



STAY AT HOME HEALTH ADVISORY RECOMMENDATION NOVEMBER 20, 2020

The local health departments of Ashtabula County have issued a Stay at Home Health Advisory effective immediately. The Stay at Home Health Advisory recommends that all residents stay at home as much as possible due to the large increase in COVID-19 cases in Ashtabula County.

As recently as three weeks ago, Ashtabula County had the lowest COVID-19 case rate in the State of Ohio, ranking 88th out of 88 counties in Ohio. However, due to the large increase in COVID-19 cases in Ashtabula County, Ashtabula County is now ranked 20th out of 88 counties in new COVID-19 cases per capita over the last two weeks.

In Ashtabula County, few settings have been spared from COVID-19 disease transmission. Local health departments have recorded COVID-19 cases in businesses, factories, schools, nursing homes, offices and many other settings. COVID-19 disease transmission trends in Ashtabula County are troublesome.

In light of the aforementioned information, the local health departments of Ashtabula County strongly recommend that residents only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food or receiving deliveries.

The local health departments of Ashtabula County advise county residents not to attend social gatherings and/or scheduling events designed to bring people together. Moreover, county residents are advised not to travel in and out of the state.

Although it is not popular, the local health departments of Ashtabula County advise county residents to limit holiday celebrations this year to people in your immediate household and not risk gathering with other people.

Traveling, hosting guests indoors and sharing food, utensils and plates all pose significant COVID-19 disease transmission risks.

If county residents take steps to limit contact with other people outside of the households, the likelihood of COVID-19 disease transmission occurring between people can be lessened.

Ashtabula County residents need to continue to wear face masks, social distance and wash hands frequently to help prevent COVID-19 disease transmission.

The local health departments of Ashtabula County recommend that the Stay at Home Health Advisory remain in effect until December 17, 2020.

For more information on COVID-19, contact the Ashtabula County Health Department at 440-576-6010, Ashtabula City Health Department at 440-992-7123 and the Conneaut City Health Department at 440-593-3087.