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## NEWS RELEASE

### Holmes County Moves to Level 2 in Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System

Millersburg, OH – Holmes County General Health District was alerted Thursday afternoon that Holmes County has moved from Risk Level 3 (Red) to Risk Level 2 (Orange) in the Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System. The Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System is a color-coded system designed to supplement existing statewide orders through a data-driven framework to assess the degree of virus spread.

The Level 2 (Orange) designation means that there is **increased exposure and spread of COVID-19 in Holmes County**. Holmes County residents are encouraged to exercise a high degree of caution and follow all current health orders.

Recommended guidelines for the public for counties at Risk Level 2 include:

- Wear a face coverings in public, especially when social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high risk for COVID-19.
- Decrease in-person interactions outside the household.
- Seek medical care as needed, but limit or avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities as much as possible.
- Follow good hygiene standards, including: washing hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, use hand sanitizer frequently, avoid touching your face, cover coughs or sneezes with a tissue and symptom self-evaluation monitoring.
- Conduct a daily health/ symptom self-evaluation and stay home if you are sick.

By continuing to follow public health orders and take necessary precautions for the well-being of others, Holmes County residents can work together to reduce the level of exposure and spread of COVID-19 in their local communities.

*Ohioans can call the ODH COVID-19 hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) from 9:00am to 8:00pm or visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) for more information.*

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