

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Dear Community Members:

I understand the concerns people have about the ever evolving impact of COVID-19. While the situation is serious, it is important for all citizens to understand what steps they can take to reduce the spread of illness.

Testing results are coming in daily and the accurate picture of the situation is beginning to be reflected in case numbers. Confirmed information, and actions that need to be taken for the well-being of the public, will be communicated quickly. We assure you, the public health system is taking every measure possible and utilizing all resources available to fight this disease.

It is important for us to not live in fear, as we are a prepared community, but to also take the situation seriously.

What do we know?

Confirmed cases in Medina County: 15

Confirmed Cases in the State of Ohio: 564

Ohio Age range: 1-95 years

Ohio Illness onset date range: 02/07/20 – 03/23/20

Ohio Age range: < 1 – 95 years, median 51 years

Ohio Sex: 269 females (48%), 295 males (52%)

Ohio Number of hospitalizations: 145

Ohio Number of deaths: 8

Ohio Counties Affected: 49

I understand recent mandates are economically and emotionally challenging. But I strongly implore the community to support these efforts of reducing the spread of COVID-19 by abiding by the State of Ohio's orders and stay home. This includes gathering in groups outdoors. Sporting events, practices, or group exercises should not be taking place. Even if you are young, or otherwise healthy, you are still at risk or could put others at risk for COVID-19. This disease spreads through respiratory droplets. Social distancing is one of the most important things you can do to slow the spread.

What can you do?

The best thing we all can do together to stop the spread of COVID-19 is to stay home and self-isolate. I know it is difficult to stand at a distance while running essential errands, but keeping that space between other customers is necessary. The actions of each person in the next two weeks can make all the difference in the total impact this illness has on our community. Wash your hands and take all measures available to sanitize and disinfect your surroundings.

Where can I find the latest information?

Medinahealth.org or Coronavirus.ohio.gov have the latest real-time information from the CDC and Ohio Department of Health.

My continued request to everyone is that we remain calm but take recommendations seriously. As Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Health have reiterated, we will get through this.

