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Cyclosporiasis cases surging in OH

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Cyclosporiasis cases are surging in Ohio. The Ohio Department of Health on July 16 reported more than 1,200 cases statewide, with 88 people being hospitalized. On July 9, the case count stood at 364.

The state reported Stark County as having 48 confirmed cases. The gastrointestinal illness is caused by the parasite cyclospora cayatenensis, which enters the gut after someone eats food or drinks water contaminated by feces. The most common symptom is watery, “explosive” diarrhea that can last for over a month if not properly treated. This year’s total, which includes cases of the illness before the recent

outbreak, would be the highest recorded in the past decade. According to state data, within that timeframe, 2026 has more than eight times the former high of 146 confirmed cases in 2019. The county with the most over the last 10 years is Lucas County with 315 cases. The closest to that is Franklin County with 207. Stark had 87 confirmed cases the past decade.

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Reward increased to \$25K in 2011 Canton cold case murder

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CANTON – Officials have increased the reward for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person or persons responsible for the 2011 murder of Dale A. Settle Jr. The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, in partnership with the U.S. Marshals Service, this week increased the reward to \$25,000. “We believe there are individuals with information that could help solve this case,” Bill Halusek, area supervisor and public information officer for ATF, wrote in an email. “We hope this increased reward provides the incentive for someone to come forward and do the right thing,” While attending a Bible study Sept. 22, 2011, in the 600 block of Hazlett Avenue NW in Canton, Settle was approached by two unidentified suspects who tried to rob him at gunpoint. During the attempted robbery, one suspect shot Settle. Settle died at a local hospital. He was 22. ATF is increasing its previously announced reward from \$10,000 to \$15,000, and USMS is contributing an additional \$10,000, bringing the total reward to \$25,000 for information leading to the identification and arrest of the person or persons responsible for this homicide. “With this renewed reward offer, ATF and the U.S. Marshals Service believe this senseless act of violence can still be brought to a successful resolution,” ATF Special Agent in Charge Jorge A. Rosendo said in a press release. “We remain committed to seeking justice for Dale Settle and providing answers for his family. We encourage anyone with information, no matter how insignificant it may seem, to come forward.”

“This horrific crime has impacted a family for far too long. The U.S. Marshals Service stands with our partners at ATF and the Canton Police Department and remains committed to using every available resource to bring those responsible to justice,” Chief Deputy U.S. Marshal Brian Fitzgibbon said in a prepared statement. “I know I speak for the Canton community in expressing our appreciation to the ATF and the USMS for their support in the ongoing investigation of this homicide,” Canton Police Chief John Gabbard said in a press release. “Any loss of life is tragic, and the effect on families and communities is amplified when homicides are unresolved. We are still actively investigating this case and the reward increase is welcome news.”

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DID AI WRITE THAT SERMON?



Rabbi Rachel Brown discusses artificial intelligence and how she uses it during an interview in the sanctuary of Beth Israel – The West Temple in Cleveland. PHOTOS BY MIKE CARDEW/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

How religious leaders use the technology

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“AI doesn’t really have a name. You can’t see it. It’s faceless. It’s God,” Rabbi Rachel Brown joked to her husband, Rabbi Michael Ross. Rachel Brown leads Beth Israel – The West Temple in Cleveland and is the president of the Greater Cleveland Board of Rabbis. While it was said in jest, many religious leaders are embracing artificial intelligence in ways beyond their congregants’ imaginations. So much so that clergy in the world’s largest Abrahamic religions — Judaism, Christianity and Islam — are now creating guidelines and principles for using the revolutionary technology through the lens of their beliefs and values.

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Why many see AI as next Industrial Revolution

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As artificial intelligence continues to advance, religious leaders are creating guidelines and principles for using the new technology that align with their beliefs and values. “Our association with religious institutions is ancient wisdom, and so the notion that they are using cutting-edge technology probably is incongruent to people,” said Rabbi Daniel Bogard, who works at Central Reform Congregation in Saint Louis. Local clergies are not alone in these decisions, as their peers and superiors across the world grapple with the same question: Where does AI fall into our religion?

Pope Leo XIV addresses AI

There are many reasons behind



Imam Shaykh Musa Sugapong conducts the Friday afternoon service in the mosque at the Islamic Society of Akron and Kent in Cuyahoga Falls.

why a pope chooses their name, but Pope Leo XIV’s reason was AI. He chose it to honor Pope Leo XIII, who published a landmark encyclical

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