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## Flatten the Curve: Maintain Public Health By Staying Apart

As COVID-19 (coronavirus) continues to spread in Ohio, preventative actions have been taken state-wide to reduce the surge of cases in our community. Schools are closed, food establishments are limited to carry-out only, universities have moved online, and major events have been cancelled with the common goal to reduce the spread of the virus in communities. This is all part of an effort to do what epidemiologists call “flattening the curve” of the pandemic. The steps the community and individuals take now will delay the sharp spike in cases that could occur if the community does not take preventative measures.

Social or physical distancing (6 or more feet away from others) is encouraged to slow the spread of the virus and limit people vulnerable to complications from COVID-19 from coming in contact with those who may not know they are infected. According to public health experts at the Ohio Department of Health, many Ohioans are infected unknowingly with COVID-19.

Slowing the rate of the infection is critical to save lives. To best protect the vulnerable, minimize the spread of COVID-19, and delay the surge of cases seeking treatment in healthcare settings, action must be taken now. If the community can work together to delay the spread of COVID-19, healthcare systems will better be able to accommodate those who will need hospital care. The current healthcare system will not be able to cope with the projected number of people who will adversely be affected by the virus due to their age or underlying health conditions. In order to change the current projected impact this has on healthcare providers, Williams County must work together as a community to maintain public health by staying apart.

Stay up-to-date with accurate information about COVID-19 by visiting the Ohio Department of Health’s website (<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/>). If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 please call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

