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## **Annual Summary of Reportable Diseases**

**Ottawa County 2023** 

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### **Executive Summary**

The 2023 Annual Summary of Reportable Diseases provides data on a select list of reportable diseases, almost all of which are considered communicable diseases. Communicable diseases are caused by microorganisms, or the toxins they produce, which spread from an infected person, animal, or environmental source. These diseases can also be transmitted indirectly through contact with contaminated animals, insects, or objects.

This report is intended to be a resource for those for whom communicable diseases are a concern or prevention is a priority. Below are some key highlights:

### Foodborne Illnesses (Enteric Diseases)

The incidence of most foodborne illnesses declined during the early COVID-19 pandemic, likely due to reduced exposure to higher risk food or animals, improved hygiene, or changes in healthcare behaviors, testing, and disease reporting. Although these diseases are commonly spread by contaminated food, some can also be spread by contaminated water, contact with animals, or person-to-person contact (including sexual). After a general decline during the early COVID-19 pandemic, the number of reported foodborne illness cases increased in 2022 and 2023. Cryptosporidiosis had the most notable increase in 2023, likely due to seventeen (17) confirmed and probable Ottawa County cases related to an animal-associated outbreak at a local educational farm in April and May.

### Mpox, Influenza, and COVID-19

Mpox was a newly reportable condition in 2022 following a global outbreak. Ottawa County had a total of seven (7) reported cases in 2022, but none in 2023.

Influenza (flu) activity was reduced throughout the early COVID-19 pandemic, likely due to heightened awareness, improved disease prevention, and reduced social interaction. However, flu activity returned to pre-COVID-19 pandemic levels during the 2022-23 season and resumed its usual surge during the 2023-24 season.

Reported COVID-19 cases declined again in 2023 to the lowest annual total since COVID-19 was first reported (6,349 cases) - an 82% reduction since 2022. Decreased testing and reporting to public health agencies, as well as an increase in immunity among the general population, may have contributed to the continued decline in reported COVID-19 cases.

### **Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI)**

Chlamydia remained the most reported STI in Ottawa County in 2023, though local rates were significantly lower than statewide figures. Reported gonorrhea case rates in Ottawa (56 per 100,000) were also well below Michigan case rates (151 per 100,000). Syphilis case

counts had a small increase in 2023 compared to 2022 (15 in 2023 vs 11 in 2022) but remained well below the statewide reported cases per 100,000.

### **Tuberculosis (TB) & Latent TB Infection**

In 2023, Ottawa County had three (3) reported cases of tuberculosis (TB) and 92 cases of latent TB infection, both of which notably increased from previous years. While TB incidence in Ottawa remained below statewide levels, latent TB infection increased by 53% from 60 cases in 2022. Although latent TB infection is not reportable in Michigan, positive TB screening tests are reported to Ottawa County Department of Public Health (OCDPH) to be evaluated and to rule out active TB disease. Without standardized reporting, evaluating latent TB trends is difficult; however, recent trends may be affected by changes in the availability of different tests and clinical recommendations for screening.

### **Vaccine Preventable Diseases (VPD)**

Over the past five years Ottawa County had no reported cases of diphtheria, measles, polio, rubella, or tetanus. However, cases of chickenpox (varicella) and shingles continued to be reported in 2023. After a reduction in cases during the early COVID-19 pandemic and a greater reduction in 2022, chickenpox case rates increased statewide and in Ottawa County in 2023. Shingles steadily increased from 2020 (9) through 2023 (57).

Two cases of mumps were reported in 2023, after only one case had been reported between 2019 and 2022. Both 2023 cases exhibited clinical symptoms, but only one underwent testing. These cases were classified as probable and suspect, not confirmed.

### **Vector-borne Diseases**

Vector-borne diseases are illnesses transmitted to humans and other animals by blood-feeding arthropods, such as mosquitoes, ticks, and fleas.

In 2023, Ottawa County saw an increase in Lyme disease cases, mirroring a statewide trend. The Lyme disease case definition was updated in 2022, which may have contributed to some of the additional cases observed in Ottawa County in 2023. According to the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, Ottawa County remains a county with known risk for Lyme disease.

Two (2) cases of West Nile virus were reported in humans in Ottawa County in 2023. A human case of West Nile virus had not been reported in an Ottawa County resident since 2019. The two 2023 cases did not report recent travel, supporting the likelihood that exposure to the virus occurred in Ottawa County or Michigan. Roughly 1 in 150 people develop serious illness due to West Nile virus.

No other vector-borne diseases were reported in Ottawa County in 2023.

### **Viral Hepatitis**

Viral hepatitis infection with one of the hepatitis viruses (A, B, C, D, or E) can lead to liver inflammation and damage. Chronic hepatitis C remained the most reported type of viral hepatitis in Ottawa County in 2023, followed by chronic hepatitis B. Generally, the incidence rate of viral hepatitis in Ottawa County has remained below the statewide rate.

## Annual Reportable Disease Summary

### **Data**

The data in the annual disease report is expected to be final, based on current reports in the Michigan Disease Surveillance System (MDSS) made by local health departments at the time this report was compiled. The MDSS is a dynamic, continually active system and disease counts can change as cases are investigated, confirmed as cases, or ruled out as not meeting the case definition. Therefore, it should be kept in mind that numbers in the annual disease report may change and should be used only to generally monitor trends over time.

Suspected, probable and confirmed cases of the reportable condition are included in the report. Statewide disease counts may differ from that published elsewhere by the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) for several reasons including the time frame of data acquisition and differences in data query criteria.

Changes in disease counts from one year to the next can be due to several reasons including; changes in laboratory tests, case definitions, reporting mechanisms, newly added conditions, as well as actual increases or decreases in disease incidence. Changes in healthcare seeking behavior since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic may have also affected the counts of reported diseases especially during the initial phase of the pandemic.

