Recreational Water and Campgrounds –
 - i. River Clean-up, 8.30.2025 went very well even with cooler weather. 23 volunteers showed up.
 - ii. Complaints received on two abandoned pools that were never properly filled in, both pools were treated with larvicide. One is very broken up and not holding much water, the other has a fair amount of water collecting in the deep end. Code enforcement gave them 90 days to comply. This will likely linger until Spring 2026.
 - iii. Jordan Court will not be renewing their license and will need to follow building code to demo. Completed demo will need to be inspected by KCHD once finished, most likely Spring of 2026
 - d. Body Art – No updates
 - e. Smoke Free Workplace – No updates
4. Solid Waste and Water Quality –
- i. 908 South Water had another complaint for trash. Evidently employee did not have key to trash bins so left trash bag outside and animals got into it. Most of the trash had been picked up when Eric arrived. Resident feels nothing is being done, but Eric did a lot of investigation and worked with occupants of the 3 businesses.
 - ii. Out flows into Cuyahoga River
 - 1. The northern outflow - City looking into a temporary pump system for the sanitary sewer while a large long-term downtown project which would reroute the sanitary sewer main away from in between the railroad and the river where we have a very difficult time accessing.
 - 2. The building where the fire occurred is still able to be accessed and poses an injury potential. Eric looking into who is allowed to do work on this property.
 - 3. The oil contamination issue is in the North Ditch which is City of Kent property west of 800 Mogadore Rd (The former RB&W site). In about 2013/14 we learned that the property had contamination that migrated from 800 Mogadore Rd. The ditch/wetland was remediated roughly 2015/16. OEPA requested that Environmental Tech assist them with investigating the ditch because EPA documented that Eric observed a petroleum odor coming from an outfall into the N. Ditch last summer. During the investigation about 2 weeks ago we observed contamination in areas that were remediated. The OEPA staff were going to report their findings and wait for instructions on how to proceed.
 - 4. Eric has not yet contacted the proposed Probiotic/Health product operation. He has spoken with OEPA and it does not look like the operation falls under Categorical/Federal Standards requirements. He left a voicemail with a company that sells pretreatment supplies to try and get an idea of the expense for something on that small of a scale; not heard back. We would be doing the sampling, He expects the concentration to be high but likely well under what would be require a permit. Main area of concern was pH because there's potential for the operation to gradually damage it's sewer lateral. One the effluent reached or sewer the pH would no longer be an issue because of dilution.
5. Vector Control –
- a. Multiple WNV pools continued through August as expected. To keep program viable EH will need to apply and receive EPA grant next cycle unless city willing to increase budget for this program. Cooler temps at night are not conducive to spraying.
 - b. Portage County had one positive human West Nile case; we have not experienced our first yet.
6. Nuisance complaints-
- a. 203 Highland residents surrounding the home complaining about a foul odor. Uncertain residency, possible unmaintained pets. Code enforcement, Animal Control and KCHD all

involved with no clear enforcement piece. HC confirmed foul odor, empty pet food tins and water dishes on porch. Dog came to the door, but no people answered. Difficulty finding owner, neighbors share a caretaker comes in daily. Evidently owner has died, sister is the caretaker but going through cancer treatment, she lives in Stark Co and comes up when visiting nurse arrives to take care of her father. There are two dogs which are licensed, two cats which are mostly kept outside in a large cage but evidently do have some access to come inside, a tarp was placed over the cage to provide additional shelter. Caretaker agreed to clean up and stop laying straw for the cats. A long term solution needs to be arranged.

7. Vital Statistics –

- a. Interviews scheduled for Administrative Assistant position.

5. Grants –

- b. HEAL – working with clients at KSS, will re-survey participants.
- c. FDA – Justin working with interns to meet deliverables on Standard 2.
- d. AmeriCorps VISTAs – One VISTA resigned due to health concerns and not being able to meet work commitments. Others doing well

6. Accreditation –

- a. Jalessa and other staff making headway with required documents.

7. Other – None

The City of Kent Health Department

Communicable Disease Surveillance Report

August 2024 vs August 2025

Created by: Katelyn Glover

Date: 9/3/2025

Summary

The following report presents an overview of communicable diseases reported within the City of Kent, OH. This report uses public health data from both August 2024 and August 2025. Month over month comparison derived from these data pools reveal a significant reduction in COVID-19 infections within Kent jurisdiction. However, Chlamydia and Gonococcal infections have remained relatively stagnant. One suspected case of Hepatitis A arose during August, as well as one suspected case of Legionella. There were no infections due to Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) reported nor any new Lymes disease infections within August 2025.

Data Overview

Table 1: *Confirmed communicable disease infections in August 2024 and August 2025 within City of Kent jurisdiction*

Infection	August 2024	August 2025
COVID-19	59	31
CPO	1	0
Chlamydia	11	12
Gonococcal	2	1
Total	73	44

Table 2: Combined Data of suspected and confirmed communicable disease infections in August 2024 and August 2025 within City of Kent jurisdiction

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COVID-19	60	31
CPO	1	0
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Gonococcal	2	1
Hepatitis A	0	1
Legionella	0	1
Lyme	1	0
Total	75	46

