



CARROLL COUNTY
GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
Healthy People — Safe Communities

Press Release

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Carroll County General Health District (CCGHD) COVID-19 Response Changes

Due to the continuous increase in daily positive COVID-19 cases reported to the health department, we have implemented the following changes in our response protocols.

The pandemic is a fluid and dynamic event affecting the entire world. Local public health and healthcare providers have all had to adapt to manage the volume of sick people.

EFFECTIVE TODAY, Tuesday December 15, 2020

1. We will **only** be contacting **ALL** positive cases reported to the Carroll County General Health District. We will not be calling the individuals who have been exposed. These “contacts” will be asked to self- monitor for 14 days, unless the contact is someone living in your home. These contacts will be on “Active Monitoring”, using the monitoring system.
2. We will be implementing the 10-day quarantine option approved by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) for people exposed to positive cases. This requires **ACTIVE MONITORING** for daily signs and symptoms while quarantined. If people who are quarantined do not actively monitor themselves, the quarantine period will be extended to 14 days.
3. Public Schools have selected either the 10- or 14-day quarantine periods. Conotton Valley Schools will continue with the 14-day quarantine period. All other public schools in Carroll County will be implementing the 10-day quarantine period.
4. We will only provide letters, upon request, for positive cases or contacts if it is necessary for school or work.
5. Testing will continue at CCGHD Monday-Friday, 8:00 AM-12:00 PM, FOR SYMPTOMATIC/SICK PEOPLE ONLY, AND BY APPOINTMENT ONLY. Call 330-627-4866, ext. 1530.
6. Reporting of Data for COVID-19 cases will no longer be tracked by township. The data has not significantly changed by location within the county since the beginning of the pandemic. The

Covid-19 virus is widespread across the county and the state of Ohio. Ohio has a 15% positivity rate. This means that 3 out of every 20 people in Ohio are positive for COVID-19.

7. We will continue to evaluate our ability to provide everyday public health services as we manage the surge of COVID-19 and the necessary response. Please check our website for any changes in available services.
8. We ask that you please continue to wear your facial covering whenever outside of your home, as this is the most effective way to limit your exposure.
9. If you would like to issue a complaint regarding a retail establishment and their compliance with the Ohio COVID-19 orders, please enter the complaint through the Ohio Department of Health website at the link here. <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/retail-location-complaints/retail-location-complaint-form>