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		Ottawa County Cases Reported**						Michigan Cases Reported					
Disease Group	Reportable Condition	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023		
Foodborne	Amebiasis	-	-	1	-	-	9	7	6	11	10		
· coascillo	Botulism - Foodborne	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2		
	Campylobacter	58	38	58	78	82	1,705	1,221	1,518	1,510	1,736		
	Cryptosporidiosis	22	15	12	19	35	419	246	249	334	333		
	Giardiasis	11	13	17	10	5	428	380	439	408	511		
	Listeriosis	4	-	-	-		30	29	35	36	34		
	Norovirus***	262	108	36	13	142	1,481	582	587	1,391	994		
	Salmonellosis	30	45	38	45	43	1,075	907	872	856	1,083		
	Shiga toxin-producing Escherichia coli (STEC)	17	10	5	31	13	309	212	270	418	373		
	Shigellosis	16	5	2	6	4	219	151	171	219	221		
	Typhoid Fever	1	-	-	-		10	1	4	15	16		
	Yersinia enteritis		5	2	6	3	76	80	88	204	202		
	Foodborne Subtotal	421	239	171	208	327	5,761	3,816	4,240	5,402	5,515		
Influenza	Flu Like Disease* ***	31,762	27,698	20,633	45,611	44,869	347,997	204,963	86,081	230,752	219,999		
IIIIaoiiza	Influenza	4	6	39	232	70	30,001	30,834	2,927	46,547	28,568		
	Influenza, Novel	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	4	20,300		
	Influenza Subtotal	31,766	- 27,704	20,672	45,843	- 44,939	377,999		89,008		248,587		
Maningitia		9	27,704	20,672	6			235,797		277,303			
Meningitis	Meningitis - Aseptic					3	457 121	260	259	293	270 154		
	Meningitis - Bacterial Other	3	6	4	4	2	121	102	126	149	154		
	Meningococcal Disease	-	-	-	-	-	8	3	5	5	9		
	Streptococcus pneumoniae, Inv	10	8	15	11	20	936	529	523	804	920		
Other	Meningitis Subtotal	22	16	21	21	25	1,522	894	913	1,251	1,353		
Other	Acute Flaccid Myelitis (AFM)	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	1	2	-		
	Anthrax	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Blastomycosis	-	1	-	-	-	26	24	19	33	164		
	Botulism - Infant	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	2		
	Botulism - Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	4	-		
	Brucellosis	1	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	4	1		
	CP-CRE/CPO	1	-	2	5	4	263	267	405	550	489		
	Candida auris	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	135	435		
	Cholera	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	1		
	Coccidioidomycosis	4	1	3	2	1	52	54	76	58	66		
	Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease	-	1	-	-	1	15	9	16	18	24		
	Cryptococcosis	-	-	-	-	1	18	24	25	23	30		
	Cyclosporiasis	1	-	-	-	3	130	25	51	57	43		
	Encephalitis, Post Chickenpox	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	1		
	Encephalitis, Post Mumps	-	-	-	-		-	-	-	-	-		
	Encephalitis, Post Other	-	1	-	1	-	14	10	16	16	22		
	Encephalitis, Primary	-	-	_	_	-	14	16	11	8	9		
	Gastrointestinal Illness	20,765	11,247	10,431	17,489	17,744	138,801	61,476	45,986	101,493	142,205		
	Guillain-Barre Syndrome		2	1	4	2	65	50	60	76	81		
	Hantavirus	_	-	_		-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Hantavirus, Other	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_	_		
	Hantavirus, Pulmonary					_			1				
	-	1	1	-	3	-	8	5	3	16	8		
	Hemolytic Uremic Syndrome Hemorrhagic Fever			-		-	-	-		-	0		
	9	-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-		
	Histoplasmosis	24	10	22	29	23	237	198	274	355	274		
	Kawasaki	-	2	-	-	2	55	63	44	55	60		
	Legionellosis	8	7	8	6	6	561	385	583	371	430		
	Leprosy	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1		
	Leptospirosis	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	1	2	5		
	Melioidosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Mpox ***	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	451	4		
	Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome **	-	4	4	5	-	-	80	174	76	8		
	Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 °°	-	21,939	44,772	35,392	6,349	1	589,337	1,360,969	1,357,149	308,125		
	Plague	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Psittacosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	3	-		
	Q Fever Acute	-	-	-	-	-	5	4	4	3	-		
	Q Fever Chronic	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	1		
	Rabies Animal	1	-	3	3	-	58	54	48	49	48		
	Rabies Human	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Reye Syndrome	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Rheumatic Fever	_	-	-	-	-	_	-	-	2	-		
	Rubella - Congenital	_	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Streptococcus pneumoniae, Drug Resistant	4	5	_	2	8	80	32	40	60	80		
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	Streptococcal Dis, Inv, Grp A	11	13	3	7	15	450	338	258	387	975		

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Disease Group	Reportable Condition	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
Other	Toxic Shock	-	-	-	1	-	7	3	5	2	6	
	Trachoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	
	Trichinosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Tularemia	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	4	4	
	Vibriosis - Non Cholera	3	-	2	2	1	39	27	35	45	27	
	VISA	1	-	-	-	-	11	-	4	3	2	
	VRSA	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	
	Other Subtotal	20,825	33,234	55,251	52,959	24,162	140,926	652,504	1,409,124	1,461,522	453,648	
STD	Chancroid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	
l	Chlamydia (Genital)	822	807	1,010	770	720	50,359	44,802	46,394	42,818	42,917	
	Gonorrhea	162	203	259	152	168	18,266	23,397	22,208	16,361	15,251	
	Granuloma Inguinale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Lymphogranuloma venereum	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	3	2	-	
	Syphilis - Primary, Secondary & Early Latent	7	18	14	11	15	1,240	1,348	1,713	1,722	1,718	
	All Syphilis	13	24	27	24	27	1,911	2,044	2,682	2,823	3,077	
	STD Subtotal	997	1,034	1,296	946	915	70,537	70,251	71,289	62,004	61,246	
Tuberculosis	Latent Tuberculosis Infection	50	24	62	60	92	2,054	1,347	1,482	1,867	2,349	
	Nontuberculous Mycobacterium	11	16	12	22	11	854	684	769	828	769	
	Tuberculosis	3	1	1	1	3	142	106	135	137	130	
	Tuberculosis Subtotal	64	41	75	83	106	3,050	2,137	2,386	2,832	3,248	
VPD	Chickenpox (Varicella)	14	14	22	8	22	416	185	183	232	363	
	Diphtheria	-	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	H. influenzae Disease - Inv. +	9	4	4	7	3	223	100	168	252	257	
	Measles	_	-	-		-	46	-	1	1	201	
	Mumps		1	_	_	2	29	7	11	29	33	
	Pertussis	19	5	-	1	1	546	, 116	74	86	110	
	Polio	19	3	-	'		540	-	74	-	110	
		-	-	-	-	-	-		-		-	
	Rubella	- 04	-	-	-		4 000	1	6	13	8	
	Shingles	21	9	15	41	57	1,222	818	629	760	1,309	
	Tetanus	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	
	VZ Infection, Unspecified	4	17	4	1	2	228	235	384	376	395	
	VPD Subtotal	67	50	45	58	87	2,711	1,462	1,457	1,750	2,476	
Vectorborne	Babesiosis	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	8	13	20	
	Chikungunya	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	
	Dengue Fever	1	-	-	-	2	23	6	5	17	25	
	Ehrlichiosis	1	-	1	-	-	523,612	528,005	532,444	536,834	541,253	
	Encephalitis, California Serogroup	-	1	-	-	-	3	4	9	4	7	
	Encephalitis, Eastern Equine	-	-	-	-	-	10	4	1	-	-	
	Encephalitis, Powassan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Encephalitis, St. Louis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
	Encephalitis, Western Equine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Lyme Disease	26	10	29	25	60	493	536	1,271	1,112	2,198	
	Malaria	-	-	-	1	1	26	14	14	44	37	
	Rickettsial Disease - Spotted Fever	-	1	-	1	-	12	48	12	15	8	
	Rickettsial Disease - Typhus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	
	West Nile Virus	-	-	-	-	2	12	33	59	16	26	
	Yellow Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Zika	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vectorborne Subtotal	28	12	30	27	65	524,193	528,651	533,825	538,057	543,576	
Viral Hepatitis	Hepatitis A	1	-	1	-	-	78	22	31	31	26	
	Hepatitis B, Acute	1	-	-	-	-	65	45	35	33	43	
	Hepatitis B, Chronic	18	7	10	10	13	1,002	678	625	578	855	
	Hepatitis B, Perinatal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hepatitis C, Acute°	1	5	-	-	-	128	140	128	102	75	
	Hepatitis C, Chronic°	61	31	33	34	21	5,652	4,079	3,834	3,157	2,731	
	Hepatitis C, Perinatal	-	-	-	1	-	10	8	9	7	8	
	Hepatitis C, Unknown*	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-	4	-	
	Hepatitis D	2	-	-	1	-	6	6	8	7	1	
	Hepatitis E	1	-	-	-	-	5	9	11	10	8	
	Viral Hepatitis Subtotal	85	43	44	46	34	6,967	4,987	4,681	3,929	3,747	
	Total	54,275	62,373	77,605	100,191	70,660	1,133,666	1,500,499	2,116,923	2,354,050	1,323,396	

