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Ottawa County Resident Tests Positive for COVID-19

PORT CLINTON - The Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD), along with public health partners, are reporting an Ottawa County resident has tested positive for Coronavirus (COVID-19). In an effort to protect the privacy of this individual, and comply with HIPAA standards, no personal information will be released. The Ottawa County Health Department staff will be working with this individual to identify any close contacts that may have been exposed. OCHD staff will then notify identified contacts and discuss safety measures.

OCHD recommends that all Ottawa County residents continue to take measures to protect themselves from this virus. You can do this by continuing social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between individuals, avoiding groups of 10 people or more, washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, avoiding touching your mouth, nose or eyes, covering coughs and sneezes with your arm, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, avoiding those that are sick, and staying home if you are sick.

As a reminder, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and 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 is effective from March 23, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. until April 6, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. That order can be found on our website at Ottawahealth.org.

As of this date, the Ohio Department of Health is now reporting 1137 confirmed cases in 61 counties. There have been 276 hospitalizations, and 19 deaths. This number is updated each day at 2:00 p.m. and the most current numbers can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 419-734-6800. Our website, Ottawahealth.org also has information regarding COVID-19.

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For information regarding this press release contact Nancy C. Osborn, RN, MPA, Health Commissioner, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (419) 734-6800.