Communicable Disease Charts

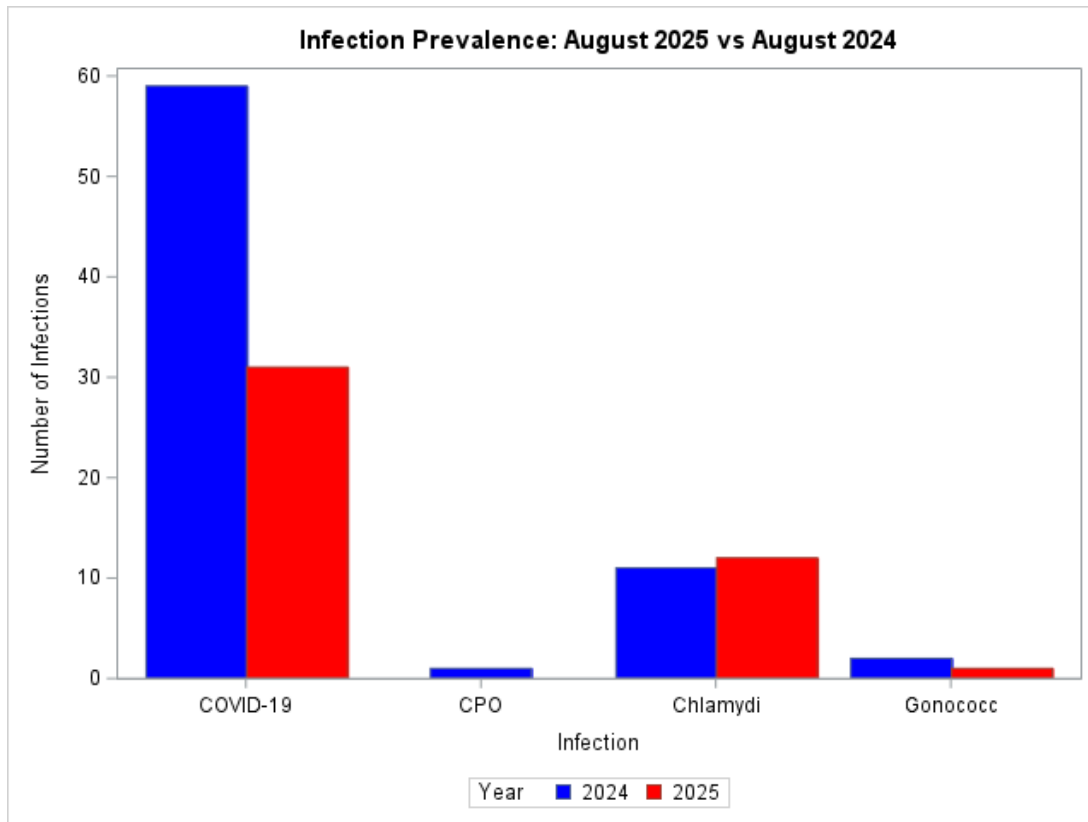


Figure 1: Frequency of confirmed cases by disease classification for August 2024 and August 2025.

