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Pneumonia Outbreak Update

Please see attached media release that was distributed on November, 29, 2023.

The Warren County Health District wants to reiterate, as stated in a previous media release, the increase in reported pneumonia cases is not suspected of being a new/novel respiratory virus but rather a large uptick in the number of typical pediatric pneumonia cases. There has been zero evidence of this outbreak being connected to other outbreaks, either statewide, nationally or internationally.

At this time, we have 145 reported cases of pneumonia in children ages 3 years – 14 years. There have been no reported deaths. While the number of cases is higher this year, the severity is similar to previous years. Most cases recover at home and are treated with antibiotics.

The information was shared so that individuals would be aware of illness in the community and take necessary steps to protect their health such as washing their hands, covering cough, staying home when ill and staying up to date on vaccines.

It is not uncommon for respiratory illnesses to spread in the community during this time of year. Following these basic precautions will help protect you and your family.