Public Health News and Reports

Straight from the Source

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Reported Cases as of 2:00pm 4/15/20

United States:
605,390 reported cases (184 per 100,000 pop.)
24,582 deaths (4% of reported cases)

Ohio:
7,791 reported cases (67 per 100,000 pop.)
(7,628 confirmed and 163 probable)
361 deaths (5% of reported cases)
Age Range: <1 to 104 years
Median Age: 54
Hospitalizations: 2,237 (29% of cases)
ICU Admissions: 677 (9% of cases)

Geauga County:
82 reported cases (88 per 100,000 pop.)
4 deaths (5% of reported cases)

Cuyahoga County:
1,281 reported cases (104 per 100,000 pop.)
39 deaths (3% of reported cases)

Summit County:
294 reported cases (54 per 100,000 pop.)
15 deaths (5% of reported cases)

Portage County:
158 reported cases (97 per 100,000 pop.)
22 deaths (14% of reported cases)

Trumbull County:
199 reported cases (101 per 100,000 pop.)
13 deaths (7% of reported cases)

Ashtabula County:
36 reported cases (37 per 100,000 pop.)
3 deaths (8% of reported cases)

Lake County:
124 reported cases (54 per 100,000 pop.)
6 deaths (5% of reported cases)

Health Department Orders of Quarantine and Isolation:

All people who have received a positive COVID-19 test result are reported to Geauga Public Health within 24 hours by law. The health department staff will contact the individual for a case interview. The individual will also be issued an Order of Isolation from the Health Commissioner. This is an order to both stay at home, only leaving for medical treatment, and to stay isolated within the home from other people living there. The individual is only released from that Order of Isolation when they received a letter from the Health Commissioner lifting the order. Individuals in Ordered Isolation are monitored daily by health department staff via phone. Anyone who defies the Order of Isolation is subject to criminal prosecution.

When a Case is identified, they are interviewed to determine the individuals with whom they had close contact. Those interviews are conducted by health department staff. Any one case might represent dozens of possible contacts who have been exposed. All of those contacts are then called by health department staff. They are issued Orders of Quarantine by the Health Commissioner. Those individuals are also required by law to remain in their homes for the duration of that order. That order will describe the circumstances under which the Order of Quarantine will expire. All individuals who have received an Order of Quarantine are also monitored daily by health department staff. If they become symptomatic, they are issued an Order of Isolation. Anyone who defies an Order of Quarantine by the Health Commissioner is also subject to criminal prosecution. The health department will investigate and verify compliance if there is a question of compliance.

CURRENT HOSPITAL NEWS

Cleveland Clinic Newsroom: https://newsroom.clevelandclinic.org/category/news-releases/

University Hospitals Newsroom: https://news.uhhospitals.org/

MetroHealth Newsroom: https://news.metrohealth.org/

Cleveland VA Medical Center Newsroom: https://www.cleveland.va.gov/features/index.asp

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Follow Geauga Public Health on Facebook for daily posts from the Geauga County Health Commissioner.

Facebook @GPHOhio

Questions and comments via email: Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org

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For General Questions about COVID-19, the various state orders, and other important information, the Ohio Department of Health has a Call Center that is staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days/week.

1-833-4-ASK-ODH 1-833-427-5634

Past issues of "Straight from the Source" can be found at

the Geauga Public Health Website at

www.GPHOhio.org

Access the sources public health professionals use

for credible COVID-19 information.

Visit the ODH Website at www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov

Visit the CDC Website at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus

To get on our GPH "Straight from the Source" email list, email us at: JGearhart@GeaugaCountyHealth.org

CDC Guidance Regarding Mask use by the Public
1:00pm, Sunday, April 5, 2020
Source of Information: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)
Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634) www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

The following guidance is NOT for your protection from others.
It is intended to protect other people from you if you decide to go out into public for essential activities.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Keep your mask clean— wash it after each use.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

Geauga Public Health has purchased yard signs for our local public health heroes in the business community. A health population is associated with a healthy economy. Geauga Public Health wants all those businesses to thrive once it is safe to get back in business. In the mean time, these businesses should be recognized for their sacrifice for the rest of us. If you are a Geauga County Business Owner who has temporarily closed to slow the spread of COVID-19, please email Geauga Public Health at Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org to request a sign be placed at your business. Please write “sign” in the subject line and give us the name and address.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Donations

2:30pm, Friday, April 3, 2020
Source of Information: Emergency Management of Geauga County
Content Contact: Judy Oberstar 440-279-2170

The Department of Emergency Services is able to receive donations of PPE to augment the supplies of county's first responders and healthcare providers. First responders and healthcare providers are needing to augment their supplies of N95 respirators, surgical gowns, face shields and examine gloves.

