



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Put-In-Bay Outbreak Response

PORT CLINTON - The Ottawa County Health Department (OCHD), along with public health partners, are providing further instructions for those that have identified themselves as potentially being exposed to COVID-19 at Put-In-Bay during the time of June 17 – June 21, 2020. We are not advising testing for those individuals unless they are showing symptoms of COVID-19 or have experienced symptoms during the quarantine period, even if those symptoms have resolved. These symptoms include: cough, fever, sore throat, fatigue, loss of taste or smell, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, congestion or headache. The quarantine should begin on the last day of potential exposure. For instance, if you visited Put-In-Bay on June 17, your quarantine monitoring period would be June 18 – July 2, 2020.

We are advising individuals to quarantine at home, avoid others when possible, take your temperature 2 times daily, and monitor yourself for signs and symptoms. If you become symptomatic please first call your primary care physician for a referral for testing. Testing with a referral can be conducted here in Ottawa County. If you need immediate medical attention for these symptoms, please report to the nearest emergency room and call ahead to alert the emergency room of your expected arrival if possible. The Ottawa County Health Department does not have on site testing, please do not come to our office if you are seeking testing or have signs or symptoms of COVID-19. We understand we are nearing the end of this quarantine period, but if you are currently experiencing symptoms, or have experienced symptoms during this time please contact us, or your local health department for further testing instructions.

OCHD would like to emphasize there is no need to panic, in an effort to be fully transparent we wanted to keep our residents as informed as possible. OCHD recommends that all Ottawa County residents continue to take measures to protect themselves from this virus. You can do this by continuing social distancing by keeping at least 6 feet of distance between individuals, avoiding 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, covering coughs and sneezes with your arm, cleaning frequently touched surfaces, avoiding those that are sick, and staying home if you are sick. We also advise all residents to wear a mask when in public or around people other than those that live within your household.

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

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For information regarding this press release contact Jerry Bingham, MPH, RS, Health Commissioner, Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at (419) 734-6800.

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