

Public Health Notice

November 3, 2020

Due to the rising numbers of COVID-19 positive cases, associated close contact tracing and limited staff at Preble County Public Health, phone calls to cases and their contacts may be delayed.

Here are some things you can do while waiting for contact from the health department.

- If you are being tested for COVID-19, stay home and isolated while waiting for results.
- If you have received a positive test result:
 1. Isolate at home away from other family members for **10 days** from the time your symptoms began.
 2. Contact your place of employment, place of worship, school, gym, etc. and inform them of your test result so that they may identify your close contacts in those settings.
 3. Contact family and friends that you have been in close contact with beginning the 48 hours prior to your symptoms, up until the point you have isolated.
 - (i) A **close contact** is anyone within 6 feet (masked or not) for a total 15 minutes or more.
- If you are a close contact to someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19:
 1. Quarantine at home for **14 days** from the last exposure to the ill person.
 2. Do not leave your home during this time.
 3. Monitor for symptoms and if you develop symptoms discuss with your physician if testing is necessary
 4. DO NOT go get tested if you have no symptoms. People can develop symptoms anytime from 2-14 days after being exposed. ****A negative test result is only reflective of the day you were tested and will not shorten your time of quarantine.****

You will be contacted by a staff member of Preble County Public Health which includes our contracted staff through Wright State University. Prior to contact, if you have any questions or concerns, please call the Health Department at 937-472-0087.