To schedule a donation of PPE please contact:
Judy Oberstar at 440.279.2170
Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Donation site:
Department of Emergency Services
12518 Merritt Rd.
Chardon, Ohio 44024

Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS)

11:30 am, Friday, April 3, 2020
Source of the information: Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services
Content contact: Paul.Reiman@jfs.ohio.gov.

SNAP and Medicaid Redeterminations

If you are due for a SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Medicaid redetermination (also referred to as a renewal), your redetermination date has been pushed out to a later date.

For SNAP Assistance the changes are as follows:

March redeterminations will now be held in September.

April redeterminations will now be held in October.

May redeterminations will now be held in November.

For all Medicaid redeterminations due in March, April or May, your redetermination date has been pushed out an additional 180 days.

There is no action needed by the recipient of these programs at this time.

Food and other emergency assistance during COVID 19 Crisis

Individuals needing assistance with food or other emergency needs can contact Sara Shininger, GCJFS Community Support Coordinator at Sara.Shininger@jfs.ohio.gov or 440-285-9141, ext. 1263.

Order to Release Protected Information to Ohio First Responders
8:30am, Wednesday, April 15, 2020
Source of Information: Ohio Department of Health
Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634) www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

On April 14, 2020, Dr. Amy Acton with the Ohio Department of Health signed an Order allowing for the release of protected information to first responders, first responder agencies, and dispatchers when necessary to mitigate exposure of COVID-19. This Order will ensure first responders have the necessary information to take appropriate protective action when needed. Local health departments will provide the name and address of individuals living within their jurisdiction who test positive for COVID-19, to the jurisdiction's dispatch agency or agencies.

The dispatch agency, the first responder, and the first responder agency must maintain, access, and utilize the information as protected health information. Information is permitted to be released to only those persons or entities who are acting in an official capacity as first responders, who are responding or may be called upon to such person or address. The information will be used solely as necessary to control, mitigate, or prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Once a person has recovered from COVID-19, the information will be removed from the dispatch agency system. Also, after the emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists or an additional order to remove this information is made, the information will be removed from the dispatch system.

The Order takes effect immediately and will remain in full force and effect until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, or the Director of Health rescinds or modifies this Order.

From Geauga County Deputy Cindy Sedivy:

Anyone struggling to feed their dogs or cats can contact the Geauga Dog Wardens office at 440-286-8135

You do not have to show any proof of hardship.

Just call and they will make arrangements to help out.

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PLEASE FORWARD "STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE".

These are difficult times. People are making difficult choices. Peoples are under incredible pressures.

People want information they can trust.

**Geauga Public Health wants to be where they look for that. We are here and that is our job…
well, that and trying to keep you all safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.**

Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS)
11:30 am, Wednesday, April 8, 2020
Source of the information: Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services
Content contact: Paul.Reiman@jfs.ohio.gov.

COVID-19 PRC - Emergency Assistance
If you have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for emergency financial assistance. Families who have experienced unexpected expenses and/or a job loss as a direct result of the COVID-19 virus may apply. These expenses may include, but are not limited to:

1. expenses related to self-quarantine and social distancing
2. household expenses
3. childcare expenses
4. food expenses

To be eligible for these COVID-19 PRC funds, the total monthly household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and either have children in the home or be pregnant.

The most efficient way to access the "Prevention Retention and Contingency Program (PRC) Application" is to go to: https://www.geaugajfs.org/covid-19-crisis-information. Under "COVID-19 Emergency Assistance" there is a link to the application. Completed applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: info@geaugajfs.org
Fax: (440) 286-6654
Mail: Geauga County JFS
P.O. Box 309
12480 Ravenwood Dr
Chardon OH 44024

We also have a blue drop box located outside the Geauga County JFS building at 12480 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio. The drop box is located near our main entrance.

If you do not have internet access, please call (440) 285-9141 and explain you are interested in applying for COVID-19 PRC over the phone.

Please note: our office building continues to be closed to public access. Our agency is maintaining normal operating hours with flexible staff levels, and we are conducting business via regular mail, email, phone, and fax.

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Ashtabula 440-536-5680
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Family Pride continues to serve the community, from a distance.

For the health, safety and well-being of our clients, employees and communities, we are temporarily closing all in-home and in-office visits. We feel that the best way to serve you in light of Covid-19 is to closely follow the guidelines set by the Department of Health and our state health officials.

We will still be available for counseling, case management, and mental health assessments both over the phone and through the web. If you need assistance or would like to learn more about our services, please contact our offices between 8:30am -4:30pm Monday – Friday.

We encourage everyone to remain indoors and keep safe! We look forward to serving you once again.

For more information and updates visit our social media or contact us directly at either location:
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Ashtabula Office: 440-536-5680

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