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Communicable Disease Report

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Table 1: February 2023 Reportable Diseases

- For the month of February Knox County had higher than normal Salmonella, Staphylococcal aureus, and Streptococcus pneumoniae cases reported. While each of these three are above the normal rate, it is not a cause for concern at this time.
- STIs of chlamydia and gonorrhoeae continue to be lower than the threshold value.

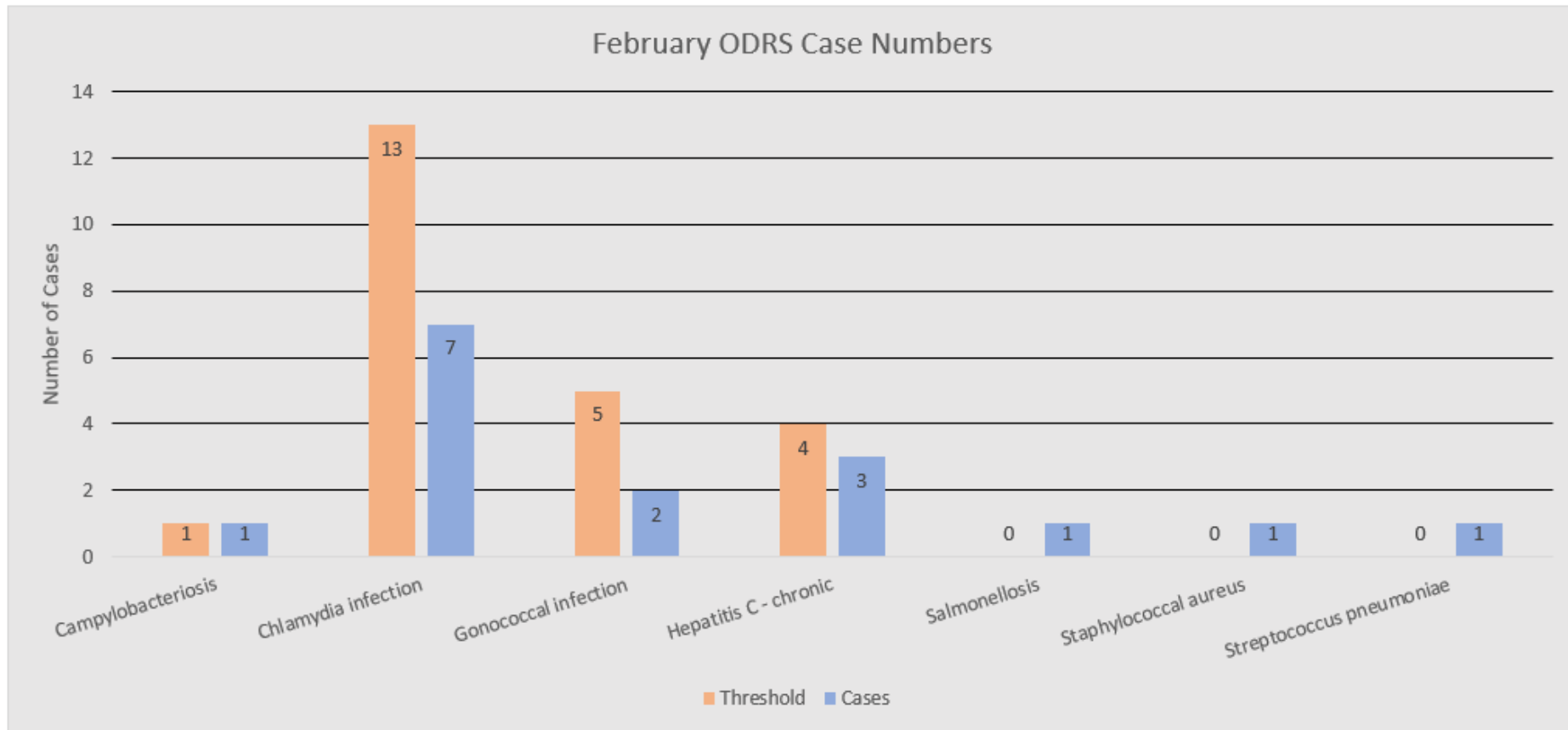
Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS)	Case Classification Status				Threshold*	YTD
	REPORTABLE DISEASE	Suspected	Probable	Confirmed		
Campylobacteriosis	0	0	1	1	1	2
Chlamydia	0	0	7	7	13	16
COVID-19	0	38	106	144	152	271
Gonococcal	0	0	2	2	5	2
Hepatitis C - chronic	0	0	3	3	4	4
Salmonellosis	0	0	1	1	0	2
Staphylococcal aureus	1	0	0	1	0	1
Streptococcus pneumoniae	0	0	1	1	0	3

