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Muskingum County COVID-19 Update
(Muskingum County Unified Command consists of the following agencies: Health Department, Genesis Healthcare System, City & County Elected Officials, Law Enforcement/EMS/Fire, Emergency Management, Red Cross, Food Pantries/Hot Meal Programs, Muskingum Valley Health Center, United Way, 211 Call Center)

COVID-19 cases 312-313 in Muskingum County
The Muskingum County Joint Unified Command Center is reporting two Muskingum County residents have tested positive for COVID-19.

Case 312 is a 43-year-old woman connected to case 308. Case 313 is a 28-year-old woman not connected to previous cases. Both cases are recovering at home.

No additional personal information about the cases will be released in order to protect personal privacy, following HIPAA regulations.

Please note: all data displayed on www.coronavirus.ohio.gov is preliminary and subject to change as more information is reported to the Ohio Department of Health. Muskingum County is reporting the following:

- 306 Confirmed Cases
- 7 Probable Cases
- 313 Total Cases
- 10 Active Cases
- 2 Current Hospitalization/34 Total Hospitalizations
- 2 Deaths

Click on the following link to access the Muskingum County COVID-19 Dashboard. This is a living document updated daily.

For Daily Muskingum County COVID-19 Updates follow: Muskingum County EMA & LEPC on Facebook; Health Department website http://www.zmchd.org/coronavirus; communications by the Muskingum County Center for Seniors. Updates are posted Monday through Friday by 4:30 p.m. To sign up for Muskingum County Citizen Alerts, visit https://www.muskingumcountyoh.gov/.
The next Facebook Live: Muskingum County COVID-19 Update is Tuesday, September 8 at 12pm. You’re invited to email your questions about COVID-19 to covid19@muskingumcountyoh.gov. Questions will be answered by community leaders.

Public inquiries should be directed to the ODH COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or the ODH website at coronavirus.ohio.gov. ODH updates the statewide numbers every day at 2pm. The public hotline is available from 9:00 to 8:00 p.m. Monday-Sunday.

Command Center Update

Genesis HealthCare System

Genesis HealthCare System is modifying its visitation policy during COVID-19 to enable some patients to have expanded visitation. Patients may now have two visitors from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily, except for patients in the Emergency Department (ED), where one visitor is allowed. The ED restriction to one visitor is to protect visitors in an area where patients are being evaluated for COVID-19. Children under the age of 18 are not permitted to visit unless there are special circumstances, such as end-of-life situations.

Exceptions will be made for patients at the end of life; disabled patients; and labor and delivery patients. Intermediate Care Nursery and pediatric patients (children age 17 and younger) may have both parents.

All visitors must wear a mask at all times during their visit, and social distancing of at least 6 feet should be practiced at all times.

Patients who are confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19 are not permitted any visitors unless there are special circumstances, such as end-of-life situations. Visitors coming to the facility will go through a screening process. Visitors with fever, cough, shortness of breath, chills and shaking, muscle pain, headache, sore throat or loss of taste and smell will not be allowed to visit unless visiting for an end-of-life circumstance.

Restrictions may also apply at physicians’ offices or other Genesis facilities. Patients should call the office prior to their appointment to find out how many visitors may accompany them.

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