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	Urgency Level* - Health Alert

Mahoning County Public Health Reports Positive Cases of COVID-19

Mahoning County Public Health (MCPH) has received notification of two confirmed positive test results for COVID-19 in residents of Mahoning County. One is currently hospitalized and one is not currently hospitalized.

COVID-19 is an evolving situation and we, like you, want as much information as possible. We are being assisted by the Ohio Department of Health and CDC.

MCPH is working to identify close contacts of these individuals who will be instructed to self-quarantine and public health will monitor these individuals for 14 days for any symptoms. "Our main goal is to isolate those who are ill, identify close contacts and monitor these close contacts for illness", said Ryan Tekac, Health Commissioner, Mahoning County Public Health.

We continue to urge our residents to practice primary prevention actions and social distancing as we work to slow the spread of the virus.

The majority of people with COVID-19 will experience mild to moderate symptoms. Testing is not necessary and self-care is recommended. Tylenol or acetaminophen can be used for fever and cough medicine for coughs.

Due to social distancing guidelines, an in-person press conference will not be held. We will hold a brief conference call where media representatives can call in to obtain a current update for Mahoning County and to ask questions. The call will be held today from 4:00- 4:30 PM. Media representatives can call in by dialing 1-866-906-0040 and entering participant code 8642607#.

For questions from the general public related to COVID-19, please call the Ohio Department of Health Call Center at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH, open 9 AM to 8 PM daily.

ABOUT MAHONING COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

Mahoning County Public Health works to protect the public's health and to ensure conditions in which all people can live healthy lives. Mahoning County Public Health offers a variety of services from immunizations to environmental and community health programs. For a complete list of services visit mahoninghealth.org.

*Categories of Urgency Level

Health Alert: conveys the highest level of importance; warrants immediate action or attention

Health Advisory: provides important information for a specific incident or situation; may not require immediate action

Health Update: provides updated information regarding an incident or situation; unlikely to require immediate action.

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