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Press Conference Follow Up Questions

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Good afternoon,

First, I want to address the incorrect figure of 3 confirmed cases in Ashland that is posted on the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) website. Originally, we were notified this morning that we had two new confirmed cases, but further investigation revealed an old, incorrect address was used for one of the confirmed cases. We worked with ODH to officially transfer the case to the correct jurisdiction. A glitch in the system caused the case to be identified incorrectly as an Ashland County case. The information should be accurately reflected after the next update to the ODH website.

As far as identifying the number of COVID-19 tests completed, the number of positive tests and the number of negative tests, any information we would release would be incomplete. In addition to the local Emergency Department, there are a number of different providers, healthcare clinics and urgent cares that are ordering tests and receiving those test results. And keep in mind, there are many Ashland County residents who see a doctor in a different town. The Ashland County Health Department is only notified of the positive results.

I apologize for not making this announcement earlier today, but I am pleased to share with you that Ashland County's first positive COVID-19 case is fully recovered and doing well!

The second positive COVID-19 case had recently traveled.

That is all the information I can provide at this time. I apologize for the confusion with the number of cases in Ashland County.

Thank you!

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To: Jill Hartson <jhartson@ashlandhealth.com>

Thank you very much Jill. I appreciate your quick response and all your hard work!

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Miller Mayor <mayor@ashland-ohio.com>
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Thank you so much for taking the time to send this out, Jill. This is perfect.

Matt Miller

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