<sup>\*</sup> Indicates disease no longer reported into the MDSS on an individual cases basis.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Data for cases reported is based on date of symptom onset, if available, or date of referral to the public health department.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> The Ottawa County Department Of Public Health began reporting aggregate counts of these diseases to the MDSS in 2015.

<sup>†</sup> All serotypes of invasive H. influenzae (Hi) disease are included, though only H. influenzae serotype b disease (Hib) is vaccine-preventable.

<sup>°</sup> Indicates a change in the case definition for 2020, which may affect the number of confirmed and probable cases.

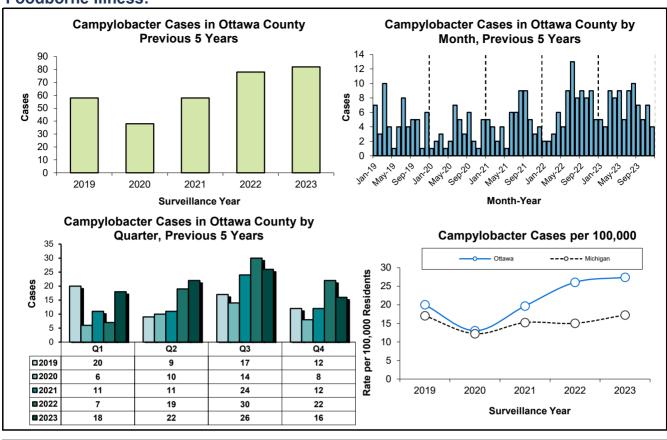
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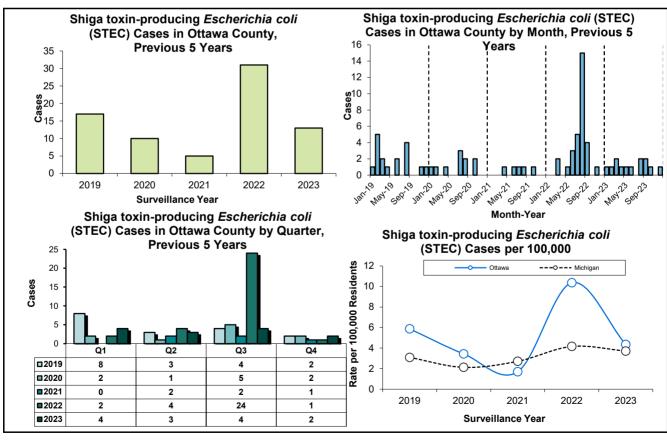
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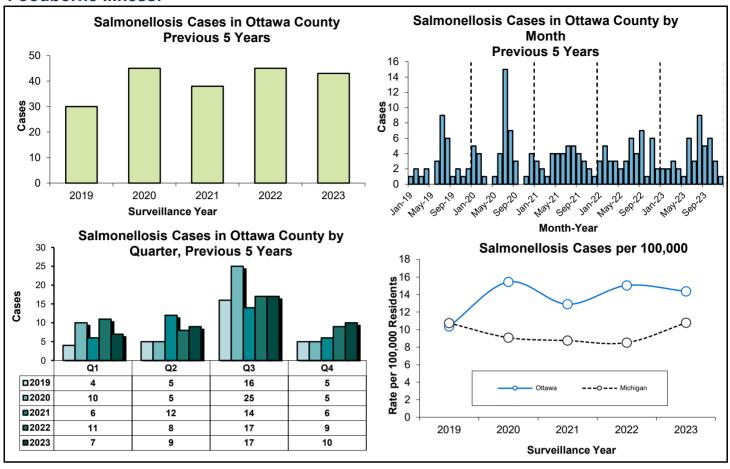
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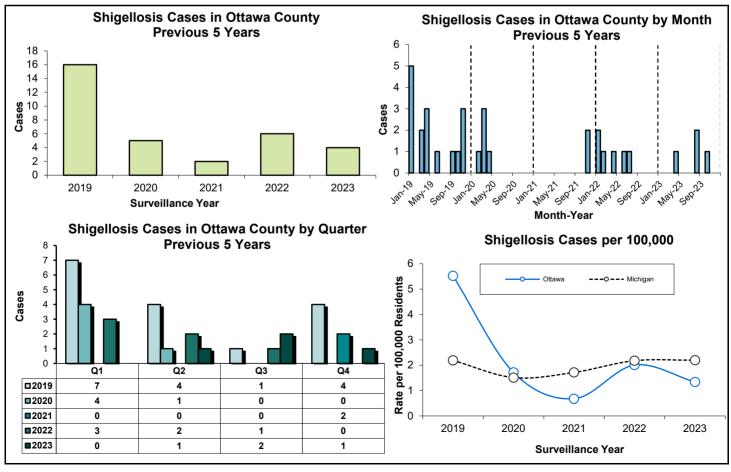
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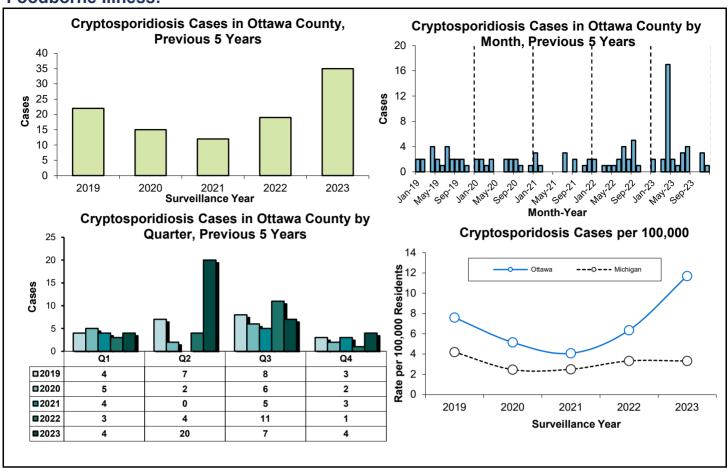


