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Miami County Public Health COVID-19 Update

Miami County – Today, July 2, Miami County is reporting 0 new COVID-19 cases. The total number of COVID-19 cases for Miami County is 442, with 57 hospitalizations and 31 deaths.

The 4th of July holiday is upon us and while Ohio continues to reopen it's important to remember we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Public mass gatherings of more than 10 people is still prohibited under the ODH directors orders, however private residents are allowed more than 10. With that community members need to make smart decisions about their plans to celebrate the 4th of July. Limit social gatherings and the number of people you interact with. Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet and wear a mask or face covering.

In the past weeks many areas have seen spikes in positive COVID-19 cases. In order to avoid a surge everyone should do their part and make responsible decisions. It has come to the attention of the MCPH disease investigation team, that some of the positive cases in Miami County had symptoms of COVID-19 or lived with others who had symptoms, but chose to attend social gatherings or visit others. It is vital that those with symptoms or live with others who have symptoms to stay home. Do not attend social gatherings or visit others. Symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat





- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

For additional information on symptoms visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/symptoms.html>

Today, Governor DeWine announced the implementation of a new Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19. This new risk-based assessment system will allow for each county to identify their risk level for COVID-19 based on 7 key data indicators. Miami County is currently at a Yellow level, which is a lower risk but there is still need for community members to be cautious and continue to practice all safety guidelines for COVID-19. MCPH asks for the community's patience and collaboration as we moved into this next phase of reopening and adapt to the new risk-based system. More information will be coming soon.

MCPH will work diligently to keep the community informed as new information and guidance comes out regarding the new Public Health Advisory System for COVID-19.

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