Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County Supports CDC Mask Guidance

*Masks Recommended for Everyone Indoors*

Due to the rapid increase in the number of COVID-19 cases, the increasing spread of the Delta variant in the region, and recent research showing that vaccinated individuals can spread the disease if they become infected, Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County is providing notice that it supports the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s (CDC) guidance that recommends the use of face masks while indoors and near others, for all individuals 2 years of age and older, regardless of vaccination status.

Masking is necessary to slow the spread of the virus to prevent surges in new infections which could increase COVID-19-related illness and death and stress healthcare capacity.

Vaccination and the use of face masks are the two best ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Everyone who is eligible to be vaccinated should do so as soon as possible. You may find the vaccination location nearest you by visiting Gettheshot.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov.

Healthcare facilities, businesses, and other organizations may require masks to ensure the safety of their employees and customers based on their individual circumstances.

*Recommendations for both vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals include:*

- All those who are medically able to do so, should wear a face mask, regardless of vaccination status, in public indoor settings when you are near others
- The use of face masks is recommended for all teachers, staff, students and visitors to schools, regardless of vaccination status
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Everyone with a known contact to someone with confirmed COVID-19 disease should get tested 3-5 days following exposure
- Isolate if you have tested positive for COVID-19 in the prior 10 days or are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms

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