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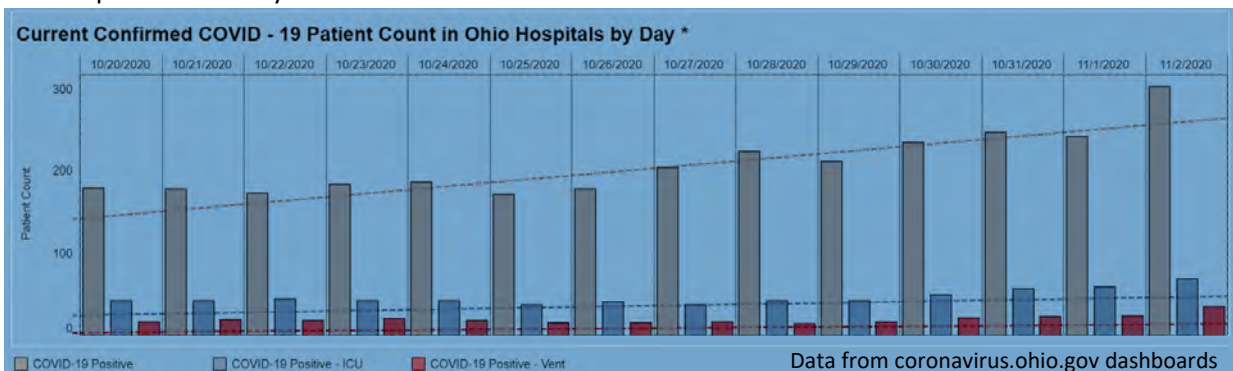
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Community Talking Points

November 4, 2020

- COVID-19 cases continue to increase in Williams County.
 - This week, there has been an increase in positive COVID-19 cases among Williams County residents. In the past 7 days (since October 28th), there have been 120 new cases, 4 hospitalizations, and 0 deaths.
 - Williams County has remained orange (level 2) on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System for the past 6 weeks. On October 29th, Williams County triggered 2 of the 7 indicators (New cases per capita & Non-congregate cases) and high incidence.
- There are several sites that offer COVID-19 tests in Williams County. If Williams County residents would like to be tested for COVID-19, they may contact their healthcare provider to request a test. Please call ahead to check availability and to schedule an appointment.
 - A map with local testing sites is also shown on the coronavirus.ohio.gov website: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>
 - Attached is a document that discusses what to do while you are waiting for your COVID-19 test results.
- WCHD is often asked the following question, “Are COVID-19 cases increasing only because testing capacity has increased?”
 - No, while increased testing capabilities can lead the identification of COVID-19 cases, positivity rates and increased hospitalization rates show that testing isn’t the only cause of increased COVID-19 case trends. Community spread has increased.
 - If increased testing was the only reason for the increase in case counts, positivity rates and hospitalizations would decrease or remain the same. Instead, hospitalizations due to COVID-19 continue to rise in Ohio as shown on the graphs below. Positivity rates across Ohio are also increasing as cases increase, indicating that the rise in cases is due to increased community transmission, according to John Hopkins University.



Ohio Testing Overview

New Daily Cases



Daily Tests



Daily % Positive
(7-day moving average)



Data from John Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center: <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/region/us/ohio>

What To Do While You Wait for COVID-19 Test Results

After you get tested



- Stay home and away from others, especially if you have symptoms. Even if you don't have symptoms, it is best to stay home. If you leave, wear a mask and stay 6 feet from others.



- Start making a plan for what to do if you have a positive test because you will need to stay home for at least 10 days.



- If you were tested because you were in contact with someone who has COVID-19 and you do not have symptoms, you should stay home while waiting for your test results. You will need to stay home for 14 days even if your test is negative because you could still become sick.



- If you were tested for an upcoming medical procedure and you do not have symptoms, you do not have to stay home while waiting for your test results.



- It may take several days to get your test results back. You will receive test results by email, text, &/or phone call.



- Monitor your symptoms. If they get worse, contact your healthcare provider. Tell them you were tested for COVID-19.

More information:

- **COVID-19 Symptoms** - <https://bit.ly/3jubhFu>
- **When You Are Sick** - <https://bit.ly/35uG4x2>
- **When to Contact Your Healthcare Provider** - <https://bit.ly/2HydZwC>
- **If You're Isolated or Quarantined** - <https://bit.ly/34vX9XW>



If your test is positive



- This means you currently have COVID-19.
- **Stay home.** A health department employee will call you. It is important that you answer their questions about possible exposures to COVID-19, such as people you have been in direct contact with and places you have visited. This will help to contain the spread of COVID-19, protect your loved ones, and protect the community.



- The health department will also give you more information about what you should do and how long you should stay home.



If your test is negative



- This means you **do not** currently have COVID-19. However, you could still become sick at any time. You should continue to take steps to protect yourself and others from COVID-19.



- If you develop symptoms of COVID-19, talk to your healthcare provider about getting tested again.

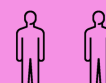


Wear a Mask



Wash Hands

#STAYSAFETOSTAYOPEN
Williams County, let's all do our part.
Protect yourself. Protect others. Protect our economy.



Stay Apart



Be Kind