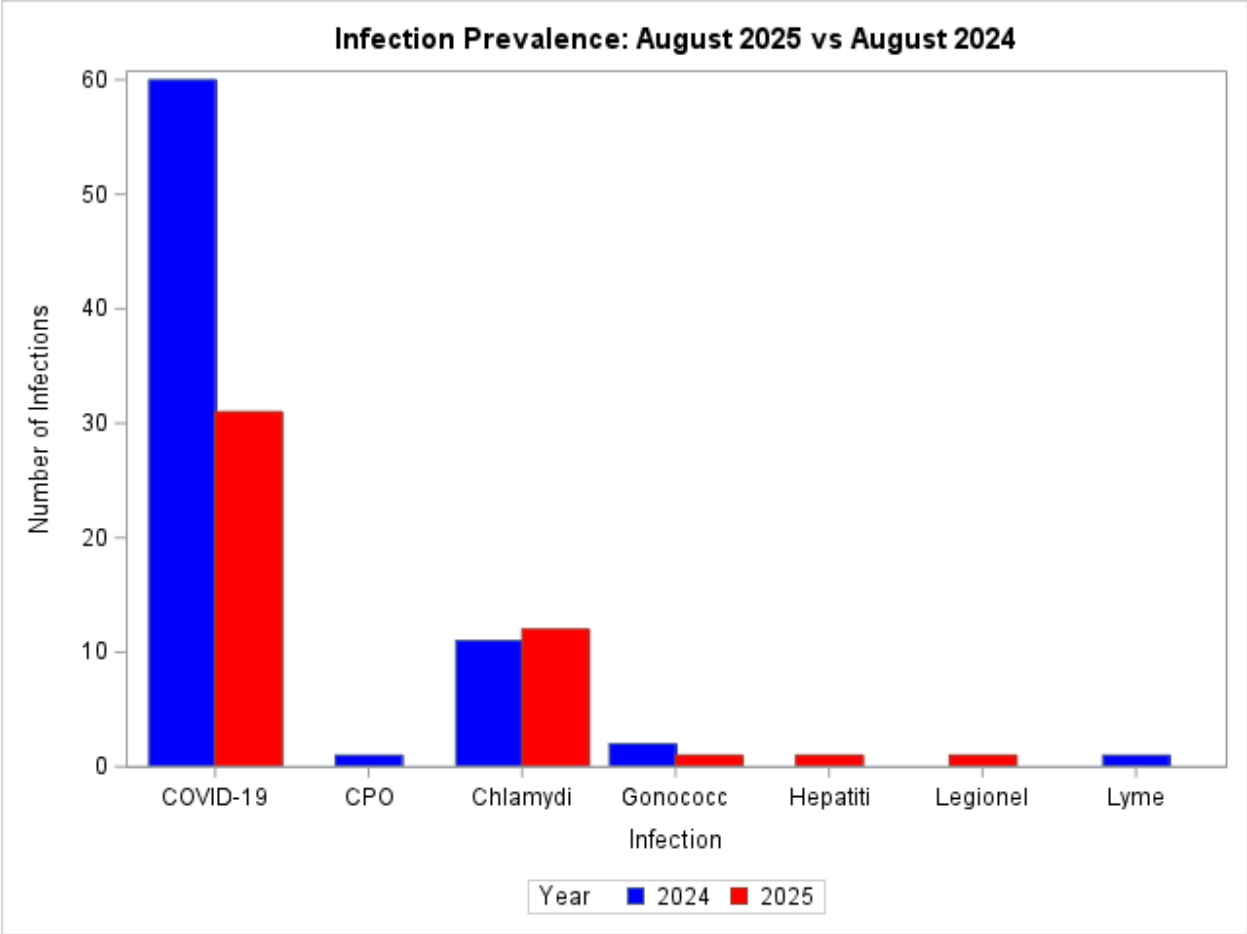


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Interpretation

In comparison to August 2024, there has been a decline in reported COVID-19 cases. Decreased transmission across the City of Kent’s jurisdiction could be a cause of this trend, however, other factors could interfere with this conclusion. As more time has passed since the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, less residents may opt to test for COVID-19 when symptoms present themselves. Additionally, at home test kits are readily available to the public and positive test results may not be reported within the ODRS database.

Month over month analysis among August 2024 and August 2025 data indicates that disease transmissions for CPO, Chlamydia, and Gonococcal infections are

relatively stagnant. Previously, a single case of CPO was observed in August 2024, however, no new infections have been confirmed in August of 2025.

The prevalence of Hepatitis A increased slightly with no cases reported in August 2024, but one suspected case reported in August 2025. Additionally, a suspected legionella case presented within this recent month and there were no newly reported Lyme disease infections.

Key Take-Aways

- COVID-19 infections declined (59 → 31)
- CPO infections increased (1 → 0)
- Chlamydia infections increased (11 → 12)
- Gonorrhea infections decreased slightly (2 → 1)
- Hepatitis A infections increased slightly (0 → 1)
- Legionella infections increased slightly (0 → 1)
- Lyme Disease infections declined (1 → 0)

Recommendations

1. Prioritize community vaccination efforts to continuously limit COVID-19 infections.
2. Create a survey to investigate current and past COVID-19 testing trends across the community.
3. Maintain all STI/STD prevention programs and encourage regular screening.
4. Continue communicable disease surveillance efforts across the community.

Conclusion

The city of Kent did not experience any alarming communicable disease trends during the month of August 2025. Further insight is needed to understand if the decline in reported COVID-19 infections is due to a decrease in disease transmission or if it is due to a decrease in COVID-19 testing within the population. All efforts pertaining to disease prevention must continue in order to keep transmission rates low among community members.

Resolution #2025-001

September 9, 2025

The Kent City Health Department

Acceptance of a resolution to increase local licensing fees

For Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments in the Kent City Health District

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-001

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE LOCAL LICENSE FEES FOR FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS AND RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE KENT CITY HEALTH DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, annual cost analysis and potential increases in food service license fees are necessary to cover the costs of the Food Safety Program.

WHEREAS, if any section, sentence, or provision of this resolution shall be held or deemed to be invalid for any reason, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part of this resolution which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including, Section 121.22 of the Revised code;

WHEREAS, this resolution is hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Board this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Adopted Date Below, By the City of Kent Board of Health, that the following license fees be adopted for the 2026 food service license year:

Risk Level Classification	Local Fee	State Fee	Total License Fee	Change
Risk Class 1 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$272.00	\$28.00	\$300.00	+\$20
Risk Class 2 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$302.00	\$28.00	\$330.00	+\$20
Risk Class 3 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$562.00	\$28.00	\$590.00	+\$30
Risk Class 4 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$702.00	\$28.00	\$730.00	+\$40
Risk Class 1 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$382.00	\$28.00	\$410.00	+\$20
Risk Class 2 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$402.00	\$28.00	\$430.00	+\$20
Risk Class 3 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1402.00	\$28.00	\$1430.00	+\$100
Risk Class 4 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1492.00	\$28.00	\$1520.00	+\$100
Mobile FSO/RFE - High Risk	\$342.00	\$28.00	\$370.00	+\$20
Mobile FSO/RFE - Low Risk	\$171.00	\$28.00	\$199.00	+\$10
Vending	\$29.05	\$6.00	\$35.05	+\$0.79
Commercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$200.00	\$0	\$200.00	+20
Noncommercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$100.00	\$0	\$100.00	+10

Late Fee: 25% of the Local Health Fee.

This RESOLUTION, after being duly read for the third and final time, _____ moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-001 which motion by _____ was seconded by _____.

DATE PASSED: _____
Louise Fredrick, President, Board of Health

I, Joan C. Seidel, Secretary to the Board of Health of the Kent City Health Department do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Health of the City of Kent duly adopted on November 11, 2025, and appearing in the Board minutes of November 11, 2025.

