



## COVID-19 Testing Information

Ottawa County Health Department 419-734-6800

As more cases of COVID-19 occur in Ohio we would like to take a minute to explain important information about testing. If any testing processes changed we will keep our residents up to date and informed.

- There are test kits in Ohio and it is possible to test for COVID-19.
- The Ohio Department of Health has a very limited number of testing kits and those are reserved for people that are extremely ill.
- There are private/ commercial laboratories that are offering testing.
- All testing for COVID-19 requires a doctor's order.
- If you are ill and believe you have COVID-19 you should stay home, call your physician and at that time your physician will determine if you should come in for an appointment, or stay at home, rest, and self monitor.
- A healthcare provider MUST evaluate you to determine if testing is necessary, if it is necessary your doctor will provide you with steps for getting tested. If the test is positive and requires follow up with the Ottawa County Health Department we will be notified from the physician.
- The Ottawa County Health Department cannot test for COVID-19 at this time and cannot evaluate you to determine if testing is necessary, again, this must be completed by a physician.
- Please take advantage of telehealth services right now if you are able. This allows you to be evaluated from your home if you are ill protecting you and others from the spread of this virus.
- Magruder Hospital has set up a COVID-19 hotline that will be staffed 24/7. You can call 419-301-4304, a nurse will screen you for symptoms and advise self monitoring, reporting to the respiratory urgent care, or reporting to the emergency room at the hospital. It is very important that you call this number before reporting to the emergency room.

Continue to wash your hands, continue to wash frequently touched surfaces, continue to cover your cough and continue social distancing. Most importantly, continue to help us stop the spread of this virus and stay healthy.

For more information on COVID-19:

Visit our website at <http://www.ottawahealth.org/index.asp?id=1> OR

Call the Ottawa County Health Department at 419-734-6800 OR

Call the Ohio Department of Health Hotline at 1-833-427-5634.