**April 30, 2020 Wyandot County Public Health COVID-19 Update:**

Today we are reporting a total of 25 coronavirus cases. This includes 24 lab confirmed cases and 1 probable case in Wyandot County. Of the reported individuals, there is one current hospitalization, 2 deaths, and 14 recoveries.  Do not rely on the number of positive tests to determine when you need to protect yourself.  Continue to practice social distancing.  The Stay at Home Order was put in place to protect citizens through self-quarantine.  Please take these regulations seriously to keep Wyandot County healthy.

As of 2:00 PM Thursday, the Ohio Department of Health has reported 18,027 confirmed and probable cases, 3,533 hospitalizations, and 975 deaths in Ohio.  For additional statewide case information, download the COVID Summary data spreadsheet here:  <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/COVIDSummaryData.csv>

**Responsible RestartOhio**

**Beginning May 1, 2020**, all medically necessary procedures that do not require an overnight stay in a healthcare facility or do not require inpatient hospital admission and minimizes use of personal protective equipment may move forward. This includes regular doctor visits, well-care checks, well-baby visits, out-patient surgeries, imaging procedures, and diagnostic tests. Dental services and veterinary services may also proceed if a safe environment can be established.

Healthcare providers and facilities that plan to resume providing these services must adhere to infection control practices, have sufficient PPE, and talk with patients about the risk of contracting COVID-19.

**In accordance with the Governor’s Responsible RestartOhio, as business openings are phased in, there are 5 protocols that must be adhered to.  These protocols include:**

1.     **Require face coverings** for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times.

2.     **Conduct daily health assessments** by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if “fit for duty.”

3.     **Maintain good hygiene** at all times – hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.

4.     **Clean and sanitize** workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.

5.     **Limit capacity** to meet **social distancing** guidelines.

o    Establish maximum capacity at 50% of fire code.

o    And, use appointment setting where possible to limit congestion.

**TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WHEN A COVID-19 INFECTION IS IDENTIFIED:**

* **Immediately report** employee or customer infections to the local health district.
* Work with local health department to identify potentially exposed individuals to help facilitate appropriate communication/**contact tracing**.
* **Shutdown** shop/floor for deep sanitation if possible.
* Professionally clean and sanitize site/location.
* Reopen in consultation with the local health department.

The Ohio Department of Health has created the following dashboard which will provide you with both local and regional data: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/dashboard>

To view the current Ohio Department of Health Orders and Governor DeWine’s executive orders, please visit:

<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/resources/public-health-orders/public-health-orders>

As we continue to respond to the COVID-19 outbreak, it is important that we rely on good information. Wyandot County Public Health recommends the following resources:

ODH Information Line (833) 4 ASK ODH

State- [https://coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/)

Federal- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Ritchey RS                                                              Please tell us how we are doing.

Director of Environmental Health                                      <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KLWF93Y>

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