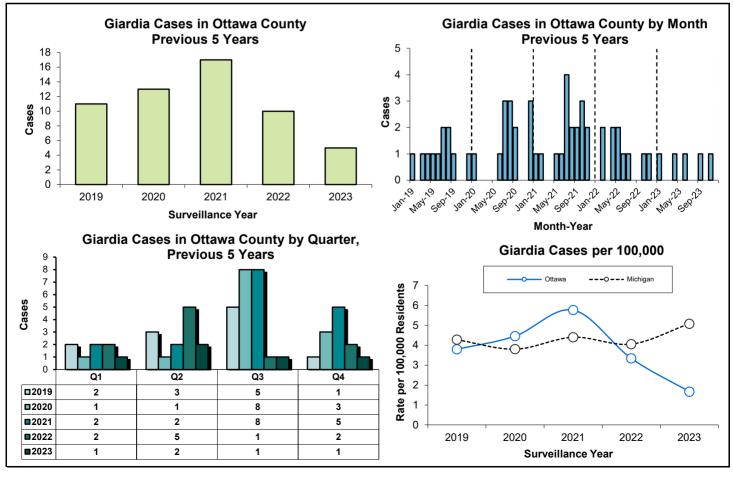
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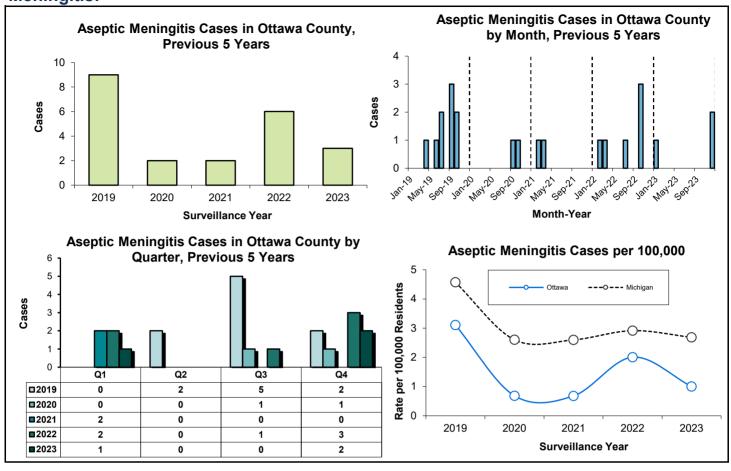


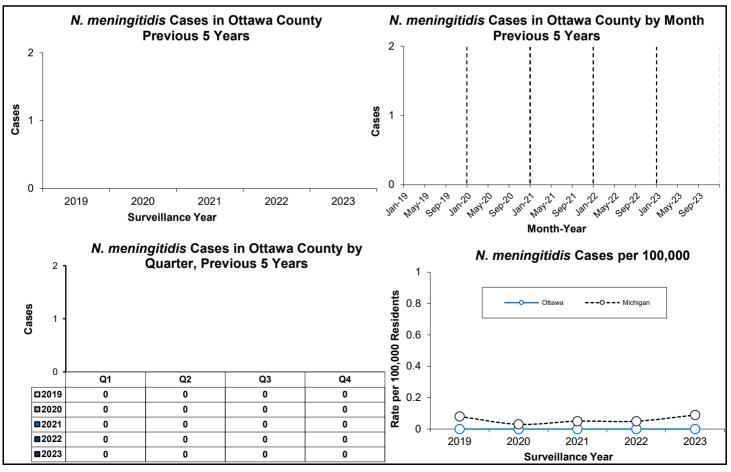
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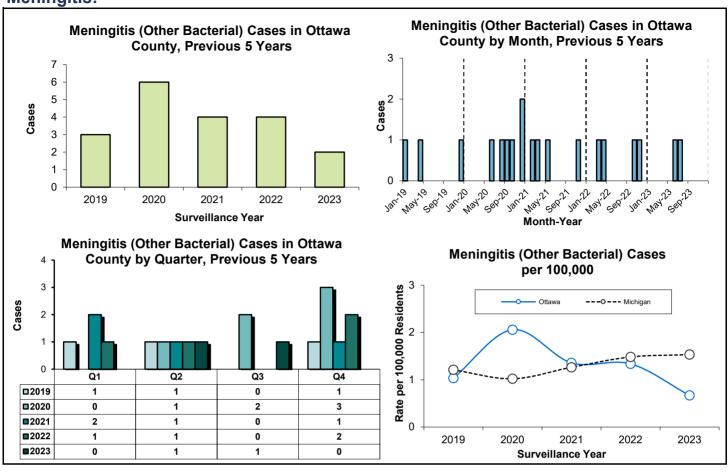


