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### **Miami County Public Health COVID-19 Update**

**Miami County** – Miami County Public Health has noticed irregularities in the data for COVID-19 related deaths for Miami County, on the Ohio Department of Health’s COVID-19 Dashboard. After an investigation it was determined that a number of deaths related to COVID-19 were not reporting to the Ohio Department of Health’s dashboard. The reporting of COVID-19 related deaths is a complex system where information is entered in multiple areas then confirmed but the Ohio Department of Health. It was determined that information was being entered in one area but missing in another and due to an overwhelming number of deaths across the state for December, there was a lag in confirming COVID-19 related deaths. The issue has been resolved and over the next few days these unreported COVID-19 deaths will be updated to the dashboard. It is important to remember that these deaths are from previous months and not a sudden increase in COVID-19 related deaths.

Miami County remains at a Red #3 COVID-19 risk level. This Red #3 COVID-19 Risk Level is due to Miami County meeting the criteria for 1 of the 7 Alert Indicators and continues to be listed as a High Incidence Area:

- 50+ cases /100,000 population within last 2 weeks

This risk level indicates very high exposure and spread of COVID-19. It is advised that community members limit activities as much as possible and follow all current health orders. Limit events over ten people and non-essential activities as much as possible. Miami County will stay at a Red level #3 until we are no longer in the high incidence category.

For more information on the Public Health Advisory System visit:

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



Since January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, there have been 508 new cases which brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in Miami County to 9621, with 8399 confirmed cases and 1222 probable cases, 486 hospitalizations and 8602 presumed recovered.

New COVID-19 cases seem to be trending downward, but this is not a time to stop safety precautions. To keep this downward trend, community members are encouraged to continue wearing masks or facial coverings, stay 6 feet from one another, wash hands frequently, and if you are sick, stay home and away from others as much as possible. It will take some time to get enough people vaccinated before we can begin to ease any safety precautions.

For more information visit the Miami County Public Health website at:

<https://www.miamicountyhealth.net>. MCPH continues to work diligently to keep the community safe and informed as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in Miami County.

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