



## Greene County Public Health

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### Hep C Cure Squad to be in Fairborn on September 12, 2025

*Free testing and treatment are available to anyone who needs them*

**FAIRBORN, OH** – Greene County Public Health's SafeTrade Harm Reduction program is teaming up with the *Hep C Cure Squad* from Central Outreach Wellness Center to offer an important health service in Fairborn.

This event will be held at the Fairborn office of Greene County Public Health, **25 S. Central Avenue**, on **Friday, September 12, 2025**, from **1:00 to 4:00 p.m.**

#### What is Hepatitis C?

Hepatitis C (Hep C) is a disease that affects the liver. It is caused by a virus that spreads when blood from an infected person gets into someone else's body. You can get Hep C from sharing needles, straws for drugs, personal items like toothbrushes or razors, through sex, or from getting tattoos with unclean tools. People born between 1946 and 1964, Vietnam veterans, and anyone who had surgery or a blood transfusion before 1992 are at higher risk.

If Hep C isn't treated, it can cause serious problems like liver cancer or scarring of the liver (cirrhosis) and can lead to death. Many people don't feel sick until the disease is very advanced. There is no vaccine for Hep C, so the best way to prevent it is to avoid risky behaviors.

The CDC recommends that everyone in the U.S. get tested at least once in their life, and more often if they are at higher risk. The free test takes only 10 minutes, and treatment usually takes 8–12 weeks.

#### About the Event

The *Hep C Cure Squad* will offer **FREE** testing and treatment to anyone who needs it. You do not need to be sober or have an appointment. If you test positive, you can get medicine that cures Hep C in most cases with few side effects. The event will also offer HIV testing, HIV prevention medicine, and help connecting to care.

If you do not have insurance, please bring your Medicaid rejection letter.

If you have questions about this event, please contact Colton at 937-607-8653 or email [cholley@greenecophoh.gov](mailto:cholley@greenecophoh.gov).

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