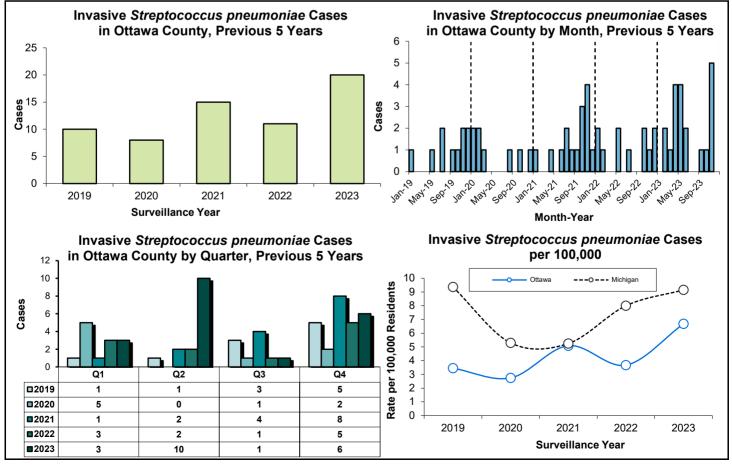
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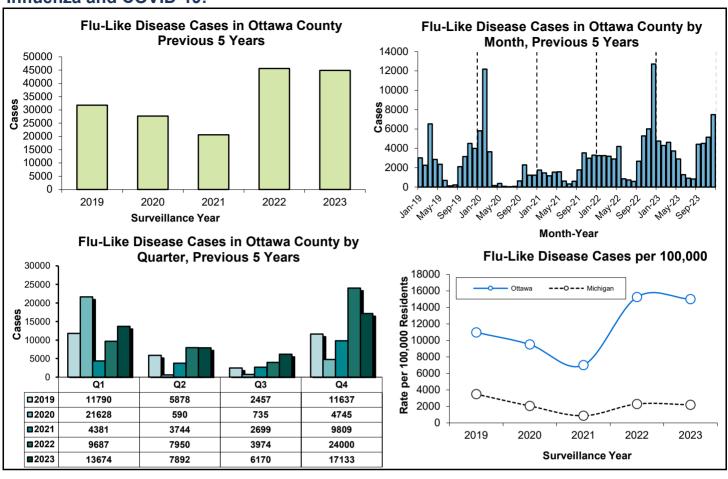


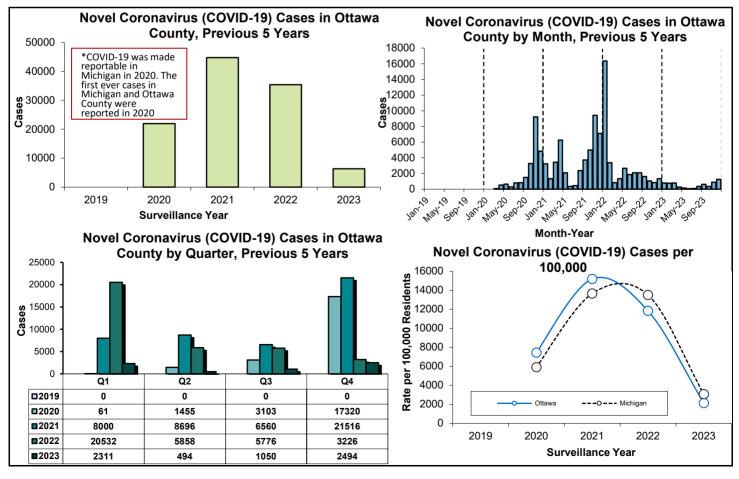
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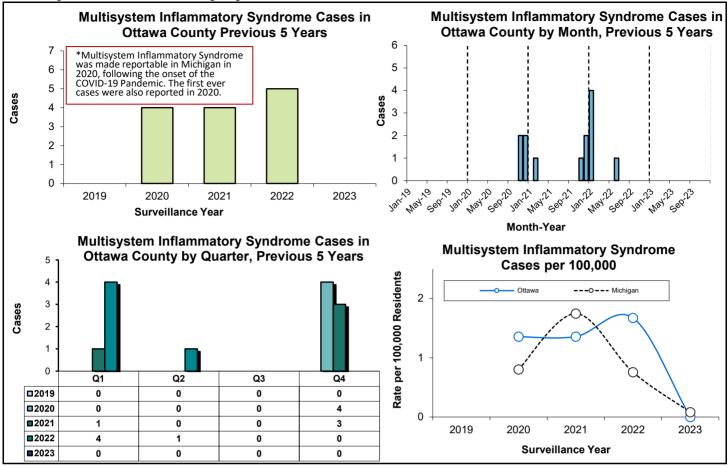


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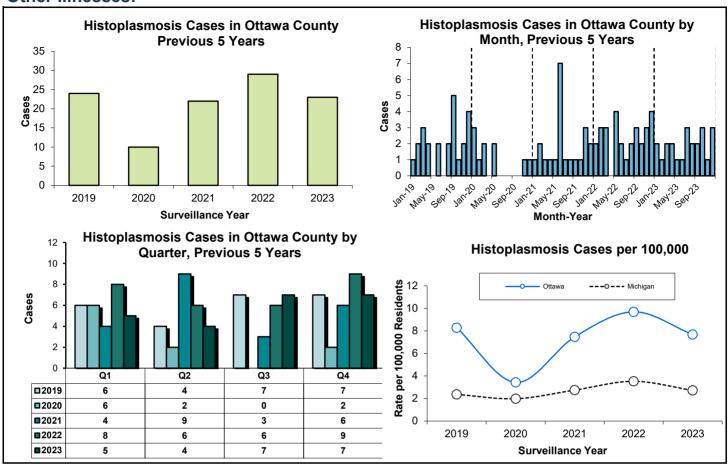


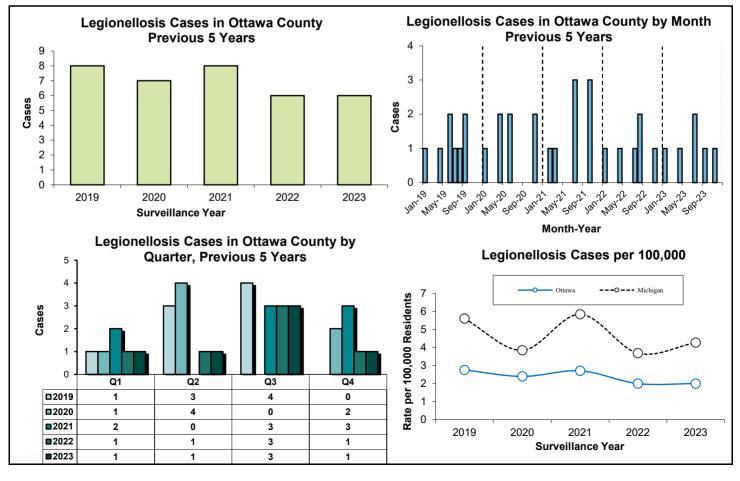


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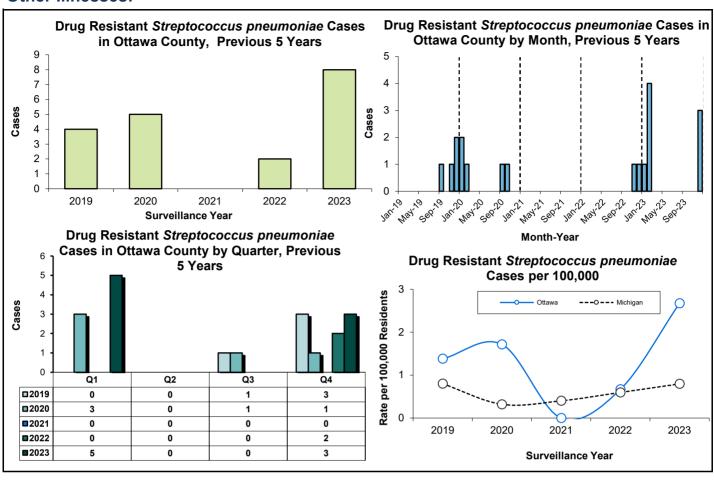


