

WARREN COUNTY HEALTH DISTRICT

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Warren County Elevated to Level High in the CDC Community COVID-19 Levels Framework

Warren County has been experiencing an upward trend of COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations for the past several weeks, and due to this increase, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has *designated Warren County as a High Level in its* <u>COVID-19</u> <u>Community Level Framework</u>.

As of July 22, 2022, the case rate for COVID-19 is 260.44 cases per 100,000 people, 11.2 new hospital admissions for COVID-19 per 100,000 people, and in Warren County, 5.5% of inpatient beds in hospitals are used by patients who are confirmed to have COVID-19.

COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. Take precautions to protect yourself and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area.

When a county is designated at a high level in the CDC's framework, the following actions are recommended:

- Wear a <u>mask</u> indoors in public regardless of vaccination status
- Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccines
- <u>Get tested</u> if you have symptoms
- Additional precautions may be needed for people <u>at high risk for severe illness</u>

If you are immunocompromised or at high risk for severe disease, learn more about <u>how to</u> <u>protect yourself</u> with additional CDC recommendations for each COVID-19 Community Level.

Public Health along with our State and Federal partners will continue to monitor the status of the COVID-19 pandemic and make revised recommendations should conditions warrant.

If someone needs to get vaccinated, they can schedule an appointment with the Warren County Health Department by visiting gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov or call us at 513-695-7468, Monday through Friday from 8:00am-12:00pm and 1:00PM-4:00PM. Warren County residents are also able to report positive at home COVID-19 tests by visiting warrenchd.com/c19.

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