



ASHLAND COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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NEWS RELEASE

The Ashland County Health Department (ACHD) provides that, as of today, the COVID-19 local data for Ashland County is such: 244 positive cases. Of these cases, 32 are active, 207 are recovered and there have been 5 deaths. There are 4 Ashland County residents in our local hospital that have tested positive for COVID-19. The health department is currently monitoring 190 individuals due to their exposure to the virus. “When looking at active cases and those exposed to the virus in Ashland County, we have potentially 222 residents who can spread the virus to others”, stated Health Commissioner Heather Reffett.

The State of Ohio has appropriately designated Ashland County at a Level 3 Red status. This level indicates that in Ashland there is very high exposure and spread. In the past two weeks, we have had 59 residents test positive for the virus. It is critical that residents limit activities as much as possible and follow all current health orders. Social gatherings are a large contributor to our increased cases. Ashland County has also experienced several local outbreaks;

- a local factory, resulting in 8 positive cases among workers and family members.
- a long-term care facility, resulting in 1 positive health care worker but 47 patients being monitored.
- at an event planning center, resulting in 8 positive cases among event attendees.
- a labor day social gathering, resulting in 11 positive cases among participants.

“There is absolutely a cause for concern,” the Health Commissioner continued. “COVID-19 is still unpredictable. We have little knowledge of what to expect, hence why we strongly encourage preparedness. Everyone should be cautious and safeguarding themselves and loved ones. Attending social gatherings and even planned events is strongly discouraged.”

The health department provides the following reminders:

1. Limit social movement, stay inside.
2. Wear a mask, if you leave your home.
3. Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.
4. Do not participate in large gatherings.
5. Follow all precautions while at work or attending school.
6. If you feel ill, please contact your doctor, and limit exposure to others.
7. If you are placed in an isolation or quarantine period, adhere to all public health requirements.

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