DATE: _____
Joan C. Seidel, Secretary to Board of Health



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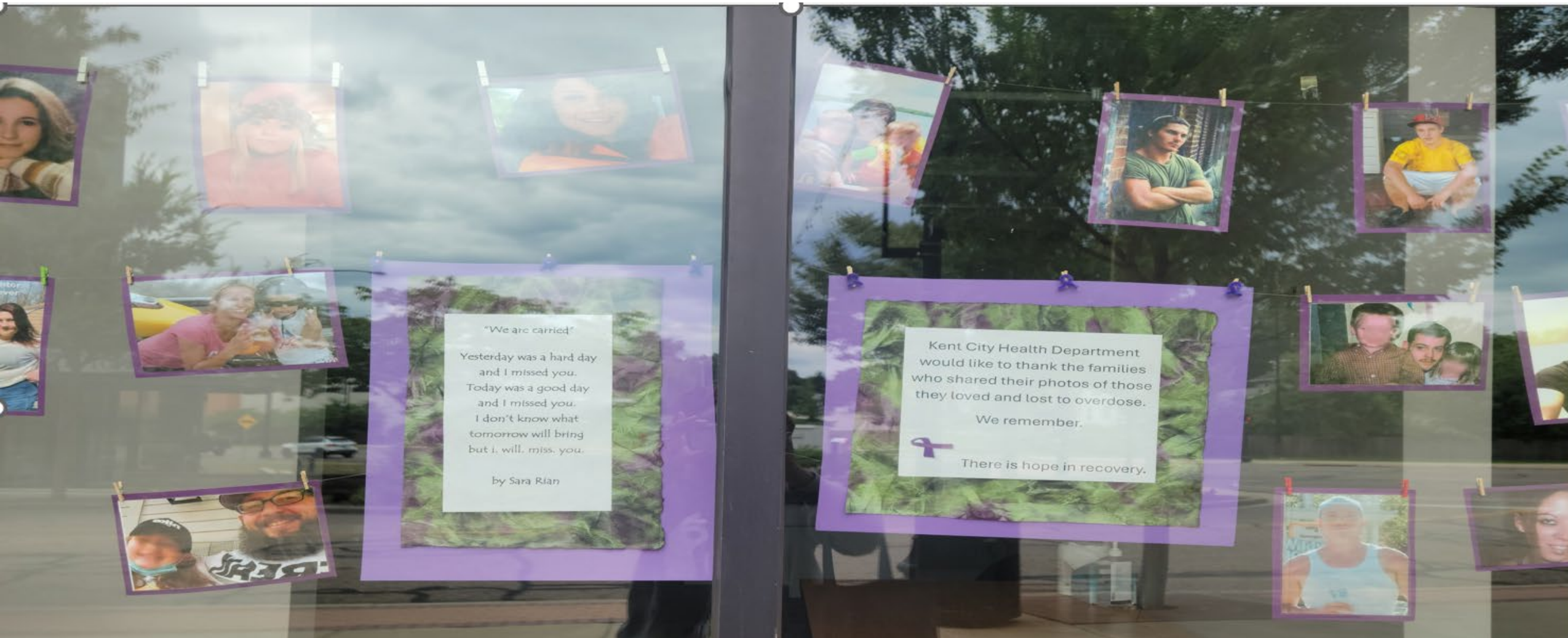
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Drug Overdose Awareness Day KSU 8.29.25



Photo Tribute from Our Place Families



"We are carried"

Yesterday was a hard day
and I missed you.
Today was a good day
and I missed you.
I don't know what
tomorrow will bring
but i. will. miss. you.

by Sara Ríán

Kent City Health Department
would like to thank the families
who shared their photos of those
they loved and lost to overdose.

We remember.



There is hope in recovery.

River Clean up Day 8.30.25





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MISSION: Improving Kent City communities by promoting health, preventing disease, and connecting people to public health services.

AGENDA

1. ROLL CALL (1 minute)
2. MINUTES APPROVAL (5 minutes)
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3. OPEN COMMENTS/GUEST COMMENTS (3 minutes per guest)
 - A. Jalessa Caples, Accreditation Coordinator
4. REPORTS (20 minutes)
 - A. Statistical Report for August 2025- deferred
 - B. Health Department Report for August 2025- Joan Seidel
5. DISCUSSION ITEMS (15 minutes)
 - A. CDC changes to food borne illness reporting
6. ACTION ITEMS (10 minutes)
 - A. Expenditures for August 2025 - deferred
 - B. Resolution 2025-000 Food Service Organizations Fees – First reading
7. EXECUTIVE SESSION Items pertaining to Personnel, disciplinary action
8. ADJOURN MEETING

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6. Accreditation –

- a. Jalessa and other staff making headway with required documents. 8/12/25 meeting went well.

7. Other –

a. Linda assisted PARTA with a person who defaced the elevator. PARTA cameras were able to capture the individuals coming into the KCHD as well as the defacement. Linda was able to identify the individual based on their images and remembering what records they came to pick up. Cameras and surveillance can be controversial, however sometimes they are very helpful.

b. IT department installed a new electronic time and attendance program that not only records time but also manages time benefit requests. It will provide efficiencies in many departments with the payroll process and time management.

Discussion Items:

A. Housing Needs- Joan Seidel presented the United Way 211 Flyer for 2024 with housing data being a concern. Strategies were discussed regarding the decrease in rent assistance.

B. Ideas from the Board- Michelle Frederick mentioned Taproot Catering’s lunch school fund donation program as an example for more food service facilities to follow. Joan Seidel reported that she will check fund distributions with Kent City Schools

Action Items:

A.

Expenditures - July 2025

Date	Vendor	Description	Amount
7/1/2025	Ohio Division of Real Estate	Burial Permit Fees June 2025	\$107.50
7/1/2025	Treasurer, State of Ohio	Vital Statistics Fees April-June 2025	\$56,846.80
7/1/2025	Treasurer, State of Ohio	FSO Transmittal Fees June 2025	\$28.00
7/1/2025	4Imprint	Logoed Insulated Grocery Totes (HEAL Grant)	\$440.30
7/15/2025	Billow Company	Indigent Cremation 2025-6	\$1,000.00
7/16/2025	Ace of Kent	Insect Repellant, Trufuel	\$53.76
7/17/2025	Taylor Water Technologies	Pool Water Testing Chemicals	\$62.95
7/17/2025	Amazon	Stop Smoking Aids for Quit Kit Handouts	\$3,559.68
7/18/2025	Amazon	Avery Matte White Square Labels	\$239.98
7/24/2025	Gannett Ohio LocalIQ	Quit Now Digital Ads (Tobacco TU25 Grant)	\$512.00
7/28/2025	Amazon	Wi-Fi Thermometer Hygrometer	\$30.39



Vision: Empowered people, safer environments, and healthier communities.

