



**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT**

2025 ANNUAL REPORT

WWW.CHIPPEWAHD.COM

(906)635-1566

CONTACT@CHIPPEWACOUNTYMI.GOV



MISSION STATEMENT

TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE PRESENT AND FUTURE HEALTH OF PERSONS RESIDING, VISITING OR WORKING IN OUR SERVICE AREAS BY DIRECT PROVISION OF SERVICES; BY FACILITATING THE DELIVERY OF SERVICES PROVIDED BY OTHERS; AND BY MONITORING AND REGULATING ACTIVITIES THAT MAY HAVE AN IMPACT ON THE HEALTH OF THESE COMMUNITIES.



**CHIPPEWA COUNTY,
MICHIGAN**

POPULATION: 36,081*

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT
ADMINISTRATION**

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ADMINISTRATOR
KELLY CHURCH**

KAREN SENKUS, HEALTH OFFICER

**CHIPPEWA COUNTY
BOARD OF
COMMISSIONERS**

**DR. CATHERINE WILKERSON,
MEDICAL DIRECTOR**

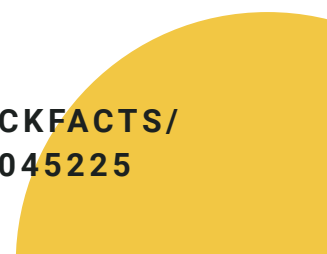
**SUZANNE LIEURANCE,
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH
SUPERVISOR**

**JIM MARTIN, CHAIR
JUSTIN KNEPPER
DAMON LIEURANCE
SCOTT SHACKLETON
JAMES TRAYNOR**

**CHARITY ZIMMERMAN, PERSONAL
& FAMILY HEALTH SUPERVISOR**

**JILL SCHAEFER, EXECUTIVE
ASSISTANT/PFH CLERICAL
SUPERVISOR**

***ESTIMATE AS OF JULY, 2025 [HTTPS://WWW.CENSUS.GOV/QUICKFACTS/
FACT/TABLE/CHIPPEWACOUNTYMICHIGAN/PST045225#PST045225](https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/chippewacountymichigan/PST045225#PST045225)**





LETTER FROM THE HEALTH OFFICER

I AM PLEASED TO PRESENT THE 2025 ANNUAL REPORT FROM THE CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT (CCHD). THIS REPORT HIGHLIGHTS THE SERVICES AND PROGRAMS DELIVERED TO RESIDENTS OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY BY DEDICATED EMPLOYEES.

THROUGH SCHOOL-BASED AND PERSONAL AND FAMILY HEALTH PROGRAMS, ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SERVICES, HEALTH EDUCATION AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DEPARTMENTS, STAFF ENSURE THE SAFETY OF THE PUBLIC WHILE PROVIDING QUALITY CUSTOMER AND CLIENT SERVICES.

CCHD EXPERIENCED SIGNIFICANT CHANGES AND UNCERTAINTIES RELATED TO SHIFTS IN FEDERAL FUNDING THROUGHOUT 2025, PROMPTING ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF TO PREPARE FOR POTENTIAL CUTS TO SERVICES. DESPITE THESE CHALLENGES, CCHD STAFF PULLED TOGETHER AND CONTINUED TO DELIVER SERVICES TO THE PUBLIC.

AS WE MOVE INTO 2026, CCHD REMAINS COMMITTED TO ADDRESSING HEALTH DISPARITIES IDENTIFIED THROUGH THE COMMUNITY HEALTH NEEDS ASSESSMENT THROUGH DIRECT SERVICE SUPPORTED BY STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING AND THROUGH CREATIVE METHODS.

