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Mercer County Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19

CELINA- The Mercer County Health District (MCHD) reports that a Mercer County resident has tested positive for COVID-19. No personal information about the case will be released to protect the privacy of the individual. MCHD staff will work to identify and notify any close contacts who may have been exposed to the positive COVID-19 case.

MCHD recommends that all Mercer County residents take precautions to protect themselves against COVID-19. People can protect themselves by washing their hands often, using hand sanitizer, covering their mouth/nose with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing, and cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces. It is equally important to avoid close contact with others and stay at least six feet away from others.

Under the direction of Ohio Governor DeWine, Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton issued a director’s order requiring all Ohioans to stay home to slow the spread of COVID-19. The order became effective at 11:59 PM EDT on Monday, March 23, 2020, and remains in effect until 11:59 PM on April 6, 2020. This order prohibits holding gatherings of any size and closes all nonessential businesses.

The Ohio Department of Health is now reporting 564 confirmed cases in 49 counties. There have been 145 hospitalizations, and eight COVID-19 related deaths. ODH updates these numbers daily at 2:00 PM. You can find that information here: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/

MCHD continues to do everything we can to maintain a high level of preparedness. We are in constant communications with the Ohio Department of Health, regional, county, and community partners. MCHD urges you to get your information from credible sources. We also encourage citizens to treat each other with kindness.

If you have questions about COVID-19, contact the Mercer County Health District COVID-19 Call Center at 567-890-2619 from 9 AM to 3 PM, Monday through Friday.

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