August Health Department Report
September 9, 2025

1. Nursing Report

a. Communicable Disease –

- i. Slight uptick in COVID-19 cases as expected. More cases testing positive on campus than in city. Last case of state provided test kits opened.
- ii. One Legionella case still in healthcare system unable to contact. One suspect Hep A, but was a remote, not a current infection. Please see CD report attached.
- iii. No decision on COVID vaccines, with limiting restrictions on eligibility uncertain if cost of vaccine can be justified. Sara attempting to arrange clinics and ascertain if individual would take a COVID with their Flu vaccine this year.

2. Community Outreach –

- a. Art in the Park 9/6 & 7/2025
- b. PARTA Health Fair 9/18/2025
- c. Drug Overdose Awareness Day events
 - i. Panhellenic Council 9/30/25
 - ii. So far over 400 Narcan boxes have been distributed, 110 Fentanyl test strips, also condoms, dental dams, & hygiene kits
- d. Pop-up Pantry 9/24/25 from 1230-1430
 - i. First cart was given away to a participant who was very pleased to receive it.

3. Environmental

a. Food Service Organizations –

- i. Bibibop still under review, issue is not having an available building inspector.
- ii. Lee Angelo's held up on hood issue, no contractor available to install
- iii. Gigi's Italian market has work ongoing.
- iv. Flashes crepe- no plan review submitted
- v. Gas USA wants to start serving food from their kitchen after they gave up their class III license several years ago. Concerning that they do not have knowledgeable staff to serve food.
- vi. KSU hotel will be renovating their kitchen in the Spring of 2025

b. Housing –

- i. 1605 South Water Street apartments with 3 floods so far this year. Disabled resident still residing there. Mold and fungus was remediated. Sand bags placed for future flooding, not convinced this will supply the fix that is needed for this property. Property owner is attempting to safeguard complex.

- c. Recreational Water and Campgrounds –
 - i. River Clean-up, 8.30.2025 went very well even with cooler weather. 23 volunteers showed up.
 - ii. Complaints received on two abandoned pools that were never properly filled in, both pools were treated with larvicide. One is very broken up and not holding much water, the other has a fair amount of water collecting in the deep end. Code enforcement gave them 90 days to comply. This will likely linger until Spring 2026.
 - iii. Jordan Court will not be renewing their license and will need to follow building code to demo. Completed demo will need to be inspected by KCHD once finished, most likely Spring of 2026
 - d. Body Art – No updates
 - e. Smoke Free Workplace – No updates
4. Solid Waste and Water Quality –
- i. 908 South Water had another complaint for trash. Evidently employee did not have key to trash bins so left trash bag outside and animals got into it. Most of the trash had been picked up when Eric arrived. Resident feels nothing is being done, but Eric did a lot of investigation and worked with occupants of the 3 businesses.
 - ii. Out flows into Cuyahoga River
 - 1. The northern outflow - City looking into a temporary pump system for the sanitary sewer while a large long-term downtown project which would reroute the sanitary sewer main away from in between the railroad and the river where we have a very difficult time accessing.
 - 2. The building where the fire occurred is still able to be accessed and poses an injury potential. Eric looking into who is allowed to do work on this property.
 - 3. The oil contamination issue is in the North Ditch which is City of Kent property west of 800 Mogadore Rd (The former RB&W site). In about 2013/14 we learned that the property had contamination that migrated from 800 Mogadore Rd. The ditch/wetland was remediated roughly 2015/16. OEPA requested that Environmental Tech assist them with investigating the ditch because EPA documented that Eric observed a petroleum odor coming from an outfall into the N. Ditch last summer. During the investigation about 2 weeks ago we observed contamination in areas that were remediated. The OEPA staff were going to report their findings and wait for instructions on how to proceed.
 - 4. Eric has not yet contacted the proposed Probiotic/Health product operation. He has spoken with OEPA and it does not look like the operation falls under Categorical/Federal Standards requirements. He left a voicemail with a company that sells pretreatment supplies to try and get an idea of the expense for something on that small of a scale; not heard back. We would be doing the sampling, He expects the concentration to be high but likely well under what would be require a permit. Main area of concern was pH because there's potential for the operation to gradually damage it's sewer lateral. One the effluent reached or sewer the pH would no longer be an issue because of dilution.
5. Vector Control –
- a. Multiple WNV pools continued through August as expected. To keep program viable EH will need to apply and receive EPA grant next cycle unless city willing to increase budget for this program. Cooler temps at night are not conducive to spraying.
 - b. Portage County had one positive human West Nile case; we have not experienced our first yet.
6. Nuisance complaints-
- a. 203 Highland residents surrounding the home complaining about a foul odor. Uncertain residency, possible unmaintained pets. Code enforcement, Animal Control and KCHD all

involved with no clear enforcement piece. HC confirmed foul odor, empty pet food tins and water dishes on porch. Dog came to the door, but no people answered. Difficulty finding owner, neighbors share a caretaker comes in daily. Evidently owner has died, sister is the caretaker but going through cancer treatment, she lives in Stark Co and comes up when visiting nurse arrives to take care of her father. There are two dogs which are licensed, two cats which are mostly kept outside in a large cage but evidently do have some access to come inside, a tarp was placed over the cage to provide additional shelter. Caretaker agreed to clean up and stop laying straw for the cats. A long term solution needs to be arranged.

