MEDIA ADVISORY
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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)

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:

- 335 Confirmed Cases
- 8 Probable Cases
- 343 Total Cases
- 22 Active Cases
- 4 Current Hospitalization/38 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, October 13 at 12pm. Please note: this event will be on Facebook Live ONLY. 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.
Safety Message from Jack Butterfield, MD (Safety Officer)

*Muskingum County Moves to COVID-Alert Level Orange*

Muskingum County has moved from Level 1, YELLOW, to Level 2, ORANGE today, on the weekly update to the Ohio Public Health Advisory System Update for COVID-19 released by the Ohio Department of Health. Last week, Muskingum County only triggered one of the seven indicators that are used to assess the relative risk in each county. That trigger was that more than 50% of the county cases are NOT in long term care facilities such as nursing homes. In our case, we have no cases in these facilities. Therefore we continue to trigger this indicator. However, the new trigger this week was an increase in cases on 5 consecutive days over the last 3 week period. This is a reflection of the recent increase in COVID-19 cases in our county.

Level 1 - YELLOW = triggering 0-1 indicators. (Active exposure and spread. Follow all current health orders.)
Level 2 - ORANGE = triggering 2-3 indicators. (Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders.)
Level 3 - RED = triggering 4-5 indicators. (Very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible. Follow all current health orders.)
Level 4 - PURPLE = triggering 6-7 indicators. Severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services. Follow all current health orders.

In Level ORANGE, ODH has established that there is an increased risk of exposure and spread. We strongly urge all our residents to exercise every precaution to limit the spread of this virus. The measures include social distancing, face coverings/masks, hand washing/sanitizing, sanitizing frequently touched surfaces, and you should stay home if you are ill.

Full information on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System can be found at: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/

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