



# Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County Board of Health



## RESOLUTION #20 -

It is hereby resolved by the Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County Board of Health to issue a Stay-at-Home Health Advisory effective November 19, 2020 through December 17, 2020 as set forth in the resolution.

WHEREAS, the mission of Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery County (Public Health) is to improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection; and

WHEREAS, the vision of Public Health is that Montgomery County is a healthy, safe and thriving community; and

WHEREAS, Public Health is charged with controlling the spread of disease, including COVID-19 within our community; and

WHEREAS, the Ohio Department of Health has issued a 10:00 pm to 5:00 am statewide curfew beginning November 19, 2020 in effect for 21 days to slow the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus; and

WHEREAS, Public Health has observed a significant increase in community spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus which causes COVID-19 disease, an increase in infected individuals seeking medical care and outbreaks in multiple sectors, including businesses, congregate care / living facilities, daycares, universities, and K-12 schools in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County has the 4<sup>th</sup> highest total number of COVID-19 cases in Ohio; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's two-week incidence case rate has increase from 108 to 726 cases per 100,000 population since October 1; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's average daily case count has increased from 74 to 358 since October 1; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County's COVID-19 test positivity has increased from 4.7% to 14.8% since October 7; and

WHEREAS, additional guidance, advisement, warning and intervention are warranted to slow the spread of the virus and preserve hospital capacity; and

WHEREAS, it is more important than ever to follow guidance from local, state, and federal officials on public health interventions to slow the spread of the COVID-19 disease; and

WHEREAS, taking the steps listed below is critical to preventing the spread of the virus, protecting the lives of our citizens and their loved ones, and preserving our acute and other healthcare services and capacity; and

WHEREAS, the Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County Health Commissioner shall keep the public informed in regard to all matters affecting the health of the district.

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED, that the Board of Health of Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County does hereby issue a Stay at Home Health Advisory for Montgomery County as follows:

### **Section 1. Stay-at-Home Advisory**

Beginning on Thursday, November 19, 2020, the Public Health – Dayton & Montgomery Board of Health advises all residents to stay at home to the greatest extent possible due to the significant increase in COVID-19 cases in Montgomery County, Ohio. Residents are advised to only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food, or receiving deliveries.

Additionally, Public Health advises against:

- a) Attending social gatherings, and scheduling events designed to bring people together.
- b) Traveling in and out of the state.

This advisory shall remain in place through December 17, 2020, to account for two consecutive incubation periods of the SARS-CoV-2 virus, or until such time as Public Health determines a change to the guidance is appropriate.

### **Section 2. Adherence to All Current Orders**

All orders set forth by Governor R. Michael DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, Montgomery County, and the Montgomery County municipalities shall continue to be enforced and adhered to by all residents.

### **Section 3. Private Gatherings and Holiday Celebrations**

Residents of Montgomery County are advised to limit holiday celebrations this year to people in your immediate household and not risk gathering with others. Traveling, hosting guests indoors, and sharing food, utensils and plates all pose significant risks. Traditional private gatherings with family and friends can increase the chances of getting or spreading COVID-19.

Residents are strongly advised to not have any indoor guests in their homes unless they are performing essential work/repairs (e.g. plumbing, heating, electrical).

### **Section 4. Response to Illness and Exposure – Isolation and Quarantine**

Residents who are exhibiting any signs and symptoms of COVID-19 must shelter in their place of residence. They shall not go to their workplace or congregate settings and shall only leave their place of residence to seek necessary clinical care, or for essential life sustaining needs, such as obtaining medicine or food.

COVID-19 symptoms include, but are not limited to, new onset of fever, cough, shortness of breath, congestion or runny nose, sore throat, new loss of taste or smell, body aches, or unusual fatigue.

Residents diagnosed with COVID-19 must isolate for 10 days from the date of their symptom onset, or from the date of test collection (until no longer experiencing symptoms). In the home, sick or infected individuals should separate themselves from others by staying in a specific “sick room” or area, and use a separate bathroom, if available.

Residents who have been identified as a contact to an individual diagnosed with COVID-19 should quarantine for one full incubation period (14 days) from the date of last contact. Individuals in quarantine should stay home, separate from others, monitor their health, and follow all instructions from Public Health.

## **Section 5: Employers and Schools**

Employers are strongly encouraged to identify and accommodate as many employees as possible to work from home during this time. All businesses and local governments are advised to transition as many transactions and functions as possible to online. Universities and public and private K-12 schools that are currently implementing a hybrid or full in-person learning mode are advised to transition to online remote learning after the Thanksgiving holiday.