7. Vital Statistics –

- a. Interviews scheduled for Administrative Assistant position.

5. Grants –

- b. HEAL – working with clients at KSS, will re-survey participants.
- c. FDA – Justin working with interns to meet deliverables on Standard 2.
- d. AmeriCorps VISTAs – One VISTA resigned due to health concerns and not being able to meet work commitments. Others doing well

6. Accreditation –

- a. Jalessa and other staff making headway with required documents.

7. Other – None

The City of Kent Health Department

Communicable Disease Surveillance Report

August 2024 vs August 2025

Created by: Katelyn Glover

Date: 9/3/2025

Summary

The following report presents an overview of communicable diseases reported within the City of Kent, OH. This report uses public health data from both August 2024 and August 2025. Month over month comparison derived from these data pools reveal a significant reduction in COVID-19 infections within Kent jurisdiction. However, Chlamydia and Gonococcal infections have remained relatively stagnant. One suspected case of Hepatitis A arose during August, as well as one suspected case of Legionella. There were no infections due to Carbapenemase-Producing Organisms (CPO) reported nor any new Lymes disease infections within August 2025.

Data Overview

Table 1: *Confirmed communicable disease infections in August 2024 and August 2025 within City of Kent jurisdiction*

Infection	August 2024	August 2025
COVID-19	59	31
CPO	1	0
Chlamydia	11	12
Gonococcal	2	1
Total	73	44

Table 2: Combined Data of suspected and confirmed communicable disease infections in August 2024 and August 2025 within City of Kent jurisdiction

Infection	August 2024	August 2025
COVID-19	60	31
CPO	1	0
Chlamydia	11	12
Gonococcal	2	1
Hepatitis A	0	1
Legionella	0	1
Lyme	1	0
Total	75	46

Communicable Disease Charts

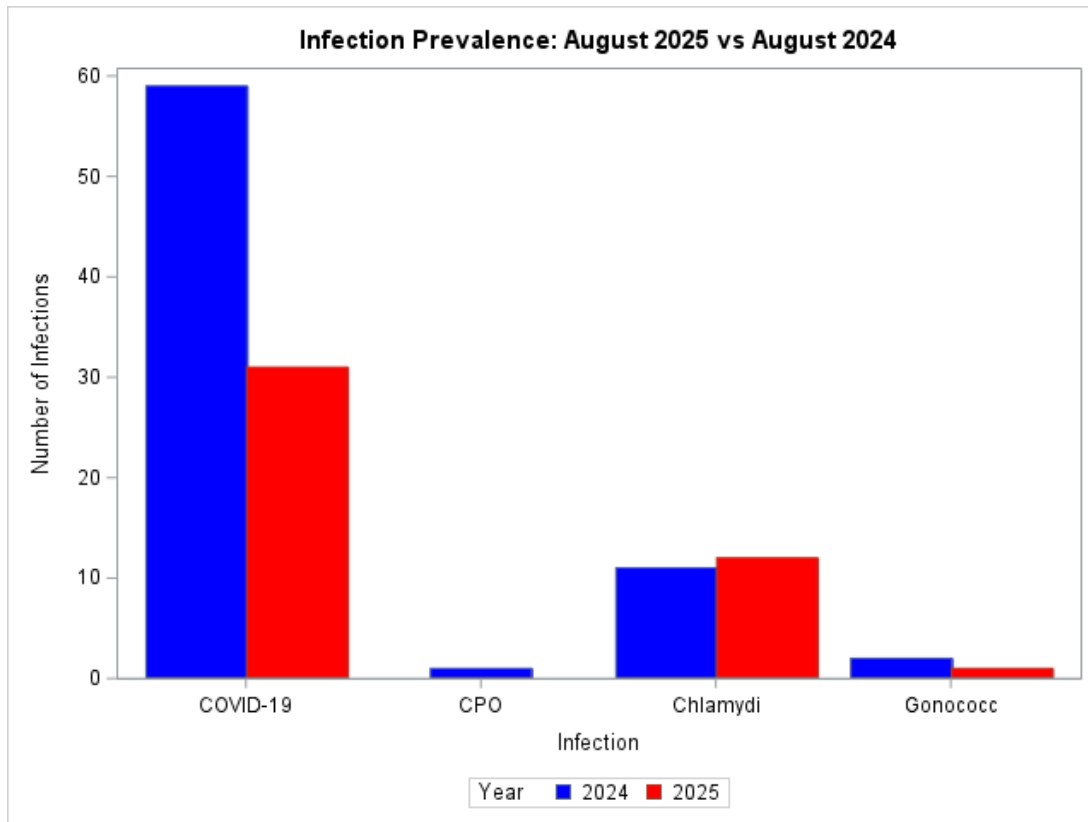


Figure 1: Frequency of confirmed cases by disease classification for August 2024 and August 2025.

