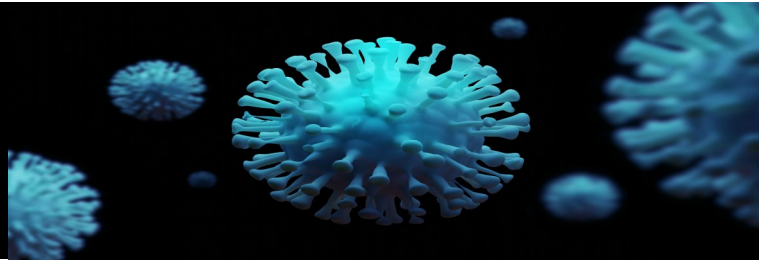


COVID-19 (novel coronavirus)

Morrow County Health District

Community Partner Update



April 17, 2020

Mt. Gilead, OH

Dear Morrow County Community Partners:

These are the latest COVID-19 updates as of today.

Local Situation Update

As of today, there are 18 total cases of COVID-19 in Morrow County. (15 confirmed and 3 probable)

These cases include 9 males and 9 females. The age range for these individuals is 23-81 years old, with an average age of 45 years. 4 of these cases have had to be hospitalized. Our epidemiology team is conducting their case investigations, and all close contacts will be notified. MCHD will ONLY be releasing the age range, gender, and hospitalization status of confirmed cases to the public.

Due to the limited testing availability, Ohio is only testing those who are very ill, those who have the highest risk of spreading the disease to others, and those who are healthcare workers. There are likely many more ill who have not met the criteria to be tested.

For the latest Morrow County information, please be sure to follow us on Facebook.

Statewide Situation Update

As of today, there are **9,107** cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, including **418** deaths. **87** of Ohio's 88 counties are now reporting at least one case of COVID-19. These cases range in age from **less than 1 year** old to **106** years old, with a median age of **54** years old. As of 2:00 pm today, there have **77,677** total Ohio residents tested for COVID-19.

The latest Director's Public Health Order, issued on April 15, 2020, is the **Nursing Home Notification Order**. This order requires that facilities notify residents and their guardians of COVID-19 cases in their facilities. [Learn more.](#)

For the most current Ohio information, please visit the [Ohio Department of Health Website](#).

National Situation Update

As of today, the CDC reports **661,712** total COVID-19 cases across the United States, and **33,049** total deaths from the disease. Cases have been reported in all **50** states, and 5 U.S. territories.

For more information, including guidance and recommendations, please visit the [CDC Website](#).

Following the Stay at Home Orders

- Stay at home as much as possible.
- Don't go out to visit others, even family. If they don't live at your home, you should not visit them right now.
- Only go out for essential travel, such as for groceries, medicine, healthcare, or an essential job.
- If it is necessary for you to get supplies, send only one person, stick to a list, go during off-peak times, and plan to accomplish as much as you can in the least amount of time out.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least 6 ft. of distance between yourself and others.
- Don't gather in groups of 10 or more people.

We understand that the Stay at Home Orders are tiresome, but these practices are helping our fellow Ohioans by slowing the spread of COVID-19 and flattening that curve.

The things that we do now will help all of us get through this.

How to Help

- ◆ **Donate unused personal protective equipment (PPE):** MCHD and the Morrow County Emergency Management Agency are still working together to collect donations, and redistribute them to our Morrow County First Responders (police, EMS, and fire), and other community partners. If you are interested in donating any PPE, please call us at 419-947-1545, and we can arrange a pick up.
 - ◆ **Become a volunteer:** We need you! Please join the Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry at: <https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov> to get registered with us as a volunteer for Morrow County. Feel free to encourage your friends and family to register as well!
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We are here for you!

This pandemic has been described as a once-in-a-lifetime event, and there are many unknowns that are still being worked through. Dealing with the uncertainty is difficult, but know that you aren't alone. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at 419-947-1545, and we will help you as best we can.

We are all in this together, and together, we will get through this!



Love Life. Live Healthy.

— Stephanie Bragg, Health Commissioner