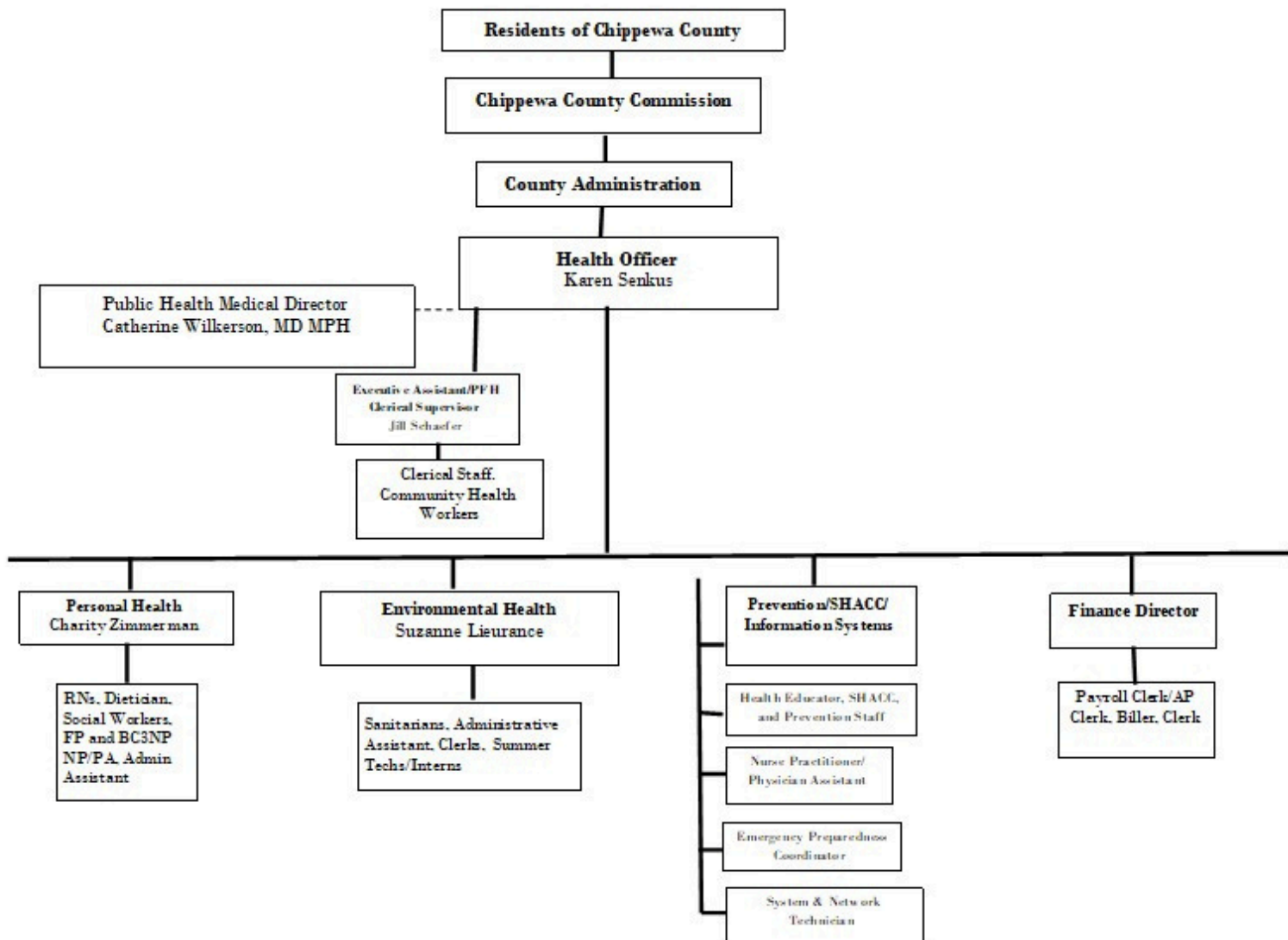
THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO REVIEW THIS REPORT AND FOR SUPPORTING LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH.



ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

APPROVED SEPTEMBER 11, 2025



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN SUPPORTING HEALTH DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS AND IN PROTECTING THE COMMUNITY IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY. TRAININGS ARE HELD IN PERSON AND VIRTUALLY AND ARE SCHEDULED IN ALL SEASONS (AND WEATHER.) THE MASS FATALITY EXERCISE SHOWN BELOW WAS HELD IN MARQUETTE IN MARCH, ALLOWING PARTICIPANTS TO TEST PROTOCOLS AND PROCEDURES IN COLD WEATHER.



EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR ALSO COORDINATES THE MASS VACCINATION CLINIC HELD EVERY FALL. CITIZENS OF CHIPPEWA COUNTY ARE ABLE TO GET THEIR INFLUENZA VACCINES FROM THE COMFORT OF THEIR CAR. THIS IS A VALUABLE TRAINING EXERCISE FOR HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF AND PARTNERING AGENCIES.





ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL ONSITE SEWAGE
. TREATMENT AND DISPOSAL SYSTEMS

RESIDENTIAL/COMMERCIAL WELLS AND WATER SUPPLIES

TYPE II PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

TEMPORARY, FIXED, MOBILE, AND TRANSITORY FOOD SERVICE FACILITY
INSPECTIONS, PLAN REVIEWS, AND LICENSING

CAMPGROUND INSPECTIONS

POOL INSPECTIONS

BODY ART FACILITY INSPECTIONS

BEACH MONITORING

ADULT AND CHILD FOSTER CARE HOME INSPECTIONS

ADULT AND CHILD CARE FACILITY INSPECTIONS

RADON TEST KITS

VECTOR CONTROL

PFAS RESPONSE

SEPTAGE WASTE MANAGEMENT

COMPLAINT RESPONSE



2025 ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

Activity	Numbers
Foster Care/Day Care Inspections	9
Campground Inspections	35
Public Swimming Pools/Spa Inspections	23
Enforcements	1
Fixed Food Establishments Inspections	246
Enforcements	1
Complaints	13
Plans Received	5
Temporary Food Inspections	34
Mobile Food Inspections	5
Other Food/STFU Inspections	36
Enforcements	1
Complaints	1
Plans Received	7
Private & Commercial Sewage Plans Received	130
Site Visits	244
Permits Issued	127
Septage Truck & Land Application Inspections	14
Water Supplies Applications Received	127
Site Visits	152
Permits Issued	136
Enforcements	1
City Bacti Water Samples Received	928
Positive Sample Response	89
Beach Samples Taken	168
Warnings Issued	2
Beach Warnings/Closures Lifted	2
Tattoo Ordinance Inspections	5
Enforcements	1
Complaints	1

