

## Progress on CHIP

Greene County Department of Public Health's [Scorecard](#) outlines the community efforts being made in Greene County to address the following health priorities identified in our most recent Community Health Needs Assessment.

- **Healthy Behaviors** (addressing Chronic Disease and Physical Activity & Nutrition)
- **Substance Use Disorders** (addressing tobacco and opioids)

We strive to keep our scorecard as up-to-date as possible. Click the document symbol beside each program in the [Scorecard](#) to learn more about the programs and initiatives taking place to improve health outcomes in Greene County. You can read the story about progress on each performance measure by opening the "plus" sign next to each performance measure.

## Morbidity and Mortality Changes Since Last CHA

### **COVID-19**

Since our last CHNA, there have been an additional 20 deaths from COVID-19 in Greene County, bringing the total to 80.

## Emerging Issues Since Last CHA

### **COVID-19**

The community level of COVID-19 in Greene County is low based on cases and hospitalizations, according to the most recent update from the C.D.C. in March 2023.

On August 15, 2022, Governor Roy Cooper ended North Carolina's COVID-19 State of Emergency due to the availability of vaccines, treatment, testing, and healthcare providers continuing the pandemic response without needing the State of Emergency.

### **Mpox**

Mpox, formerly known as monkeypox, is a rash illness caused by the mpox virus. The World Health Organization changed the name to reduce the bias and stigmas associated with the previous name. Mpox can be spread to anyone through close contact, including:

- Direct skin-to-skin contact with the mpox rash, sores, or scabs
- Contact with objects that have been used by someone with mpox (clothes, linens, surfaces)

- Exposure to respiratory droplets or oral fluids during prolonged face-to-face contact with someone with mpox
- Mpox can also be spread during intimate oral, anal, or vaginal sexual contact with a person with mpox.

In July 2022, the Jynneos vaccine became available to protect against mpox. The vaccine is free for those who meet the following criteria:

- Anyone who had close contact in the past two weeks with someone who has been diagnosed with monkeypox, and
- Gay or bisexual men or transgender individuals who report any of the following in the last 90 days:
  - Having multiple sex partners or anonymous sex
  - Being diagnosed with a sexually transmitted infection
  - Receiving medications to prevent HIV infection (PrEP)

### New/Paused/Discontinued Initiatives Since Last CHA



Since our last CHNA, **Family Accountability and Recovery Court** has been a new initiative implemented to help provide extensive recovery support services and accountability. This recovery court provides services and opportunities for families involved in the child welfare system due to allegations of child abuse, neglect, or other parenting issues related to substance use. Participants are linked to substance use and mental health assessments and treatments; drug and alcohol testing; community resources for housing, transportation, employment, education, parenting, and financial management classes; and collaborative support teams of community and judicial personnel.