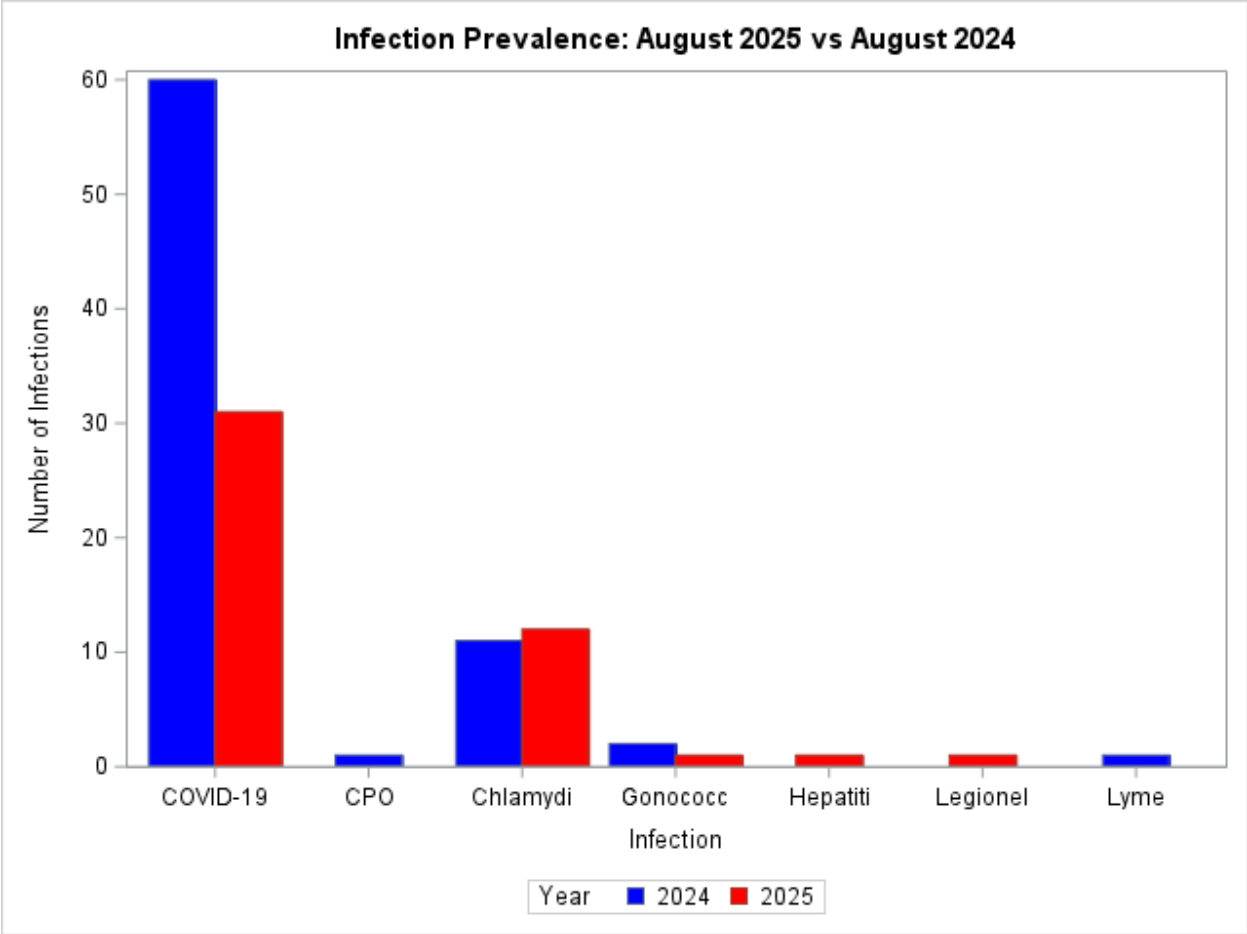


Figure 2: Frequency of confirmed and suspected cases by disease classification for August 2024 and August 2025.

Interpretation

In comparison to August 2024, there has been a decline in reported COVID-19 cases. Decreased transmission across the City of Kent’s jurisdiction could be a cause of this trend, however, other factors could interfere with this conclusion. As more time has passed since the 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, less residents may opt to test for COVID-19 when symptoms present themselves. Additionally, at home test kits are readily available to the public and positive test results may not be reported within the ODRS database.

Month over month analysis among August 2024 and August 2025 data indicates that disease transmissions for CPO, Chlamydia, and Gonococcal infections are

relatively stagnant. Previously, a single case of CPO was observed in August 2024, however, no new infections have been confirmed in August of 2025.

The prevalence of Hepatitis A increased slightly with no cases reported in August 2024, but one suspected case reported in August 2025. Additionally, a suspected legionella case presented within this recent month and there were no newly reported Lyme disease infections.

Key Take-Aways

- COVID-19 infections declined (59 → 31)
- CPO infections increased (1 → 0)
- Chlamydia infections increased (11 → 12)
- Gonorrhea infections decreased slightly (2 → 1)
- Hepatitis A infections increased slightly (0 → 1)
- Legionella infections increased slightly (0 → 1)
- Lyme Disease infections declined (1 → 0)

Recommendations

1. Prioritize community vaccination efforts to continuously limit COVID-19 infections.
2. Create a survey to investigate current and past COVID-19 testing trends across the community.
3. Maintain all STI/STD prevention programs and encourage regular screening.
4. Continue communicable disease surveillance efforts across the community.

Conclusion

The city of Kent did not experience any alarming communicable disease trends during the month of August 2025. Further insight is needed to understand if the decline in reported COVID-19 infections is due to a decrease in disease transmission or if it is due to a decrease in COVID-19 testing within the population. All efforts pertaining to disease prevention must continue in order to keep transmission rates low among community members.

Resolution #2025-00

September 9, 2025

The Kent City Health District

Acceptance of a resolution to increase local licensing fees

For Food Service Operations and Retail Food Establishments in the Kent City Health District

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-00

A RESOLUTION INCREASING THE LOCAL LICENSE FEES FOR FOOD SERVICE OPERATIONS AND RETAIL FOOD ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE KENT CITY HEALTH DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, annual cost analysis and potential increases in food service license fees are necessary to cover the costs of the Food Safety Program.

