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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 Wednesday, July 1, 2020, at 12:00 p.m. This week's COVID-19 Weekly Update is being released early in light of the upcoming holiday. There will not be an additional Weekly Update shared on Friday.

Total Confirmed Cases Including Deaths:	175
• Percentage of Confirmed Cases Cleared:*	61%
• Percentage of Total Confirmed Cases Hospitalized at Some Point During Illness:	14%
• Age Range:	<1-89
• Average Age:	39
• Male	41%
• Female	59%
• Fatalities	2



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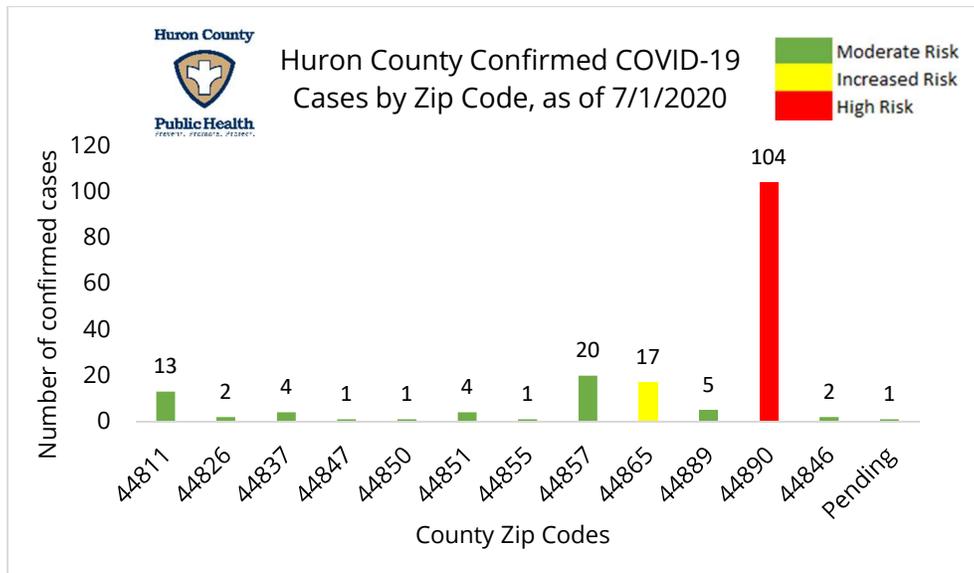
Huron County Public Health (HCPH) is deeply saddened to report the death of a Huron County resident who passed away on June 29, 2020 due to complications of novel coronavirus (COVID-19). This is the second COVID-19 related death in Huron County. The individual was a male in his mid-70's and had underlying health conditions. HCPH sends our deepest condolences to his friends and family.

Since Friday, June 26, 2020, Huron County saw an increase in 27 confirmed COVID-19 cases within Huron County. This increase in cases can be contributed to multiple ongoing outbreak investigations occurring within the County in addition to an increase in COVID-19 testing. HCPH begins an outbreak investigation when two or more individuals are found to have a similar exposure point and after consultation with the Ohio Department of Health. Please keep in mind, as investigations are complete, facilities may later be deemed not an official outbreak based on investigation results.

HCPH is continuing to investigate and mitigate outbreaks within the county. The facilities being investigated in connection to the outbreaks include Buurma Farms Inc. (2 cases), Holthouse Farms of Ohio, Inc. (10 cases), Wiers Farm (33 cases), and The Willows at Willard (8 cases). Additional information on the outbreak investigation occurring at the local long-term care facility can be found online at www.huroncohealth.com/coronavirus2019. As of July 1, 2020 at 12:00 pm, 53 confirmed cases are connected to the outbreaks being investigated. These 53 cases may include out of county residents. Of the total cases associated with the outbreaks currently being investigated, about 6% have been hospitalized at some point during illness and zero deaths have been reported.

All facilities involved are in frequent contact with HCPH and are closely following local, state, and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidance to control and contain the situations. HCPH is actively working with the facilities to identify and notify all close contacts who may have been exposed to any positive COVID-19 cases and is providing further guidance to those individuals as appropriate. Other individuals who may work in these facilities but have not been notified of a close contact of a COVID-19 positive individual should self-monitor for symptoms. Any individuals experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 should contact their primary care physician. All sick individuals are required to stay home and follow the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's guidance for returning to work following isolation or quarantine.

Since Friday, June 26, 2020, 67% of all new confirmed COVID-19 cases are located in the 44890 area. For this reason, HCPH is urging residents to assess their own individual risk for illness before leaving their homes. Business owners and employers should continue to follow preventative measures for their listed sector from the Ohio Department of Health. Please keep in mind anxiety, fear, and stress can lead to stigma or poor treatment toward others.



It is important to note that COVID-19 is driven by community spread and positive case counts may not truly reflect the amount of disease in our community. It is assumed that there are many individuals in the community with mild or moderate illness who are choosing not 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.

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 the 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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