



## COVID-19 Jurisdiction & County Agency Situational Update

November 26, 2020

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### Stay At Home Advisory & Weekly Statement

Joe Mazzola, Franklin County Health Commissioner

- Effective November 20, 2020, Franklin County Public Health and Columbus Public Health issued at Stay at Home Advisory.
- The advisory is in response to rapid increases in COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations and the community positivity rate.
- The advisory has been posted and can be accessed on our website <https://covid-19.myfcph.org/protect-yourself-others/>
- It is important to note that this advisory is simply that. It is an advisory, not an order.

### Franklin County Public Health Updates

#### Operations

Alex Jones, Assistant Health Commissioner, Director of Nursing

- The current surge of new COVID-19 cases in our community is straining the capacity of Franklin County Public Health (FCPH) to conduct all aspects of contact tracing.
- Public health investigations of all positive cases of COVID-19 will be the priority of FCPH to most effectively minimize the community spread of COVID-19
- FCPH will provide tools and guidance during the public health investigation of all positive cases about how they should identify and notify their close contacts.
- FCPH is providing guidance and tools to all sectors, including employers, schools and daycare centers, on identification of close contacts. Guidance will include instruction to exclude close contacts for 14 days from exposure to COVID-19 and allow return without quarantine letters from FCPH.
- As soon as FCPH capacity allows, staff will return to conducting all aspects of contact tracing
- <https://covid-19.myfcph.org/what-to-do-if-you-have-been-exposed-or-if-you-are-sick/>

#### Epidemiology Report

- Please view the FCPH epi report here:  
<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1kb10RaXofz0RwwK37uUjqUZdv4Wrhd3-/view>
- This trend continues to concern us, especially as we head into the winter months and holiday season. Please, stay home when you can, and wear a mask when you can't.

#### Communications

Mitzi Kline, Director Communication & Marketing

- Thanksgiving Reminders
  - Remember, the safest way to celebrate Thanksgiving is at home with the people you live with. Gatherings with family and friends who do not live with you can increase the

chances of getting or spreading COVID-19 or the flu. Being away from family and friends during the holidays can be hard. Hard choices to be apart this year may mean that you can spend many more years with your loved ones. For additional tips and ideas, click [here](#).

- Website

- FCPH has built out a new section on our website about the steps to take if you have tested positive, are a close contact of a case, or if you are sick. Click [here](#) to see it.
- The Ohio Hospital Association launched a [COVID-19 Hospitalization Dashboard](#) this week. The data featured in this dashboard is submitted by Ohio hospitals and shows the daily patient count for COVID-19 inpatient and ICU hospitalizations in Ohio since May 2020. The dashboard is scheduled for daily updates at 12:30 p.m. You can find link to the dashboard at the bottom of the home page of our [COVID-19 website](#).

## **Liaison**

Jennie McAdams, Sustainability Supervisor

- COVID-19 Testing

- FCPH continues to work on increasing testing sites throughout the community. If you have a community site that would be available for testing location, please let us know.

- Upcoming Meetings

- FCPH hosted a school nurses call on November 24
- FCPH hosted a call with faith leaders November 23
- FCPH is looking to schedule another call with school nurses sometime in December.

## **Logistics**

Sam Neill, Emergency Preparedness Planner

- New FCPH Team member will be filling the role of Logistics Chief, Sam Neill. Sam is an FCPH Emergency Preparedness Planner.
- FCPH has social distancing and COVID-19 friendly signs available for businesses if you would like to request this item please go to our [website](#) and complete the JotForm.
- If any agency is having issues with getting Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) please let FCPH know and we will work with you to support next steps.

**Next Call: Thursday, December 3, 2020 at 10:00am**

Join the webinar at: <https://franklincountyohio.zoom.us/j/914873120>

or call 312-626-6799

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