WHEREAS, if any section, sentence, or provision of this resolution shall be held or deemed to be invalid for any reason, that invalidity shall not affect the validity of any other part of this resolution which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts;

WHEREAS, the Board of Health finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in those formal actions were in a meeting open to the public in compliance with the law including, Section 121.22 of the Revised code;

WHEREAS, this resolution is hereby declared to be necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the residents of this City, for which reason and other reasons manifest to this Board this resolution shall take effect and be in force immediately after passage.

Therefore, be it Resolved by the Adopted Date Below, By the City of Kent Board of Health, that the following license fees be adopted for the 2026 food service license year:

Risk Level Classification	Local Fee	State Fee	Total License Fee	Change
Risk Class 1 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$272.00	\$28.00	\$300.00	+\$20
Risk Class 2 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$302.00	\$28.00	\$330.00	+\$20
Risk Class 3 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$562.00	\$28.00	\$590.00	+\$30
Risk Class 4 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$702.00	\$28.00	\$730.00	+\$40
Risk Class 1 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$382.00	\$28.00	\$410.00	+\$20
Risk Class 2 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$402.00	\$28.00	\$430.00	+\$20
Risk Class 3 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1402.00	\$28.00	\$1430.00	+\$100
Risk Class 4 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1492.00	\$28.00	\$1520.00	+\$100
Mobile FSO/RFE - High Risk	\$342.00	\$28.00	\$370.00	+\$20
Mobile FSO/RFE - Low Risk	\$171.00	\$28.00	\$199.00	+\$10
Vending	\$29.05	\$6.00	\$35.05	+\$79
Commercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$200.00	\$0	\$200.00	+20
Noncommercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$100.00	\$0	\$100.00	+10

Late Fee: 25% of the Local Health Fee.

This RESOLUTION, after being duly read for the third and final time, _____ moved the adoption of Resolution No. 2025-00 which motion by _____ was seconded by _____.

DATE PASSED: _____
Louise Fredrick, President, Board of Health

I, Joan C. Seidel, Secretary to the Board of Health of the Kent City Health District do hereby certify that the afore going is a true and correct copy of a Resolution of the Board of Health of the City of Kent duly adopted on November 11, 2025, and appearing in the Board minutes of November 11, 2025.

DATE: _____

Joan C. Seidel, Secretary to Board of Health

Food Safety Program License Fee Category	State Fee	2022 Local Fee	2023 Local Fee	2024 Local Fee	2025 Local Fee	Proposed 2026 Local Fee	Maximum Allowed per 2025 Cost Analysis Local Fee Only	Proposed to Cost Analysis Max	2025 Proposed Total Fee	Proposed Change
Risk Class 1 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$227.00	\$232.00	\$242.00	\$252.00	\$272.00	\$302.27	30.27	\$300.00	20
Risk Class 2 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$257.00	\$262.00	\$272.00	\$282.00	\$302.00	\$340.40	38.4	\$330.00	20
Risk Class 3 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$492.00	\$497.00	\$507.00	\$532.00	\$562.00	\$650.04	88.04	\$590.00	30
Risk Class 4 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$622.00	\$627.00	\$637.00	\$662.00	\$702.00	\$823.92	121.92	\$730.00	40
Risk Class 1 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$372.00	\$335.00	\$345.00	\$362.00	\$382.00	\$436.50	54.5	\$410.00	20
Risk Class 2 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$432.00	\$352.00	\$362.00	\$382.00	\$402.00	\$459.38	57.38	\$430.00	20
Risk Class 3 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$1,272.00	\$1,240.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,302.00	\$1,402.00	\$1,626.23	224.23	\$1,430.00	100
Risk Class 4 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$28.00	\$1,352.00	\$1,314.00	\$1,324.00	\$1,392.00	\$1,492.00	\$1,723.85	231.85	\$1,520.00	100
Mobile FSO/RFE - High Risk	\$28.00	\$282.00	\$302.00	\$312.00	\$322.00	\$342.00	\$750.06	408.06	\$370.00	20
Mobile FSO/RFE - Low Risk	\$28.00			\$156.00	\$161.00	\$171.00	\$375.03	204.03	\$199.00	10
Vending	\$6.00	\$24.00	\$25.68	\$27.34	\$28.26	\$29.06	\$343.07	314.01	\$35.06	0.799999999999997
Commercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$0.00	\$120.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	\$180.00	\$200.00	\$373.21	173.21	\$200.00	20
Noncommercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$0.00	\$60.00	\$75.00	\$75.00	\$90.00	\$100.00	\$186.60	86.6	\$100.00	10

Proposed 2026 KCHD Fees Compared with Other LHD's 2025 Fees			
	Kent	Portage	Summit
Risk Class 1 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$300.00	\$336.00	\$262.00
Risk Class 2 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$330.00	\$369.00	\$292.00
Risk Class 3 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$590.00	\$639.00	\$534.00
Risk Class 4 < 25,000 sq. ft.	\$730.00	\$790.00	\$670.00
Risk Class 1 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$410.00	\$453.00	\$368.00
Risk Class 2 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$430.00	\$472.00	\$386.00
Risk Class 3 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1,430.00	\$1,449.00	\$1,298.00
Risk Class 4 ≥ 25,000 sq. ft.	\$1,520.00	\$1,532.00	\$1,286.00
Mobile FSO/RFE - High Risk	\$370.00	\$230.00	\$378
Mobile FSO/RFE - Low Risk	\$199.00	\$129.00	\$203
Vending	\$35.06	\$69.00	\$26
Commercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$200.00	\$108.00	\$160
Noncommercial Temporary FSO/RFE	\$100.00	\$NA	\$80

Vending CPI = 2.9%