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD





PERSONAL AND FAMILY HEALTH

BLOOD LEAD CASE MANAGEMENT

BREAST & CERVICAL CANCER CONTROL AND NAVIGATION PROGRAM
(BC3NP)

CHILDREN'S SPECIAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES (CSHCS)

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE MANAGEMENT

FAMILY PLANNING SERVICES

HARM REDUCTION

HEALTH COMMUNITY ZONES GRANT-GROW YOUR OWN

HEARING & VISION SCREENINGS

HEPATITIS C CASE MANAGEMENT

HIV PREVENTION

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

MATERNAL/INFANT HEALTH SERVICES

IMMUNIZATIONS

TESTING FOR SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

TRAVEL IMMUNIZATIONS

TB CONTROL

UP MOMS PROGRAM

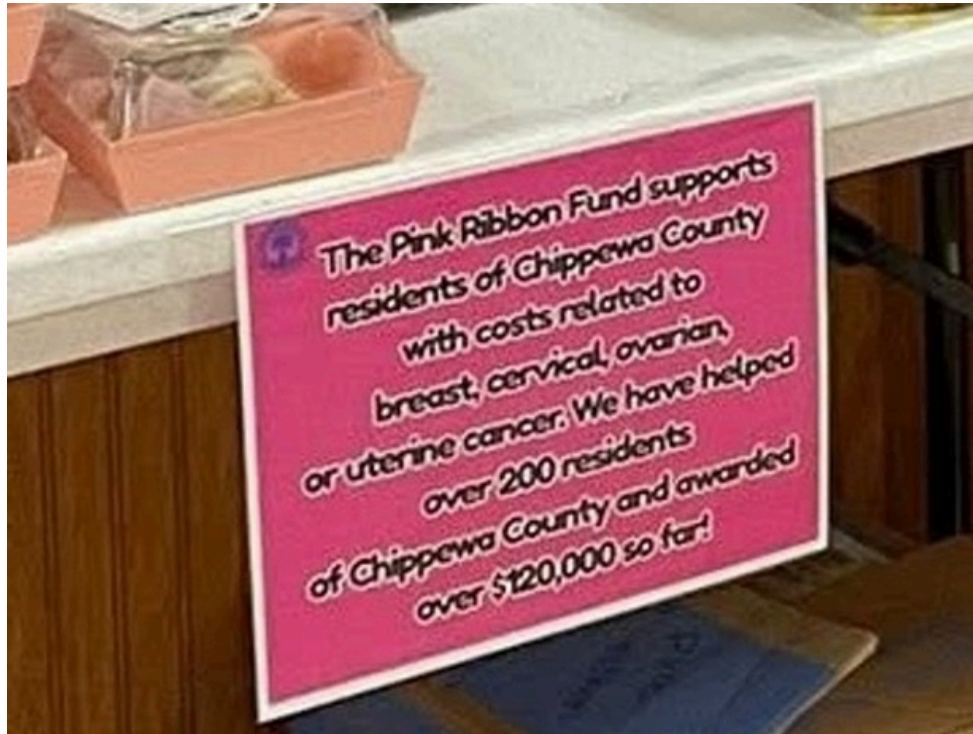
WOMEN, INFANTS & CHILDREN (WIC)



2025 PERSONAL AND FAMILY HEALTH BY THE NUMBERS

Activity	Numbers
Family Planning Clients	344
HIV Tests	304
Hepatitis C Tests	19
Syphilis Tests	279
Breast and Cervical Cancer Clients	8
Maternal Infant Health Program	
Maternal Visits	182
Infant Visits	361
WIC (Women, Infants & Children)	665
WIC Dollars Spent in Chippewa County	\$582, 775.54
Hearing Screenings	865
Hearing Referrals	8
Vision Screenings	1,425
Vision Referrals	178
Immunizations	5775
Travel Immunizations	5
Tuberculosis	871
# of Latent TB Cases Managed	14
# of Active TB Cases Managed	0
Children's Special Health Care	185 (Ave. Caseload Per Month)
Community Health Workers	
Car Seats Installed	46
Medicaid Applications	43
UP Moms	6 (Ave. Caseload Per Month)

PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

HARM REDUCTION

TOTAL CLIENTS SERVED: 62

TOTAL ENCOUNTERS: 299

SECONDARY ENCOUNTERS: 173

SYRINGES DISPENSED: 41,450

SYRINGES RETURNED: 31,725

NARCAN DISTRIBUTED: 279

SUCCESSFUL NARCAN ADMINISTRATION REPORTED: 1



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ZONES GROW YOUR OWN

HEALTHY COMMUNITY ZONES, THROUGH A PARTNERSHIP WITH LOCAL FARMERS, PROVIDES EDUCATION AND SUPPLIES TO FAMILIES WHO WOULD LIKE TO GROW THEIR OWN FOOD.



COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

UP MOMS

MATERNAL OPIOID MISUSE

UP MOMS IS A HOME VISITING PROGRAM FOCUSING ON MOMS AND NEW BABIES IN CASES WHERE THE MOTHER HAS (OR HAS HAD) A SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER. SUPPORT FOR THESE FAMILIES INCLUDE HOME VISITS, TRANSPORTATION TO MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS, AND ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTING WITH OTHER NEEDED SERVICES.



KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS

KINDERGARTEN ORAL HEALTH SCREENINGS ARE PROVIDED TO COMPLY WITH PUBLIC ACT 251 OF 202, WHICH ENSURES THAT CHILDREN ENTERING KINDERGARTEN OR FIRST GRADE HAVE A DENTAL ORAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT PRIOR TO ENROLLMENT. A LICENSED DENTAL HYGIENIST PROVIDED SCREENINGS TO 314 CHILDREN IN 2025.



SHACC (SAULT HEALTH ADOLESCENT CARE CENTER)

CHIPPEWA COUNTY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE A SCHOOL-BASED HEALTH CENTER, WHERE STUDENTS CAN ACCESS CARE WITHOUT HAVING TO LEAVE SCHOOL. NUMEROUS SERVICES ARE PROVIDED, INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELING, PHYSICALS, ALLERGY SHOTS, IMMUNIZATIONS, POST-CONCUSSION VISITS AND MORE. STUDENTS OF THE MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL WHO ARE NOT FEELING WELL DURING THE DAY CAN GO TO THE HEALTH CENTER FOR ASSISTANCE. SHACC STAFF ALSO PROVIDE HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF EDUCATION TO STUDENTS PER YEAR AS WELL.



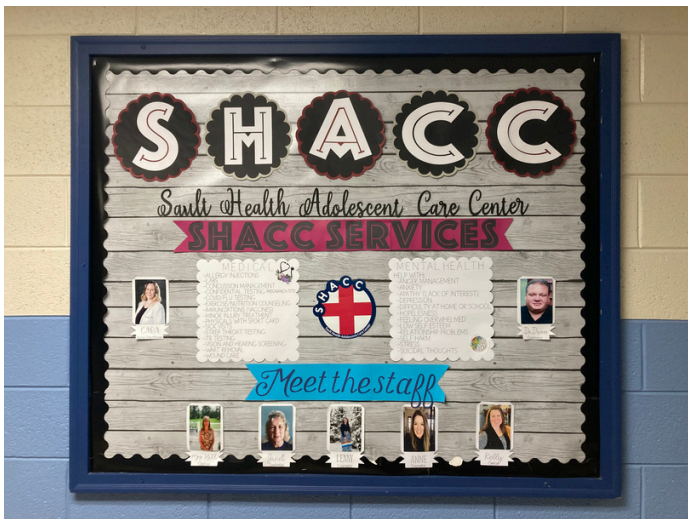
SHACC

(SAULT HEALTH ADOLESCENT CARE CENTER)

BY THE NUMBERS

Activity	Numbers
Total visits	1271
Unduplicated Clients	284
Chronic Disease Management	117
Health Promo/Risk Reduction	3962
Immunizations	200
Mental Health Services/Counseling	782
Substance Abuse Ax/Dx/Tx	153
General Medical	701
Hearing and Vision	197
Misc. Client Services	379
Post Concussion Visits	28
COVID/Flu tests	26
Reproductive Health	3
Pregnancy Tests	6
Chlamydia/Gonorrhea Tests	10
HIV Tests	1
Vape Education Referrals	42
Alcohol Education Referral	1
Marijuana Education Referral	9
NonSHACC Eligible Office Visits	15
NonSHACC Eligible Misc. Client Services	64

SHACC (SAULT HEALTH ADOLESCENT CARE CENTER) PHOTOS FROM THE FIELD



RURAL & READY CONFERENCE

THE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS COORDINATOR LEADS THE RURAL & READY CONFERENCE COMMITTEE. THIS CONFERENCE IS HELD ANNUALLY AND HIGHLIGHTS REAL-LIVE EVENTS THAT INVOLVED PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE, SUCH AS WEATHER EVENTS AND MASS CASUALTIES. THE 2025 CONFERENCE HAD 97 ATTENDEES ON THE FIRST DAY.



COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT

CHIPPEWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT 2021-2025

The Communicable Disease staff at Chippewa County Health Department (CCHD) works daily to monitor and follow-up on all reportable diseases throughout Chippewa County. The main purpose of communicable disease surveillance is to identify potential threats to public health due to infectious disease, identify outbreaks quickly, and provide prevention and control guidance.

The Communicable Disease staff works jointly with Environmental Health staff to investigate any foodborne and waterborne illness. Cases of note include a marked decrease of salmonellosis cases from four (4) cases in 2024, to zero (0) cases in 2025. Cases of campylobacter remained steady with Chippewa County seeing eight (8) cases in 2024, and again eight (8) cases in 2025.

In 2025, Chippewa County identified two (2) healthcare-associated cases of Legionella (Legionellosis). This ongoing investigation involves cross-sector partnerships between local, state, and healthcare organizations to prevent further exposure.

