



Public Health
Prevent. Promote. Protect.
Dayton & Montgomery County



Monthly Update

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Our Mission: To improve the quality of life in our community by achieving the goals of public health: prevention, promotion and protection.



Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Update

Public Health - Dayton & Montgomery County, along with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), are closely monitoring and responding to the COVID-19 (coronavirus) global pandemic.

As of June 29 the United States reported **2,496,628** cases with **125,318** deaths. Ohio reported **51,046** cases with **2,818** deaths. Montgomery County reported **1,646** cases with **23** deaths.

For the latest U.S. case count, [visit the CDC's website.](#)

For the latest Ohio and Montgomery County case counts, [visit the ODH Coronavirus website.](#)

On June 29, the following announcements were made during Governor DeWine's press conference:

- Last week, Ohio experienced the first increase in hospitalizations due to COVID-19 in the last month.
- 500-550 people were hospitalized last week for COVID-19 and this week the state is up to 650 people, with Dayton being one of the regions seeing an increase. There is still adequate hospital capacity in the state despite these increases.
- The percent positivity for COVID-19 diagnostic tests in Ohio continues to hover around 4 to 6 percent.
- The state is planning to present updates on additional plans to move the state into the next phase of keeping Ohio open.
- Health orders currently in place will be extended through this week.

- Beginning July 20, nursing homes will be permitted to have outdoor visitations, so long as all safety standards are met. Nursing homes should consider case status in their communities, case status in nursing home, staffing levels, access to adequate testing for residents and staff, PPE supplies and hospital capacity when deciding to reopen for outdoor visits.
- The state has done testing in at least 250 nursing homes and 25,000 people in those locations, according to the Ohio National Guard, which is assisting with testing across the state.

Updates from Public Health's June 24, 2020 COVID-19 Situation Report

- The first pop-up test site in Montgomery County is being held at Samaritan Health Center on June 25 from 9 AM to 4 PM.
- Public Health completed another 1,700 sample collections at hotspots this week.
- The Ohio National Guard continues to conduct testing at nursing homes within the county, expected to last into the first week of July.
- Public Health is working with the Guard and the regional lab to identify additional pop-up sites for Dayton, Huber Heights and Trotwood. Pop-sites are free to the community and require no physician's prescription. Pop-up sites will initially target hotspot areas.
- Public Health continues to plan for specimen collection at other hotspots within Montgomery County.
- Currently the county drop-site has an abundance of PPE. PPE is targeted towards first responders, healthcare workers and congregant site locations. Requests for PPE can be made through the following link: <https://surveys.phdmc.org/s3/COVID-19-EOC-Resource-Request>
- The county will receive another Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) delivery on Monday, June 29.
- Congregate locations such as nursing homes, jails, etc. can request sample collection kits directly from Public Health by calling 937-225-4508.
- Public Health continues to meet weekly with the University of Dayton to discuss planning issues for the summer as well as the fall.
- Public Health continues to facilitate conference calls with congregate locations within the county.
- If you wish to learn how to make your own homemade masks go to the following link: https://youtu.be/c0zOVbE0_FU
- The Public Health COVID-19 informational phone line remains open Monday through Friday to answer general questions. The info line is 937-225-6217.

- ODH information line remains open, the number is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH and is open seven days a week.
- Public Health continues to monitor all sources (ODH, CDC, WHO, European Center for Disease and Prevention and Control (ECOC) for the latest information.
- Public Health maintains its one-week operational period for this response.
- Public Health will continue to share the situational report with other local health departments, Montgomery County Emergency Management, Greater Dayton Area Hospital Association and Dayton Metropolitan Medical Response System partners

Epidemiology Syndromic Surveillance Summary:

Below are links to both the CDC and WHO regarding the latest information.

- <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/situation-reports>



Planning for Influenza Season in a COVID-19 Pandemic

CDC believes it's likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, however flu vaccination has many other important benefits. Getting a flu vaccine will be more important than ever, not only to reduce your risk from flu but also to help conserve potentially scarce health care resources. It is possible have flu (as well as other respiratory illnesses) and COVID-19 at the same time. Experts are still studying how common this can be. See more frequently asked questions about the 2020-2021 flu season from the CDC [here](#).



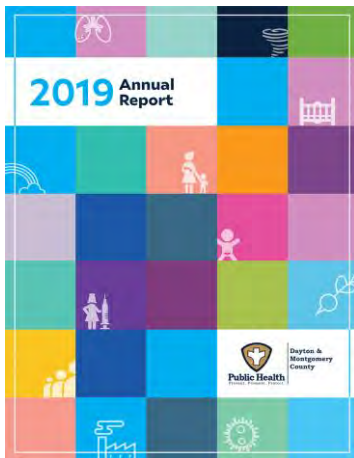
U.S. Supreme Court Bans Workplace Discrimination Against LGBT Employees

Public Health was proud to take a leadership role in affirming the June 15 U.S. Supreme Court landmark ruling banning workplace discrimination against lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) employees. Several of the major local LGBT organizations involved in our Community Health Alliance joined in our statement developed by the Alliance Outreach/Awareness Action Team. [You can read the full statement here](#). Supporting workplace equality has long been a priority for Public Health as part of our diversity and inclusion efforts. This particular legal issue was also important because it was a health equity matter that affected two important social determinants of health – stable income and access to healthcare, particularly in our country where health insurance and healthcare are often tied to employment.

