

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEALTH COMMISSIONER

Dear Community Members:

The Health Department is pleased to see our community re-open and people beginning to return to normal activities. New reported cases have plateaued this week and we are hopeful this will be a trend we continue to see throughout the summer. The hard work you have done to modify your businesses and activities, social distance, wear your mask, and all the other incredible actions everyone has been doing over the last several months have helped to slow the spread of coronavirus. While we are not in the clear yet, and likely will not be for quite a while, I am confident our community members will continue to maintain these safety precautions to keep chances of future spread low.

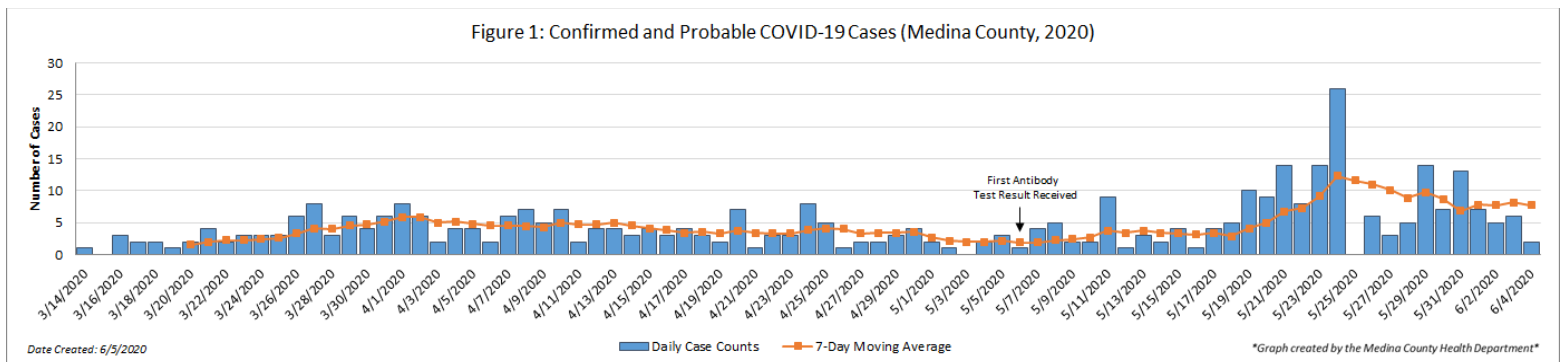


In the event you do become sick or we see another surge in reported cases, I want you to know we are prepared and have resources available at the Health Department to protect you. One of these resources is the addition of COVID-19 viral testing now available in our Federally Qualified Health Center.

Detecting and isolating illness as quickly as possible is an important element in keeping our community safe. When COVID-19 first appeared, testing was extremely limited. As it has become more available, we wanted to be sure it was easily accessible in Medina County to enhance the public health actions we've already been taking. Testing is available for our health center patients who are experiencing symptoms. If you become sick, please call our health center at 330-723-9688, option 1, to see how we can help you. Additional testing locations can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/testing-ch-centers/>

7-Day Moving Average Graph with Total Daily Case Counts

In case you missed last week's Coronavirus Update, we launched a new dashboard on our website with data to help show the picture of what's going on with this virus in our county. This graph shows the daily confirmed and probable cases (blue bars) and the 7-day moving average (orange line) for new cases per day. The 7-day moving average helps show short-term increases and long-term trends in the number of cases. This graph and other data are located on our website and will be updated every Friday.



Where can I find the latest information?

Medinahealth.org or Coronavirus.ohio.gov have the latest real-time information. You can find health and safety messages and information you can use to help make decisions that are best for you and your family.