Most sexually transmitted infections (STIs) cases in Chippewa County have remained steady. Chippewa County saw three (3) cases of gonorrhea and a total of two (2) syphilis cases in 2025. This is unchanged from 2024. However, Chippewa County did see an increase of chlamydia cases in 2025. There were 82 chlamydia cases in 2025, an increase from the 76 cases that were seen in 2024. Chippewa County Personal and Family Health staff continue to work diligently to increase prevention, testing, and treatment of sexually transmitted infections.

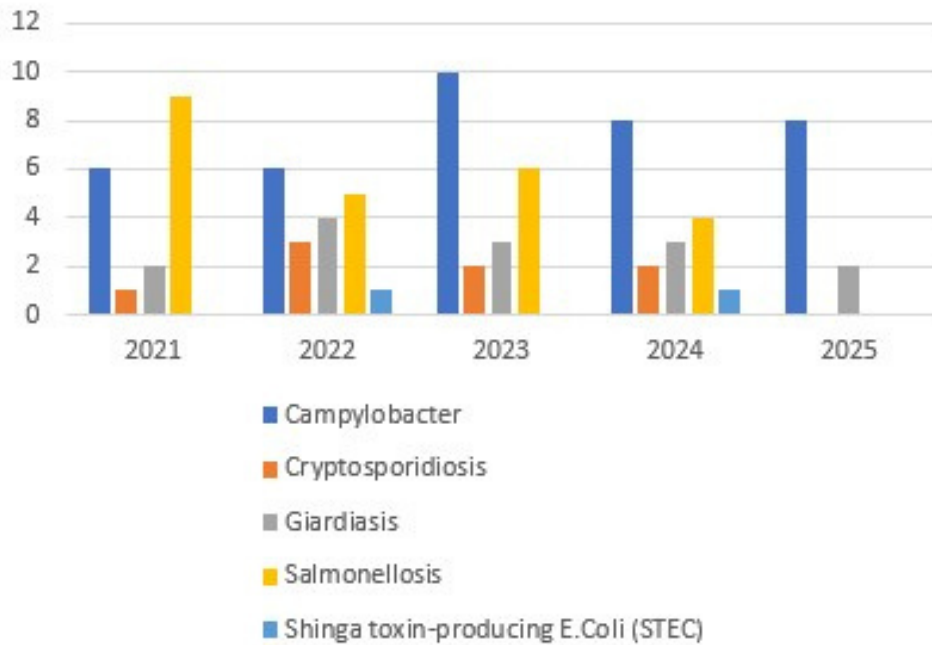
Of note, Chippewa County has seen an increase in vaccine preventable diseases (VPDs). There was an increase in varicella (chickenpox) cases with two (2) cases in 2024 compared to four (4) cases seen in 2025. Additionally, there were two (2) cases of pertussis (whooping cough) seen in 2025, as opposed to the zero (0) cases seen in the years 2021-2024. While measles cases have increased throughout the country, Chippewa County continued to see zero (0) cases reported in 2025. Registered Nurses continue to offer vaccine clinics at the health department for people of all ages as well as home visits to provide vaccines to children. CCHD follows the childhood vaccine schedule recommendations of Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and continues to participate in the Vaccines for Children (VFC) program to provide vaccines to all children regardless of insurance or financial status.

Over the past four years, Chippewa County has seen a steady decline in newly diagnosed hepatitis C cases. With the 5-year peak of 40 cases in 2022, down to eight (8) cases in 2025. While this does not account for the many people who already know they are living with chronic hepatitis C, a decrease in newly diagnosed cases is a promising trend. This may be a result of several interventions including Harm Reduction services and the hepatitis C treatment program. Since its start, the CCHD hepatitis C program has successfully treated 78 people. Hepatitis C testing, which is offered at CCHD, is recommended for every adult at least once in their lifetime and more frequently if someone has risk factors.

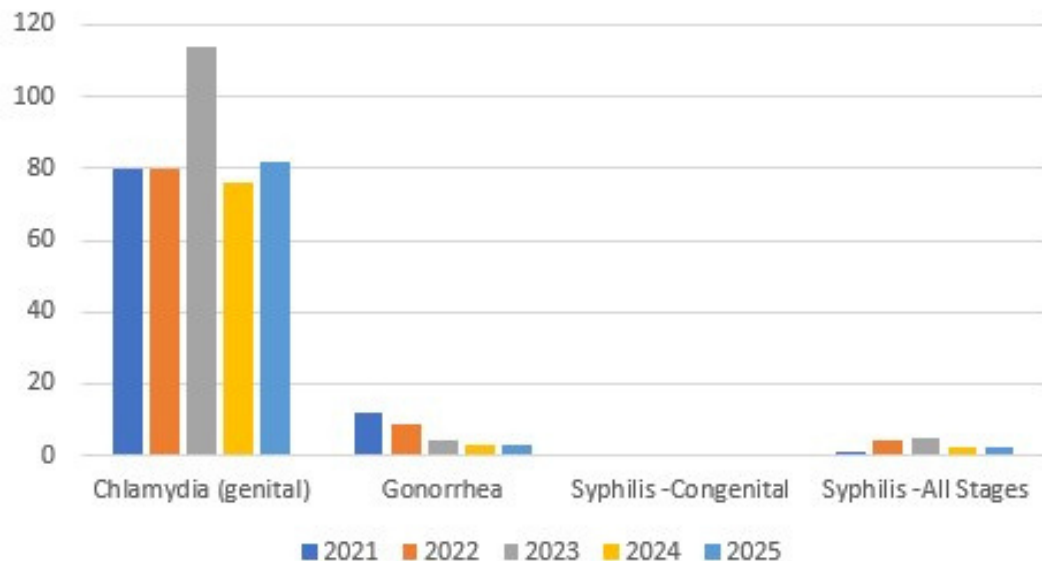
Chippewa County Health Department continues to serve those who live and visit Chippewa County by working tirelessly to promote health and prevent disease.

COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT (CONT.)

Foodborne/ Waterborne Illness



Sexually Transmitted Infections

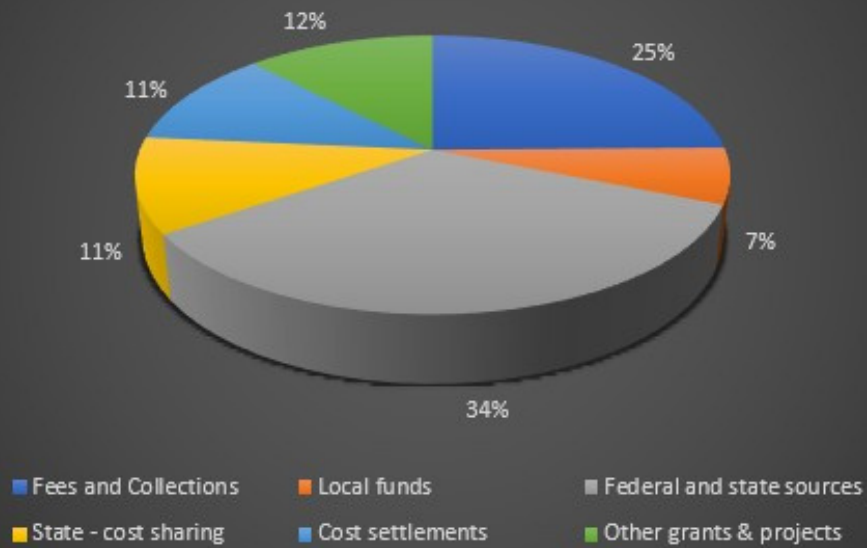


COMMUNICABLE DISEASE REPORT (CONT.)

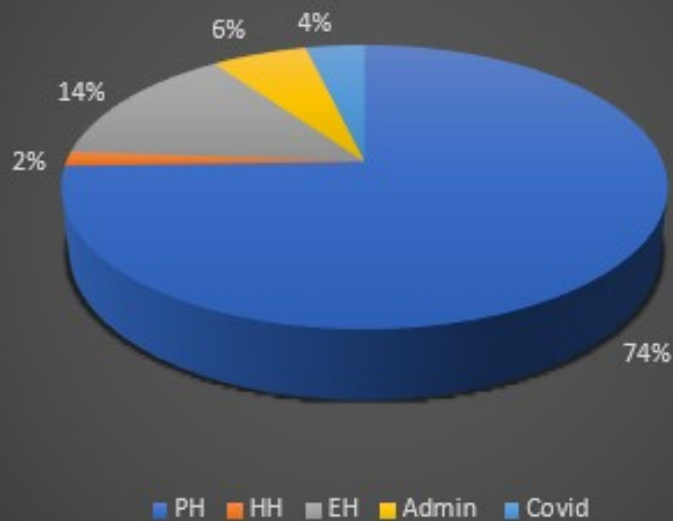
Disease Group	Disease	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
AIDS/HIV	HIV/AIDS	0	1	1	2	3
Foodborne/ Waterborne	Campylobacter	6	6	10	8	8
	Cryptosporidiosis	1	3	2	2	0
	Giardiasis	2	4	3	3	2
	Salmonellosis	9	5	6	4	1
	Shiga toxin-producing E.Coli (STEC)	0	1	0	1	0
COVID 19	Novel Coronavirus Covid-19	4241	5285	1110	627	252
Influenza	Influenza	29	566	116	293	317
	Flu Like Disease*	1	235	210	501	366
Meningitis	Meningitis- Aseptic	1	0	1	0	0
	Meningitis- Bacterial Other	1	0	0	0	1
	Meningococcal Disease	0	0	0	0	0
	Streptococcus pneumoniae, Inv	0	0	0	3	3
Other	CPO	1	5	3	0	1
	Candida auris	0	0	0	0	2
	Guillain-Barre Syndrome	0	0	0	0	0
	Legionellosis	2	1	2	1	2
STI	Chlamydia (genital)	80	80	114	76	82
	Gonorrhea	12	9	4	3	3
	Syphilis -Congenital	0	0	0	0	0
	Syphilis -Early Latent	0	3	3	0	0
	Syphilis -Late Latent	0	0	0	0	0
	Syphilis -Primary	0	0	0	0	0
	Syphilis -Secondary	1	1	2	0	0
	Syphilis -Unknown Duration or Late	2	0	0	2	2
Tuberculosis	Latent Tuberculosis Infection	0	1	1	8	14
	Tuberculosis	0	0	0	1	0
Vaccine Preventable Diseases	Chickenpox	0	0	4	2	4
	H. influenzae Disease -Inv.	0	0	1	1	3
	Measles	0	0	0	0	0
	Pertussis	0	0	0	0	2
	Polio	0	0	0	0	0
	Rubella	0	0	0	0	0
Vectorborne	Lyme Disease	1	0	5	8	2
	Malaria	0	0	0	0	0
	West Nile Virus	0	0	0	0	0
Viral Hepatitis	Hepatitis A	0	0	1	0	1
	Hepatitis B, Acute	0	0	0	0	0
	Hepatitis B, Chronic	0	0	0	2	4
	Hepatitis C, Acute	0	2	0	0	1
	Hepatitis C, Chronic	25	40	22	12	8
	Hepatitis C, Perinatal	0	0	0	0	0