The ruling was in response to three cases joined together – two related to sexual orientation and a third involving transgender identity. The court ruled

that firing or refusing to hire someone because of their sexual orientation (who they love) or because they are transgender is inherently sex discrimination and is therefore illegal under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act, which bans workplace discrimination based on sex as well as other characteristics. The ruling extends nationwide employment protection to LGBT people who work for employers with 15 or more employees. There are also some narrow exemptions for religious organizations, private membership clubs and native American tribes, which Title VII has always allowed. Prior to the ruling, only 21 states had non-discrimination laws that protected LGBT workers. While some larger employers had inclusive non-discrimination policies, many employers did not – leaving LGBT employees vulnerable.

Public Health has for several years had a fully inclusive non-discrimination policy that includes sexual orientation, gender identity/expression. [You can read our non-discrimination policy here.](#) If you have questions or would like more information please contact Jerry Mallicoat, LGBTQ Health Initiatives Manager at jmallicoat@phdmc.org or 937-224-3727.



2019 Annual Report

Public Health is proud to release the 2019 Annual Report to the community. In addition to highlighting the agency’s many accomplishments, the report features articles on Public Health initiatives such as the Community Overdose Action Team, Tobacco 21, the Food Equity Coalition, the Community Health Assessment, as well as stories about the Memorial Day tornadoes response and the Oregon District mass shooting.

The report also highlights the agency’s commitment to becoming a more culturally diverse and inclusive organization. The Public Health by the Numbers section provides a snapshot of the number of people helped by our services. The report also highlights the Human Services Levy and how Public Health depends on funds from the levy to carry out its mission and provide valuable programs and services to the community.

The report will be distributed throughout the community and is available on our website by [clicking here.](#)



Media Opportunities:

WDTN on COVID-19 and Protesting (6/1)

WDTN on COVID-19 (6/9)

DDN on COVID-19 Restart Ohio (6/10)

DDN on COVID-19 Complaints (6/10)

WHIO on COVID-19 - Nursing Homes and Case Numbers (6/10)

WDTN on COVID-19 - Race (6/11)

WYSO on COVID-19 Testing (6/12)

WHIO on COVID-19 - Restaurants (6/12)

ABC22 on COVID-19 - Garage Sales (6/12)

DDN on COVID-19 Casinos (6/15)
 ABC22 on COVID-19 (6/15)
 ABC22 on LGBTQ Rights (6/15)
 WDTN on LGBTQ Rights (6/15)
 DDN on COVID-19 Cases (6/16)
 WDTN on Racism as a Public Health Crisis (6/17)
 New York Times on COVID-19 and Protesting (6/17)
 WDTN on COAT Overdoses (6/18)
 DDN on Covid-19 (6/18)
 DDN on Covid-19 (6/21)
 WHIO on COVID-19 – Younger Cases (6/22)
 DDN on COVID-19 – HIV Testing Day (6/22)
 Ohio Capital Journal on Fuyao Glass (6/22)
 DDN on COVID-19 – High School (6/22)
 WDTN on COVID-19 – Crocs (6/22)
 Spectrum News on COVID-19 – Outbreaks (6/22)
 DDN on COVID-19 – High School Sports (6/23)
 DDN on COVID-19 Testing (6/24)
 WDTN on Herstory Project (6/25)
 Dayton Most Metro on Herstory Project (6/25)
 WHIO on COVID-19 – Travel (6/25)
 DDN on COVID-19 – Local Cases (6/25)
 Fox45 on COVID-19 – Vaccinations (6/26)
 DDN on COVID-19 (6/29)
 DDN on COVID-19 (6/29)
 Ohio Channel on COVID-19 (6/29)
 WDTN on COVID-19 (6/29)
 DDN on COVID-19 (6/29)
 WDTN on Risky Behavior (6/30)
 WDTN on COVID-19 Outbreaks (6/30)
 ABC 22 on COVID-19 Complaints (6/30)



Outreach Opportunities:

Public Health’s community events have been temporarily suspended to reduce the spread of COVID-19.



CDC Recommendations for Wearing Cloth Face Coverings:

- CDC recommends that people wear cloth face coverings in public settings when around people outside of their household, especially when other [social distancing](#) measures are difficult to maintain.
- Cloth face coverings help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others.
- Cloth face coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings.
- Cloth face coverings should NOT be worn by children under the age of 2 or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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