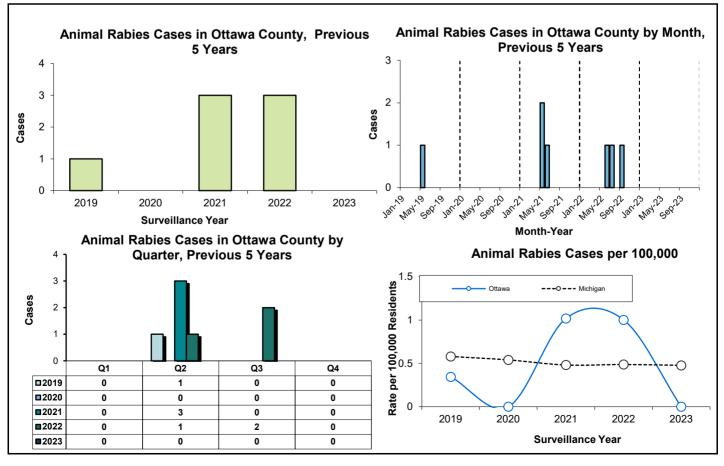
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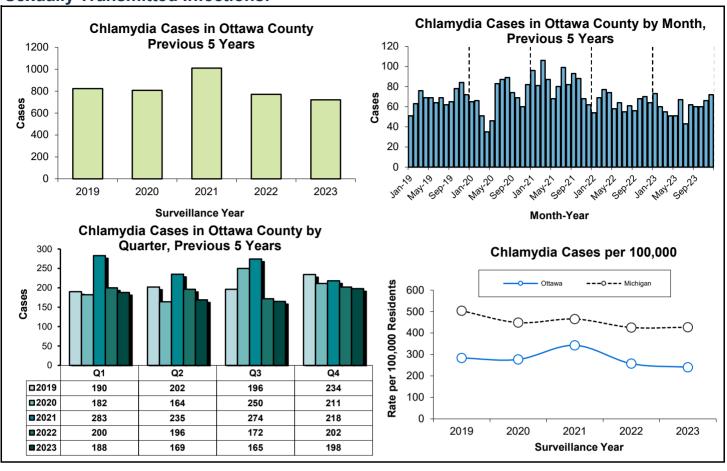


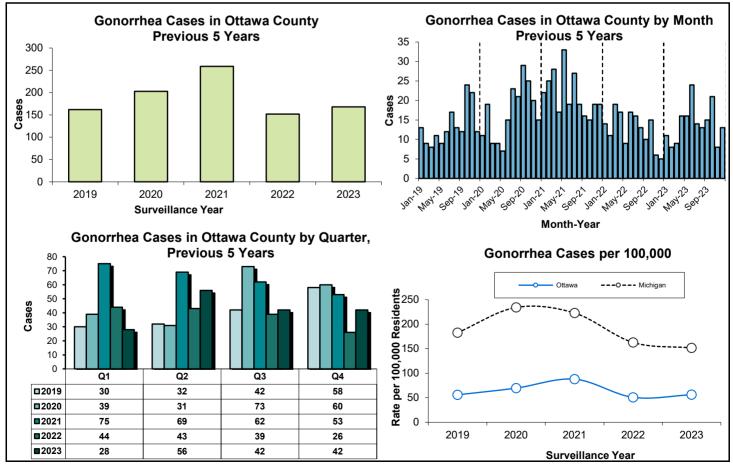
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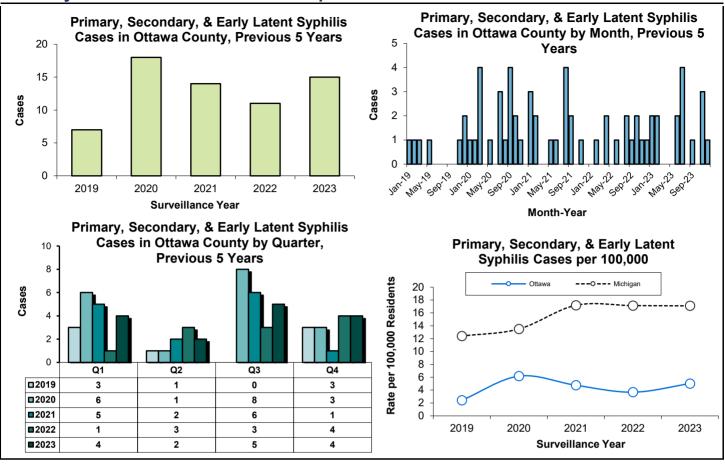


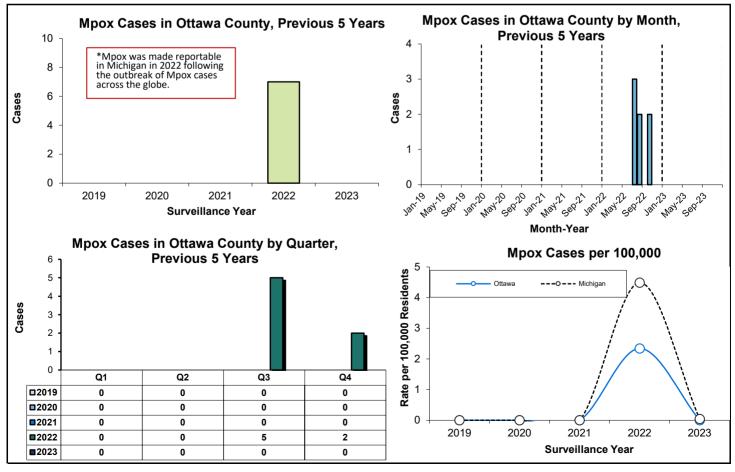
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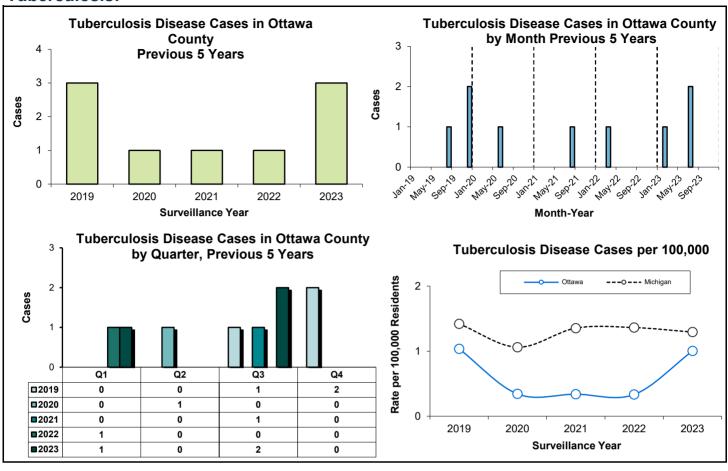