FINANCE

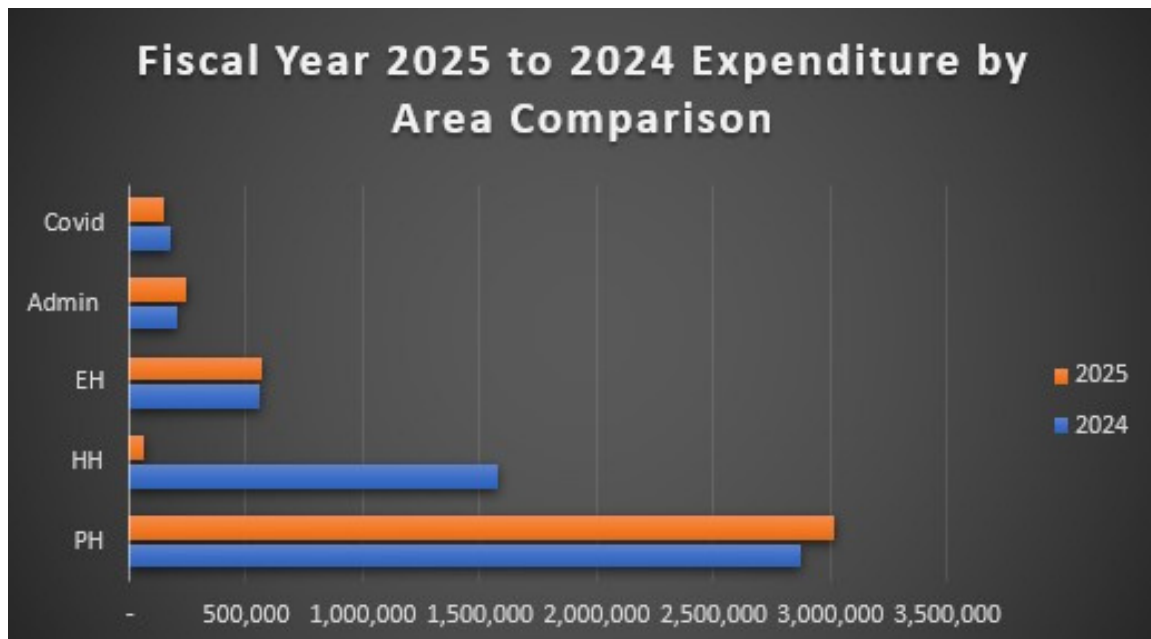
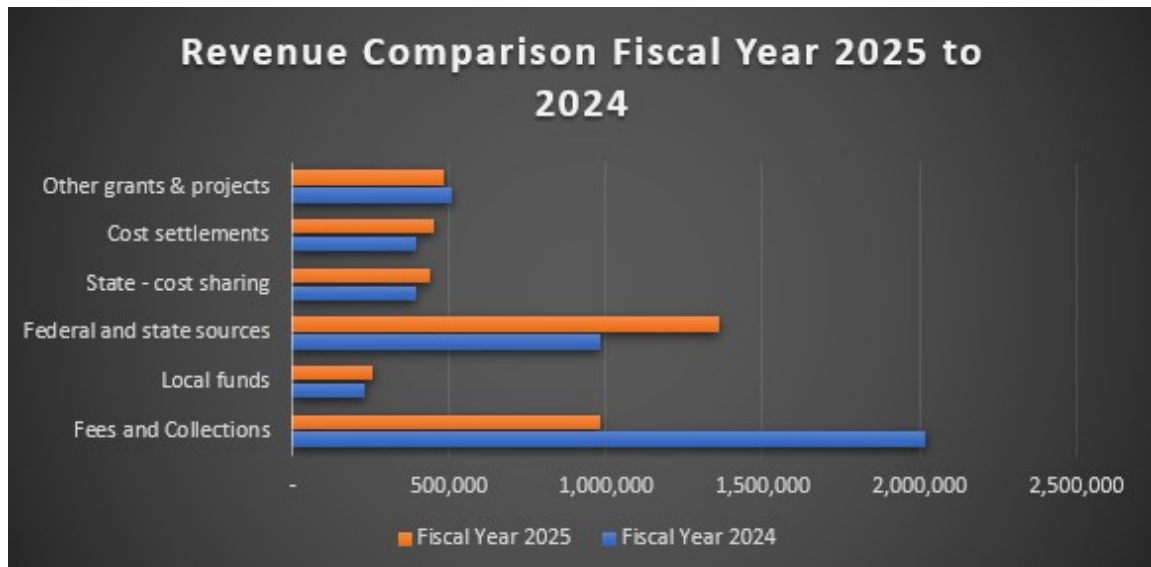
Fiscal Year 2025 Revenues



