



Public Health
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Dayton & Montgomery County



Monthly Update

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Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, along with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are closely monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) global pandemic.

As of August 4, 2020, The United States reported **4,718,249** cases with **155,478** deaths. Ohio reported **95,106** cases with **3,570** deaths. Montgomery County reported **4,092** cases with **80** deaths.

For the latest U.S. case count, [visit the CDC's website](#).

For the latest Ohio and Montgomery County case counts, [visit the ODH Coronavirus website](#).

On August 4, the following announcements were made during the Governor's press conference:

- DeWine discussed students going back to school in the fall. The Governor said things are uncertain, because the state hasn't dealt with anything like coronavirus in the last 100 years. "Schools and parents continue to work to make decisions on how to safely go back to school. I know there is frustration by the uncertainty. We cannot know what the next 3 weeks will bring, let alone the next 3 months, 6 months, or 9 months of school," DeWine said.
- Mercer County has the highest number of cases in the state per 100,000 residents with 230 cases per 100,000 since July 21, DeWine said.
- Doctors are now advising that kids in grades K-12 should wear masks, DeWine said.

- An additional order in relation to schools will be issued by the state today, DeWine said. The new order will require that students in grades K-12 wear masks at school. “This gives us the best shot to keep Ohio’s kids and educators safe and physically in school,” DeWine said.
- Lt. Gov. Jon Husted addressed the confusion about sports at schools. He said that non-contact sports have already been allowed to resume both practices and competitions. The state renewed an order on Aug. 1 regarding contact sports, but Husted cautioned that is not the return to play plan for the fall.
- Husted said the state is still working with the Ohio High School Athletic Association with a plan to return to play for football and other contact sports games. Husted said the new guidance could be issued in the coming days.
- Husted said the state has had conversations with both the Cleveland Browns and Cincinnati Bengals and are reviewing plans still regarding fans attending those games this fall.
- DeWine said the state continues to see a coronavirus spread problem because of informal gathering among families and friends. “We all have to remember that just because it is your family or your friends, they could still be carrying the virus and not know it,” DeWine said.
- DeWine said the state has been conducting an average of 23,000 coronavirus tests. The state is now entering into a multi-state purchasing agreement with Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan and Virginia to expand the use of rapid point-of-care tests.

Updates from Public Health’s COVID-19 Situation Report:

It needs to be continually enforced that we are still in the middle of a pandemic. Enforce social distancing, hand-washing and the wearing of masks.

- Retesting of staff at nursing home facilities will be accomplished with assistance from the Ohio National Guard.
- The information line has moved from the 4th floor to the 2nd floor.
- Additional space is being identified and setup for contact tracing staff.
- Currently the county drop-site has a significant amount of PPE. Requests for PPE can be made through the following link:
<https://surveys.phdmc.org/s3/COVID-19-EOC-Resource-Request>
- Public Health has issued recommendations on K-12 schools reopening.
- Public Health continues to meet weekly with local colleges and universities to discuss planning issues for the summer as well as the fall.

- Public Health continues to facilitate conference calls with congregate locations within the county.
- The Public Health COVID-19 informational phone line remains open Monday through Friday to answer general questions. The info line is 937-225-6217.
- ODH information line remains open, the number is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH and is open seven days a week.
- Public Health continues to monitor all sources (ODH, CDC, WHO, European Center for Disease and Prevention and Control (ECOC) for the latest information.
- Public Health will continue to share the situational report with other local health departments, Montgomery County Emergency Management, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and Dayton Metropolitan Medical Response System partners.

The hours for Public Health’s Specialty Clinic have been changed to 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (noon) Monday to Friday. The Clinic provides specialty services for Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD), Tuberculosis (TB), and Refugee Health and is located in the Reibold Building at 117 S. Main St. in Dayton. This change will be in effect until further notice.

Public Health’s Immunization Clinic is open Monday - Friday 8:00 - 11:30 am and 12:30 - 4:30 pm. The full day schedule will allow us to get the students in for their back to school immunizations.

Call 937-225-4550 to schedule an appointment.

As a reminder, Public Health’s specialty clinics are limited to those services and ***cannot provide COVID-19 diagnosis, testing, or treatment. If you have been tested for COVID-19, contact your physician to obtain the results.***

Epidemiology Syndromic Surveillance Summary:

Below are links to both the CDC and WHO regarding the latest information.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>



Air Pollution Advisory Name Change

RAPCA recently changed the name of its Air Pollution Advisories (APA) to Air Quality Alerts (AQA) in conjunction with the Miami Valley Regional Planning Commission. The name change was made to coordinate messaging with other area partners, including the National Weather Service, who were already using the term “Air Quality Alerts”.

RAPCA will issue Air Quality Alerts anytime air pollution levels are expected to be unhealthy for sensitive populations such as the elderly, children and anyone with respiratory diseases, which equates to a 101 or greater on the Air Quality Index (AQI) scale.

RAPCA has issued five Air Quality Alerts in 2020 and experienced three days where the AQI exceeded 100. Anyone interested in receiving air pollution forecasts via email or texts can sign up for U.S. EPA’s EnviroFlash service at <http://www.enviroflash.info>.



Public Health Community Mask Distribution

In an effort to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in the community, Public Health will be giving away free [face masks](#) for the public at the following locations while supplies last:

August 6, 2020 from 11am – 2pm

Dayton Metro Library - Northwest Branch
2410 Philadelphia Dr, Dayton, OH 45406

August 14, 2020 from 1pm – 4pm

St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church
2262 N Gettysburg Ave, Dayton, OH 45406

August 17, 2020 from 9am – 12pm (Noon)

Mt. Olive Baptist Church
502 Pontiac Ave, Dayton, OH 45417

August 24, 2020 from 10am – 1pm

St. Paul United Methodist Church
101 Huffman Ave, Dayton, OH 45403



August is National Immunization Awareness Month

August is National Immunization Awareness Month (NIAM). This annual observance highlights the importance of getting recommended vaccines throughout your life. You have the power to protect yourself and your family against serious diseases [like whooping cough, cancers caused by HPV, and pneumonia] through on-time vaccination.