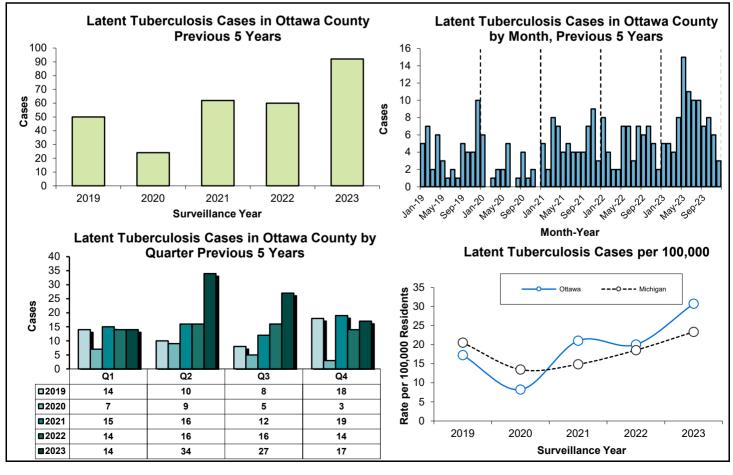
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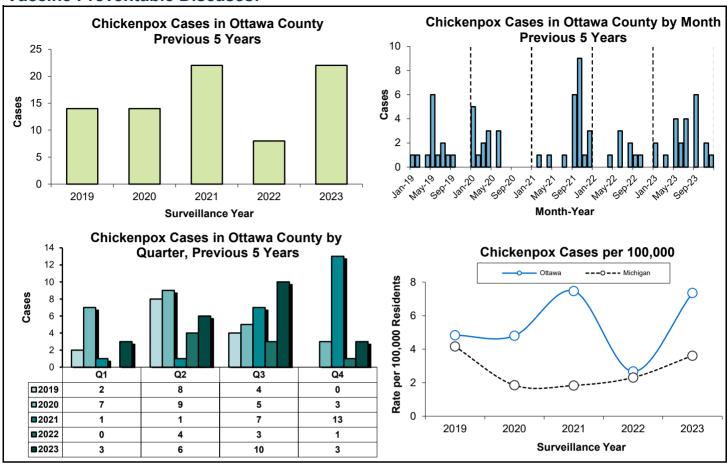


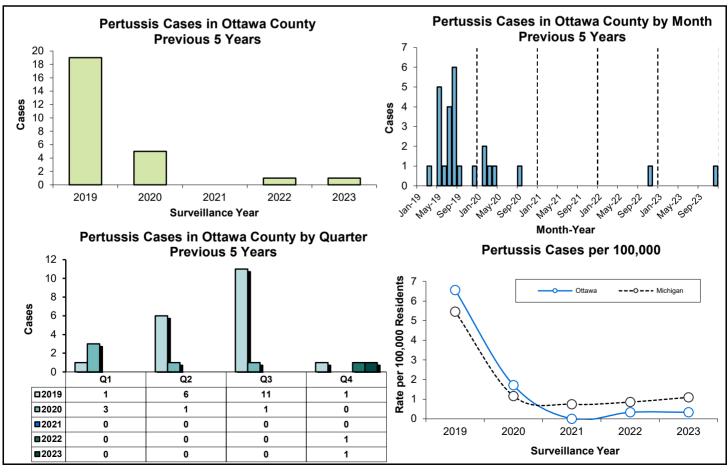
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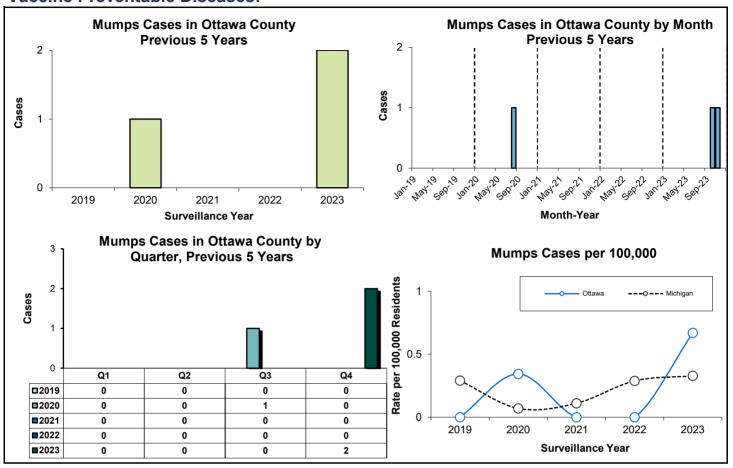


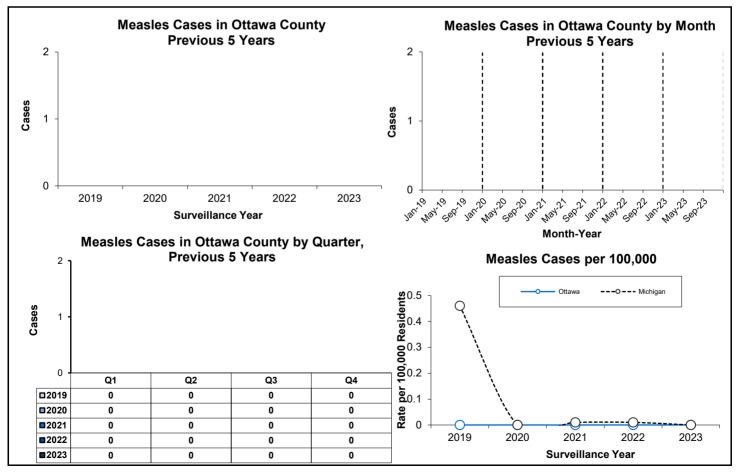
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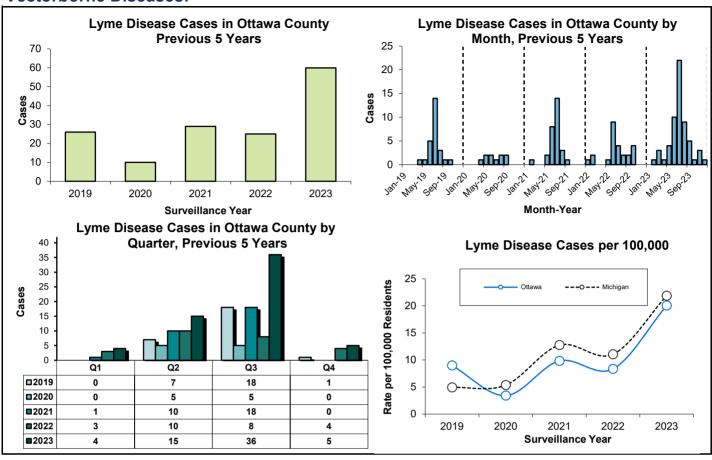


