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**DATE:** November 5, 2020  
**TO:** Residents of the City of Springdale  
**FROM:** Matt Clayton, Springdale Health Commissioner  
**RE:** COVID-19

COVID-19 cases across the Springdale community are increasing rapidly:

- Seven new COVID-19 cases were reported among Springdale residents on November 5, 2020.
- Five new COVID-19 cases were reported among Springdale residents on November 4, 2020.
- The early November COVID data demonstrates a significant increase, compared to October 2020:
  - Eleven cases in Springdale from October 27 - November 3, 2020.
  - Forty-five cases in Springdale from October 4 – November 3, 2020.

The community spread of COVID-19 is regional across SW Ohio, not isolated to the City of Springdale:

- The regional COVID-19 reproduction value (1.18 on 11/4/2020 for SW Ohio), positivity rate, and other COVID-19 related bio-statistics indicate the likelihood of increased community spread.
- Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, and Warren Counties are among 40+ Ohio Counties that are rated Red in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System or OPHAS; further indications of regional COVID concerns.

Additionally, hospitalizations related to influenza and pneumonia are beginning in the region and across the State of Ohio. Please remain diligent in your efforts to protect yourself, your family, and your community from communicable diseases, including COVID-19, influenza, and pneumonia. These simple but meaningful steps can lower the community spread of communicable diseases like COVID-19 and influenza:

- Wear a face covering or face mask in public settings. This is particularly critical when social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, such as grocery stores, pharmacies, and public spaces.
- Wear a face mask in outdoor environments if social distancing of 6 feet is challenging.
- Maintain 6-foot social distancing whenever possible, even if you are wearing a face covering.
- Frequently wash hands and use hand sanitizer when hand washing is not an option. Avoid touching your eyes, nose, or mouth until you have washed or sanitized your hands.

- Avoid large gatherings when possible. Stay vigilant against COVID-19 during small gatherings.
- Stay home when sick. Self-quarantine at home when experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- Get a flu shot. Influenza vaccinations (flu shots) are currently available at drug stores, health clinics, hospitals, and doctor's offices across the region. Contact your local health department or community health center if you need a flu shot but do not have health insurance.

Attached is the most recent order from the Director of the Ohio Department of Health, requiring that facial coverings or face masks be worn throughout the State of Ohio during the COVID-19 pandemic.

### **Why Wear A Mask?**

Face masks, including cloth face coverings, may help prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others. Wearing a facial covering will help protect people around you, including those at higher risk of severe illness from COVID-19. Facial coverings are most likely to reduce the spread of COVID-19 when they are widely used by people in public settings. The spread of COVID-19 can be reduced when face masks or facial coverings are used along with other preventive measures, including social distancing, frequent handwashing, cleaning and disinfecting frequently touched surfaces, avoiding large social gatherings, and self-quarantining at home when sick or when experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.

Please reach out to the Springdale Health Department if we can provide additional information or assistance:

Springdale Health Department  
11700 Springfield Pike  
Springdale, Ohio 45246  
513-346-5725

[health@springdale.org](mailto:health@springdale.org)

<https://www.springdale.org/health-department.aspx>

Other useful resources for COVID-19 related assistance or information:

The Ohio Department of Health's Coronavirus Hotline: 1-833-4ASK-ODH  
The Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 website: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention:

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-nCoV/index.html>

Sincerely,

*Matt Clayton*

Matt Clayton, Springdale Health Commissioner

