

## Public Health Department

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PRESS RELEASE FOR COVID-19

Montgomery County currently has 1 asymptomatic person being monitored by our department. While the risk of contracting COVID-19 (Corona Virus) is considered fairly low for most of the American public and our community, we are asking that everyone use universal precautions like hand washing, covering your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing, stay home if you are sick and have a fever. The best defense against a virus is frequent cleaning and disinfecting of surfaces with special attention to tables, door knobs, light switches, cell phones and remote controls.

Our local hospital and medical staff continue to work hard to do our part with community partners such as public health and state and federal officials and agencies to monitor new trends and adopt best practices and standards for treating patients with possible COVID-19.

If you live in Montgomery County and think you might be experiencing symptoms or have been exposed to someone that has been confirmed to have COVID-19, we ask that you contact the Montgomery County Public Health Department at 518-853-3531 to discuss your symptoms and to review your health status. Symptoms we will monitor are: cough, fever, difficulty breathing which are similar to the flu. We will also ask about your travel history and any other related health complications you may have.

The residents of Montgomery County are our priority and we are taking measures to continue to educate and inform residents on the changing status in our County. Because we still currently do not have any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Montgomery County, we ask that you please do not go to the ER if you are seeking COVID-19 testing unless directed to do so by our office or your Primary Care Doctor. By calling us and asking questions and getting guidance you will help us prevent the unnecessary spread of viruses.

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