This report contains information regarding suspected, probable, and confirmed cases of the diseases listed and are subject to change

**Threshold calculated from the average and standard deviation of monthly disease reporting from 2017 to 2021.*

Figure 1: February 2023 Reportable Disease Comparison

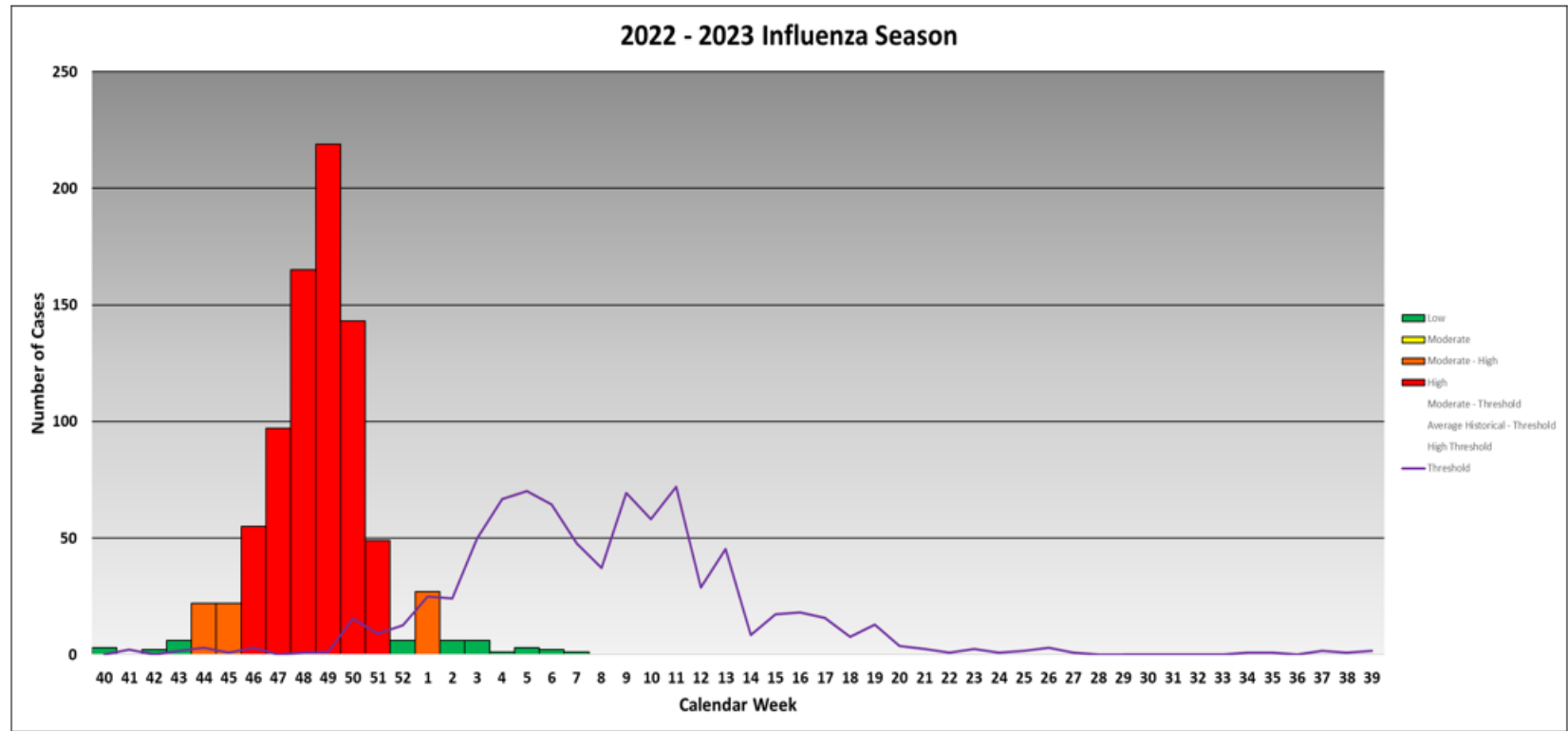
**COVID-19 excluded due to the number of cases for February exceeding the graphic scale for all other communicable diseases*



ODRS = Ohio Disease Reporting System

Figure 2: Knox County 2022 – 2023 Flu Season

Influenza cases have continued to decrease and have maintained well below the threshold value typically seen this time of year.



Closing Thoughts

- For the month of February Knox County had higher than normal Salmonella, Staphylococcal aureus, and Streptococcus pneumoniae. While each of these three are above the typical rate for this time of year, it is not a cause for concern at this time.
- STIs of chlamydia and gonorrhea continue to be low.
- Influenza cases have continued to decrease and have maintained well below the threshold value typically seen this time of year.
- COVID-19 has officially been re-designated as a class B reportable condition.



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