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Miami County Public Health Community Update on COVID-19 Cases

Miami County- Miami County Public Health (MCPH), in conjunction with Premier Health Partners and Koester Pavilion Assisted Living Facility, are sending out a community update on the coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19) outbreak. As of today, Friday March 20th, 2020, there have been 32 individuals, associated with Koester Pavilion, who have developed COVID-19 symptoms. Those affected include: 16 residents-age 53-94, 14 staff members-age 16-76, and 2 visitors. All those affected have been tested for COVID-19, 7 are now hospitalized and there are 11 presumptive positive cases. All other tests are currently still pending results.

Symptoms for these individuals varies from mild and treatable at home, to advanced life support in the Intensive Care Unit. The onset of symptoms for the 32 individuals ranges from March 9th through March 17th. There has been 1 death out of the 32 individuals, however their COVID-19 test is still pending and it cannot be confirmed that their death is due to COVID-19.

Our deepest condolences go out to the family that has lost their loved one and our thoughts are with all those who have been impacted by this.

Miami County Public Health, along with epidemiologists from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), are working diligently with Koester Pavilion to identify and contact those who may have come in contact with the confirmed cases. This is a rapidly evolving situation and new details and information will emerge over the next few days.

While most Covid-19 cases are mild, it's very infectious and those who are 60 years old or older and those with long term medical conditions, such as heart disease, cancer and diabetes, are at higher risk of developing severe symptoms. MCPH wants to remind younger people that not only are they potential carriers of COVID-19 and could pass it along to older people, they can also become ill as well. This is a community spread situation and it is important that everyone do their part to help stop the spread of disease. MCPH encourages everyone to:

- Follow social distancing recommendations from the governor's office and the Ohio Department of Health
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.





- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces – doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, etc.

MCPH wants to remind everyone, don't discriminate. Those who are associated with this outbreak are working hard to save lives and are putting themselves in danger. We at MCPH, appreciate the partnership with Premier, Koester Pavilion and ODH in helping us contain this outbreak and continued efforts to keep the community safe and informed.

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