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**Miami County Public Health Announces New COVID -19 Cases**

**Miami County, Ohio**-Miami County Public Health (MCPH) is reporting, as of today, Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>, 2020, there are #\_ more presumptive positive Covid-19 cases in Miami County. # are from Koester Pavilion.

Miami County Public, health along with epidemiologists from ODH are currently working 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 there are # now presumptive positive cases, there are # tests still pending. Results on those should take between 24-48 hours. Of the # of pending & presumptive positive cases, # have been hospitalized. Currently, in Ohio, there are 119 confirmed cases in 24 counties, with onset of symptoms ranging from February 7<sup>th</sup> to March 18<sup>th</sup>. Of those cases there are 43 females and 76 males, ranging in age from 2 to 91. There are currently 33 individuals hospitalized in Ohio

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.

In order 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.

All of our local and state public health officials are working diligently on this matter coordinating efforts to keep the public safe and informed. Again, MCPH will update the community as new information come available. We will be available to answer questions via phone or email through the following contacts at the following times:

