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## OTTAWA COUNTY COMMUNITY PARTNERS COVID-19 RESPONSE



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#### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE –

Recently there has been a significant increase in the number of positive COVID-19 cases in Ottawa County. This increase is primarily due to an outbreak within a congregate living facility. Despite the increase being attributed to this outbreak, the virus remains common in the community. Ottawa County residents should continue to take measures to protect themselves from this virus. These measures include:

- Practice social distancing. Keeping at least 6 feet of distance between individuals and avoid groups of 10 people or more.
- Washing hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoiding touching your mouth, nose or eyes.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces.
- Avoid those that are sick, and stay home if you are sick.

The Ottawa County Health Department staff is currently working with all confirmed cases to identify any close contacts that may

have been exposed. OCHD staff will be notifying identified contacts and discussing safety measures.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at 419-734-6800. Our website, [Ottawahealth.org](http://Ottawahealth.org) also has information regarding COVID-19.

**ASSUME EVERYONE HAS IT. PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING and WASH YOUR HANDS**

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