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**Omicron Variant Detected in Medina County**

**December 21, 2021 Medina, Ohio** — Medina County Health Department has been notified of the county's first detected case of the Omicron variant. To protect patient privacy, we will not be sharing any other information at this time.

While the arrival of Omicron is significant, the current surge in illness and hospitalizations is being driven by Delta and other sub-variants, primarily among those who are not vaccinated. The continued rise in illness reinforces the importance of vaccination and other interventions available to stop the spread of the virus.

The CDC and public health are still learning more about the Omicron variant and information will be shared as it's made available. We ask community members to seek testing if they are ill and follow the same public health protocols for isolation and quarantine. Visit [www.medinahhealth.org](http://www.medinahhealth.org) for a list of local testing locations and a calendar of upcoming vaccine clinics.

**About Medina County Health Department**

The public health mission is to prevent, promote, and protect health. You can trust the Health Department to keep you informed and provide reliable information on what you can do during this outbreak and beyond.

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