Fiscal Year 2025 Expenditures by Area

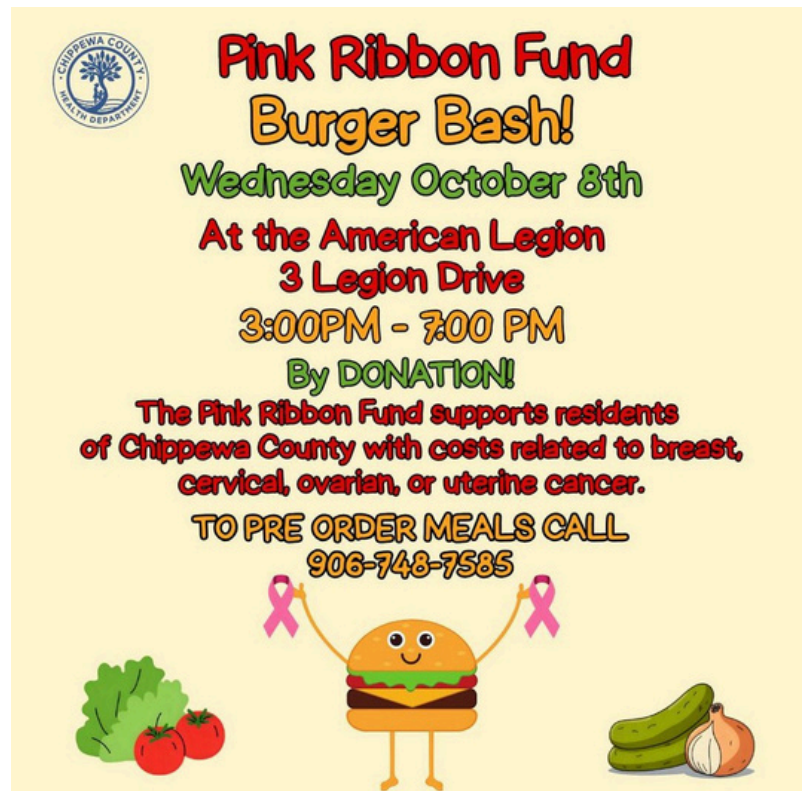


FINANCE



HEALTH DEPARTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

IT WAS A BUSY YEAR. HEALTH DEPARTMENT STAFF
WERE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN MANY EVENTS,
PROVIDING SERVICES AND SUPPORT TO THE
COMMUNITY.



CORRECTLY USING
CHILD SAFETY SEATS
CAN REDUCE THE
RISK OF DEATH BY AS
MUCH AS
71%

FREE CAR SEAT CHECKS

CALL TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT: 906-635-3576

CHIPPewa COUNTY
HEALTH DEPARTMENT
508 ASHAUN ST. SUITE 120
SSA MI, 49783

*Child and vehicle must
both be present

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 26
10AM - 2PM



**FLU &
COVID
MASS
VACCINE
CLINIC**

**LSSU NORRIS CENTER
PARKING LOT**

PLEASE BRING YOUR INSURANCE INFORMATION!

Rudyard Jr/Sr High School is excited to partner with the Chippewa County Health Department to host a Health Fair on Friday, April 11, 2025, from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM in the high school gymnasium. This event will provide students in grades 8-12 with valuable education on important health-related topics that impact their daily lives and future well-being. This is an annual event that rotates around the region for area students.



Students will rotate through various stations covering essential topics such as:

- Skin care and sun safety
- Drug and alcohol prevention
- Nutrition and healthy eating habits
- Safe driving practices
- Mental health awareness
- And more!

If you or your organization would be interested in setting up a booth or leading a presentation, please contact Kinsey Cappellani at the Chippewa County Health Department or Cara Kuenzer at the Rudyard Area Schools Wellness Center.




CHIPPEWA COUNTY
ICE CREAM SOCIAL

May 15 | 3 - 5pm

Avery Square Atrium, 510 Ashmun Street, Sault Ste. Marie, MI

Event will include:

- Baby parade at 3:30pm
- Free ice cream
- Photo booth
- Book and teddy bear giveaway
- Information & resources on other programs for families
- And more!