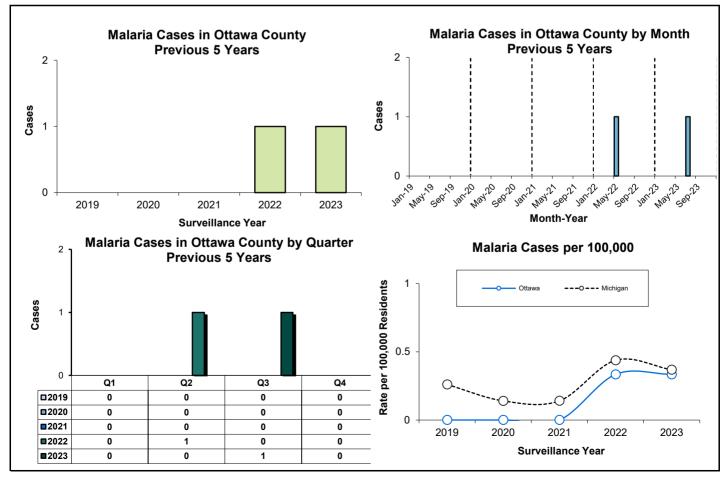
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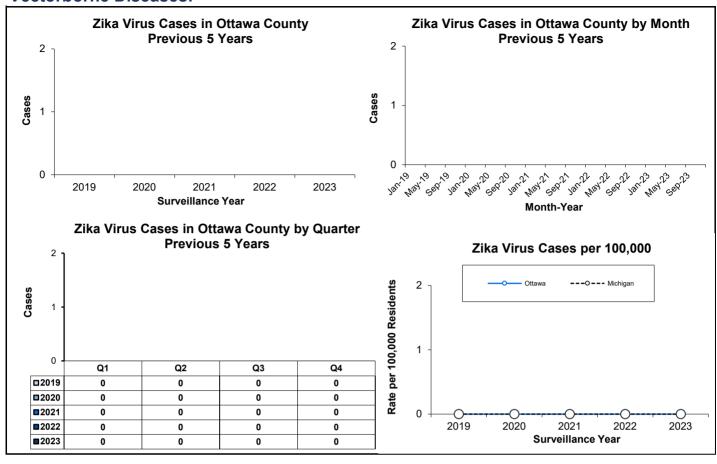


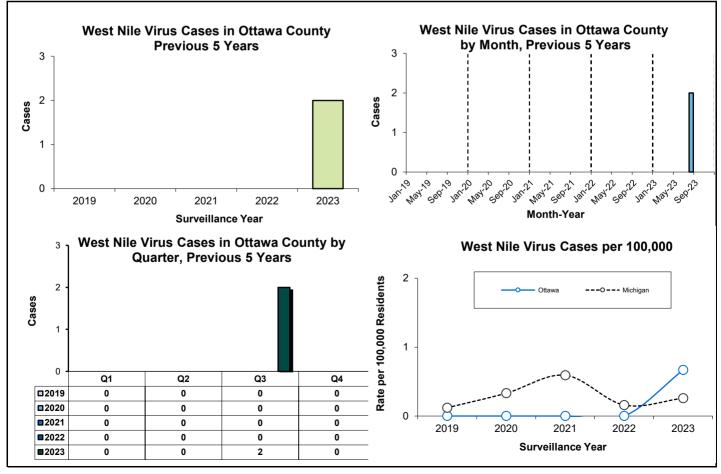
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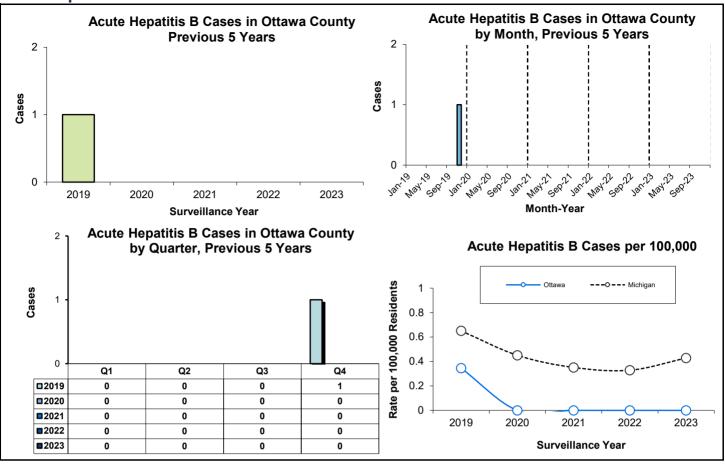


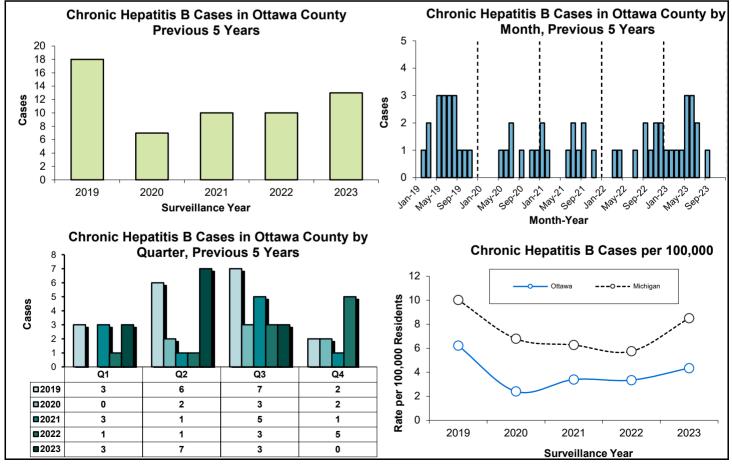
### **Vectorborne Diseases:**





### **Viral Hepatitis:**





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