MIAMI COUNTY
Public Health

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Miami County Public Health COVID-19 Update

Miami County – Miami County is currently at an Orange #2 COVID-19 Risk Level. This is due to Miami County meeting the criteria for 3 of the 7 Alert Indicators:

- 50+ cases /100,000 population within last 2 weeks
- New cases trajectory increase over a 5 day period
- More than 50% of new cases are from non-congregate care living

This risk level indicates increased exposure and spread of COVID-19. It is advised that community members exercise a high degree of caution and follow all current health orders. Limit events over ten people and non-essential activities as much as possible. In addition to the 3 indicators met, Miami County is listed as a High Incidence area. This means that a county is flagged as high incidence when more than 100 cases per 100,000 residents over the last 2 weeks.

For more information on the Public Health Advisory System visit:
https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/

Since September 4th, 2020, there have been 213 new COVID-19 cases, 7 new hospitalizations and 6 new deaths reported. This brings the total number of COVID-19 cases in Miami County to 1326, with 1110 confirmed cases and 216 probable cases, 125 hospitalizations and 49 deaths, with 1021 presumed recovered.
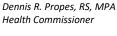
Miami County has had a significant increase in cases over the past two weeks. All the schools in the county have resumed classes and we are now seeing positive COVID-19 cases within the schools. It is important to remember the steps that can be taken to reduce transmission of COVID-19. Limit social gatherings, practice safe social distancing, and wear a face covering

when you are out in public. If you are sick or if you live with someone who is sick, stay home. Please do not attend school, sports activities, social gatherings, or other events.

If you have been exposed to someone who tests positive for COVID-19 you may be considered a close contact and asked to quarantine for 14 days.

What counts as close contact?

- *You were within 6 feet of someone who has COVID-19 for a total of 15 minutes or more*
  - *You provided care at home to someone who is sick with COVID-19*
- *You had direct physical contact with the person (hugged or kissed them)*
  - *You shared eating or drinking utensils*
- *They sneezed, coughed, or somehow got respiratory droplets on you*

Quarantine is used to keep someone who might have been exposed to COVID-19 away from others. Quarantine helps prevent spread of disease that can occur before a person knows they are sick or if they are infected with the virus without feeling symptoms. People in quarantine should stay home, separate themselves from others, monitor their health, and follow directions from their state or local health department (CDC, 2020).

MCPH will continue to work keeping the community safe and informed as the COVID-19 situation continues to evolve in Miami County.

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