



Wayne County Health Department

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First Confirmed COVID-19 Case in Wayne County

March 24, 2020, Wooster, Ohio – The Wayne County Health Department has received notice of a confirmed COVID-19 case. The Wayne County individual is in their mid 40's and is not hospitalized. The Ohio Department of Health website will be updated at 2 PM tomorrow with the total number of Ohio cases. Wayne County will be included in these numbers.

The majority of people with COVID-19 will experience mild or moderate symptoms. Testing is not necessary and self-care is recommended. Tylenol or acetaminophen can be used for fever and cough medicine for coughs.

As a reminder, the health department does not conduct COVID-19 testing. Testing of the general public is not recommended and is based on a number of clinical guidelines.

The health department's goal is to minimize the spread of this virus. We encourage the community to support our efforts of reducing the spread of COVID-19 by practicing the following recommendations:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

Wayne-health.org or coronavirus.ohio.gov or wcjc.org has the latest information. You can also follow the Health Department on Facebook and Twitter.

For Questions from the general public related to COVID-19 call the Ohio Department of Health Call Center – 1-833-4-ASK-ODH, open 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. - Open 7 Days a Week or locally at the WHIRE Call Center -330-263-6363 Monday – Friday 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The public health mission is to prevent, promote, and protect health. This is the only communication we are releasing at this time due to the time limitations on our staff. Additional information will be communicated through news releases as it becomes available. We are asking our media partners to put out our messages to the public and respect our time as we are working to contain this virus. You can trust the Health Department to keep you informed and provide reliable information on what you can do during this outbreak and beyond.

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