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## **HEALTH ALERT: Increase in Influenza viral levels in Springfield** **12/22/2025**

The Clark County Combined Health District (CCCHD) received notification from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) of an increase in Influenza viral levels in the untreated wastewater at the Springfield Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP). These notifications are typically shared early in the respiratory season to alert the beginning of high seasonal activity.

**Increasing viral concentration in wastewater is often a leading indicator of higher transmission, case counts, and hospitalizations in the community. Please consider taking the following actions:**

- **Encourage vaccination**
- **Consider prevention measures where appropriate**

### **Background**

ODH works with WWTPs across the state to test for infectious viral disease fragments in wastewater. Wastewater monitoring enables early detection for when infectious disease trends are increasing or decreasing in a community. Viral fragments may be shed in the wastewater before someone shows symptoms, and infected individuals without any symptoms can also shed virus particles.

Respiratory viral levels in wastewater throughout the season can be viewed on [the Ohio Wastewater Monitoring Network Dashboard](#).

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### **Message Details**

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