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Huron County COVID-19 Weekly Update

Norwalk OH - Please see the following chart for a current status report on the number of confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Huron County, Ohio as of Friday, May 15, 2020, at 2:00 p.m.

Total Confirmed Cases Including Deaths:	38
• Percentage of Confirmed Cases Cleared:*	95%
• Percentage of Total Confirmed Cases Hospitalized at Some Point During Illness:	18%
• Age Range:	16-89
• Average Age:	46
• Male	32%
• Female	68%
• Fatalities	1

* Individuals who meet the requirements of discontinuing home isolation will now be considered "cleared" instead of "recovered".



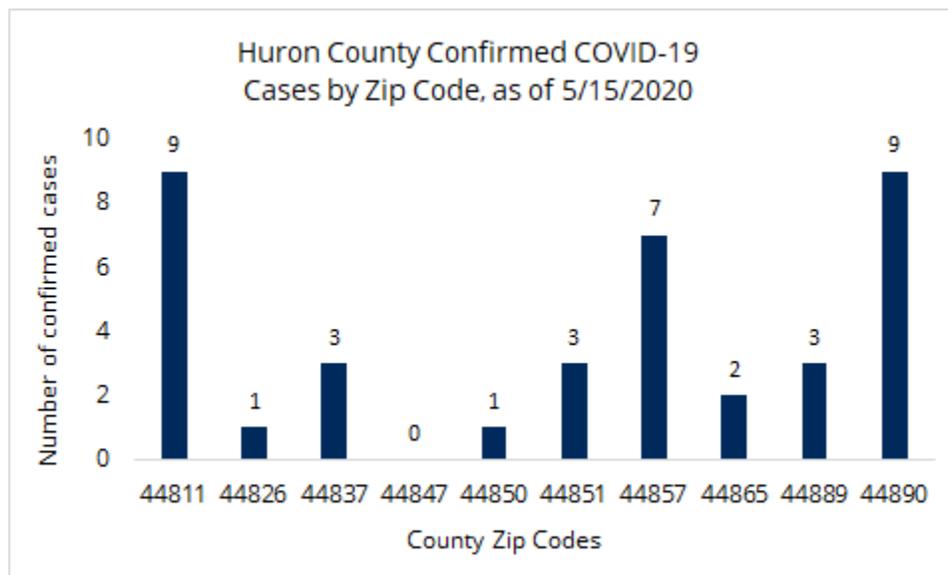
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Huron County Public Health is reporting no new confirmed COVID-19 cases within Huron County over the past week.

While this is great news, it is still important to note that COVID-19 is driven by community spread and positive case counts do not truly reflect the amount of disease in our community since testing continues to be saved for priority groups. It is assumed that there are a large number of individuals in the community with mild or moderate illness who are not meeting requirements to be tested and are recovering at home. It is also known that COVID-19 can be spread between individuals who are asymptomatic. This means people may carry the active virus in their body and never develop any symptoms but are still contagious.

Huron County Public Health will continue to release the total number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by ZIP code each Friday within our Huron County COVID-19 Weekly Update. Our intent of sharing this information is not to provide a false sense of security for people who may think they have a lower risk if their ZIP code has few or no confirmed cases; instead, HCPH is sharing this information in an effort to keep residents aware that COVID-19 is an ongoing situation occurring throughout the entire county.



People of all ages can contract COVID-19. However, older adults – those age 65 and older – and people of any age who have serious underlying health conditions are at higher risk for severe illness from COVID-19. As Ohio begins to reopen, it is important that everyone assesses their own individual risk for COVID-19 and make thoughtful decisions before going out. Everyone should continue to follow everyday preventative measures and social distancing guidelines while in public settings.

- If you are sick or are feeling unwell, stay home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay at least 6-feet apart from others even when outside.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing food or drinks with others.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm or tissue and then properly dispose of the tissue.

- Wear a cloth face mask/cover while in public.

We ask that residents interested in daily case counts now visit the Ohio COVID-19 dashboard for both local and state COVID-19 numbers. The ODH dashboard includes gender, age-range, and hospitalization status for all Ohioans diagnosed with COVID-19 and is updated daily at 2:00 PM.

Visit www.huroncohealth.com/coronavirus2019 for the latest COVID-19 developments. For questions about COVID-19, call the COVID-19 Information Line at 1-833-427-5634.

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