During NIAM, Public Health encourages you talk to your doctor, nurse, or other healthcare professional to ensure your family is up to date on recommended vaccines.

We also encourage you to visit CDC's [Interactive Vaccine Guide](#), which provides information on the vaccines recommended during pregnancy and throughout your child's life.

As your children head back to school this fall, make sure vaccination is at the top of your checklist. August is also a key time to make sure you are up to date on all the vaccines you need to stay healthy. Use CDC's [adult vaccine assessment tool](#) to see which vaccines might be right for you.

Public Health's Immunization Clinic is open Monday to Friday 8:00 am to 4:30 pm (closed 11:15 am to 12:15 pm) for lunch. Call (937) 225-4050 to schedule an appointment today.



A Year After the Oregon District Mass Shooting

Tuesday, August 4, marked a year since nine people were killed and many more injured as a result of a mass shooting in the Oregon District. Public Health joins with the entire Dayton and Montgomery County community in remembering and honoring the victims and survivors. We recognize everyone that responded to save lives and assist those in need during this tragedy and beyond. We are proud to be a vital part of a community that is strong, resilient, and responsive to the needs of our fellow citizens.



August is National Breastfeeding Awareness Month

Public Health is celebrating *Breastfeeding Awareness Month* in August. This year's theme "*Support Breastfeeding for a Healthier Planet*" focuses on the importance of supporting all members of a breastfeeding family, as well as working to advocate for breastfeeding supportive environments that contribute to healthier local communities.

The American Academy of Pediatrics and the World Health Organization recommend exclusive [breastfeeding](#) for the first six months of life and continued breastfeeding with the addition of appropriate solid food for the first year and beyond. Breastfeeding reduces child mortality and has health benefits that extend into adulthood. In addition, breastfeeding contributes to the health and well-being of mothers and reduces the risk of ovarian cancer, breast cancer, high blood pressure and Type 2 diabetes.

Only one in four infants is exclusively breastfed as recommended by the time they are six months old, and Black infants are 15% less likely to have ever been

breastfed than White infants. Public Health promotes the benefits of breastfeeding and provides support to nursing mothers and families. Montgomery County benefits from having healthier mothers, babies and children when breastfeeding is promoted, protected and supported.

For more information about breastfeeding call Public Health’s Women, Infants and Children program (WIC) at (937) 225-4491.



Media Opportunities:

WHIO on COVID-19 and Restaurants (7/1)

WDTN on Legionella (7/1)

WDTN on COVID-19 and Restaurants (7/2)

WDTN on Legionella (7/2)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 levels (7/2)

DDN on COVID-19 and Restaurants (7/6)

DDN on COVID-19 and Masks (7/6)

DDN on Legionella (7/6)

DDN on COVID-19 and Dayton Mask Ordinance (7/6)

DDN on COVID-19 Positive Case(7/7)

WDTN on COVID-19 - Testing (7/7)

ABC22 on COVID-19 - Masks (7/7)

DDN on COVID-19 - Graduations (7/8)

WHIO on COVID-19 - Masks (7/8)

ABC22 on COVID-19 - Masks (7/8)

WDTN on COVID-19 - Masks (7/8)

MIX 107.7 Radio on COVID-19 (7/8)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 - Masks (7/9)

DDN on COVID-19 - Schools (7/9)

DDN on COVID-19 – Risk Levels (7/9)

WDTN on COVID-19 – Masks (7/10)

WHIO on COVID-19 – Masks (7/10)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 – Contact Tracing (7/13)

WDTN on COVID-19 – Masks (7/13)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 – Testing (7/13)

WYSO on Heat – Testing (7/14)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/15)

WHIO on COVID-19 – Quarantine (7/15)

WHIO on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/16)

WDTN on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/16)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/16)

WYSO on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/16)

DDN on COVID-19 – Pop-Up Testing (7/16)

WHIO on COVID-19 – Pool Party (7/16)

WDTN on COVID-19 – Pool Party (7/16)

Fox 45 on COVID-19 – Pool Party (7/16)

DDN on COVID-19 Conversation (7/16)

DDN on COVID-19 - Testing (7/17)
 WHIO on COVID-19 - Testing (7/17)
 WYSO on COVID-19 (7/20)
 DDN on COVID-19 - Testing (7/20)
 WHIO on COVID-19 - Testing (7/20)
 WDTN on COVID-19 - Testing (7/20)
 Fox 45/ABC 22 on COVID-19 - Testing (7/20)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Huber Heights Pop-Up Test (7/21)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Advisories (7/22)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Masks (7/23)
 WDTN Living Dayton on COVID-19 – Masks (7/23)
 ABC 22 on Ticks (7/23)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Masks (7/24)
 DDN on COVID-19 – Masks (7/29)
 WHIO on COVID-19 – Bars (7/31)
 Columbus Dispatch on COVID-19 – Bars (7/31)
 DDN on COVID-19 – Testing (7/31)
 DDN on COVID-19 – Back to School (7/31)
 WHIO on COVID-19 – Business Complaints (7/31)
 WHIO on COVID-19 – Schools (7/31)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Schools (7/31)



Outreach Opportunities:

Public Health’s community events have been temporarily suspended to reduce the spread of COVID-19.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call Public Health at 1-937-225-6217 or the Ohio Department of Health at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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