



Greene County Public Health

Melissa Howell, MS, MBA, MPH, RN, REHS, Health Commissioner
Kevin L. Sharrett, MD, Medical Director

Press Release

For Immediate Release
May 26, 2026

Contact: Laurie Fox, Public Information Officer
937-374-5669 office / 937-283-5178 cell
publicinformation@greenecophoh.gov

Public Health Supports Men's Health Month '26: Partners in Care, Advancing Men's Health Across Lifespans

XENIA, OH – Greene County Public Health is proud to recognize Men's Health Month (June 2026) and International Men's Health Week (June 15–21, 2026) in support of improving the health and well-being of men and boys in all phases of life.

This year's national theme, "Partners in Care: Advancing Men's Health Through Connection, Education, and Advocacy—For Better Lifespans Across the Lifespan," emphasizes that men's health does not happen in isolation. Health outcomes are shaped by relationships with partners, families, caregivers, workplaces, and communities, and strengthening these care partnerships is essential to improving long-term outcomes.

Men continue to experience higher rates of preventable illness and premature death. In the U.S., men die on average 6 years earlier than women, often from conditions that are preventable or manageable with early detection and consistent care. This gap underscores the importance of education, awareness, and proactive engagement.

Men's health awareness includes, but is not limited to:

- Heart disease and stroke - leading causes of death among men
- Prostate and testicular cancers - where early detection improves outcomes
- Colorectal and lung cancers - disproportionately impact men
- Diabetes and metabolic conditions - often linked to preventable risk factors
- Mental health challenges, such as depression/suicide - where men face higher mortality rates
- Substance use disorders - contributing to preventable deaths
- Workplace-related injuries and safety concerns
- Healthy aging and chronic disease management across the lifespan

Improving men's health outcomes requires a comprehensive approach that promotes preventive screenings, early intervention, mental and emotional well-being, and open conversations about health. It also requires recognizing men not only as patients, but as caregivers, partners, fathers, mentors, and community leaders.

-cont'd-



Greene County Public Health

Melissa Howell, MS, MBA, MPH, RN, REHS, Health Commissioner
Kevin L. Sharrett, MD, Medical Director

“Supporting men’s health strengthens families and communities,” said Jennifer Thompson, VP at Men’s Health Network. “By recognizing care as a partnership, we can encourage earlier conversations, proactive health decisions, and better outcomes for everyone.”

By advancing connection, education, and shared advocacy, we can help close the Lifespan Gender Gap and support healthier, longer lives for men and boys.

For more information and available resources on the official Men’s Health Month site via www.MensHealthNetwork.org, event tips for ‘Wear Blue’ at www.WearBlueForMensHealth.com, or join in on the conversation over at the Talking About Men’s Health blog at www.TAMH.MensHealthNetwork.org.

For more information about Greene County Public Health, visit the website at www.greenecophoh.gov.

Greene County Public Health...
Your Accredited and Trusted Local Public Health Authority Since 1920

###