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## For Immediate release

### Miami County Public Health COVID-19 Update

**Miami County** - Miami County Public Health is issuing an update on the COVID-19 in Miami County.

As of today, Friday, May 8, 2020, Miami County is reporting 176 positive COVID-19 cases and 27 deaths due to COVID-19, in Miami County.

As guidance continues to evolve during the COVID-19 pandemic, long term care facilities are now encouraged to test all residents and staff for the coronavirus. Until now, the capability for testing had been limited.

Until now, residents and staff at Koester Pavilion and SpringMeade Health Center, with no COVID-19 symptoms, have been at a lower priority for testing based on previous guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Ohio Department of Health. Those guideline recently changed to now include testing for all staff & residents.

Earlier this week testing began on all residents and staff at Koester Pavilion and SpringMeade. This additional testing will help identify previously existing cases. The increased testing will result in an increase in positive COVID-19 cases for Miami County. It is important that the community remember that this increase in positive COVID-19 cases is expected and does not indicate a sudden increase in the spread of the virus.

As Miami County continues forward in the reopening process, community members need to continue to be diligent in social distancing and wearing face coverings where social distancing is difficult to maintain.

MCPH will continue to keep the community informed and updated on the COVID-19 situation and any new guidelines or recommendations.



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