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## For Immediate release

### Miami County Public Health COVID-19 Update

**Miami County** – Miami County is currently at an Orange #2 COVID-19 Risk Level. This is due to Miami County meeting the criteria for 2 of the 7 Alert Indicators:

- 50+ cases /100,000 population within last 2 weeks
- More than 50% of new cases are from non-congregate care living

This risk level indicates increased exposure and spread of COVID-19. It is advised that community members exercise a high degree of caution and follow all current health orders. Limit events over ten people and non-essential activities as much as possible. In addition to the 2 indicators met, Miami County is listed as a High Incidence area. This means that a county is flagged as high incidence when more than 100 cases per 100,000 residents over the last 2 weeks.

For more information on the Public Health Advisory System visit:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/>

Since October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2020, there have been **597** new COVID-19 cases, 31 new hospitalizations and 3 new deaths reported. This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in Miami County to 2625, with 2338 confirmed cases and 287 probable cases, 213 hospitalizations and 61 deaths, with 1894 presumed recovered.

In recent weeks, Miami County, has seen a surge in COVID-19 cases. This has created challenges for Miami County Public Health Contact Tracing Team in conducting contact tracing and disease investigation needed to effectively monitor the spread of COVID-19 in the community. If you have recently tested positive for COVID-19 or notified that you have been in contact with a positive case and have not been contacted by a member of the Miami County Public Health





Contact Tracing team, please be patient and know that we are working diligently and will contact you as soon as possible. In the meantime, please follow the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention guidance and isolate or quarantine for the appropriate timeframe.

With the surge in cases it is important, now more than ever, that the community follow safety guidance and wear a mask or facial covering and maintain proper social distancing when in public. If you are ill or live with someone who is ill, do not attend social events or gatherings. These are the only steps that can be taken to slow the spread of COVID-19.

MCPH will continue working to keep the community safe and informed as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in Miami County.

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