
Public Health Update: COVID-19 July 23, 2020

As COVID-19 Spread Continues, Allen County Placed on WATCH

Governor Mike DeWine announced today Allen County has been placed on WATCH status. In the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, when counties first meet 6 of the 7 indicators, they are considered to be at Red Level 3 BUT ON WATCH TO MOVE INTO PURPLE LEVEL 4. Allen County met a 6th indicator this week, a sustained increase in new cases. When data is re-evaluated in one week, if Allen County continues to meet 6 indicators it will be moved to Purple Level 4 Alert. Currently, Allen County meets the following data indicators:

- New cases per capita
- Sustained increase in new cases (new this week – average 13 cases/day)
- Proportion of cases not in a congregate setting
- Sustained increase in Emergency Department visits for COVID-like illness
- Sustained increase in outpatient visits for COVID-like illness
- Sustained increase in new COVID hospital admissions

If Allen County data continues to meet 6 indicators when data is tabulated on July 29, 2020 Allen County will be elevated to Purple Level 4 Alert. If the data evaluation shows that Allen County meets 4-5 of the indicators we will remain in Red Level 3 Alert. More information about the Advisory System and Allen County data is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

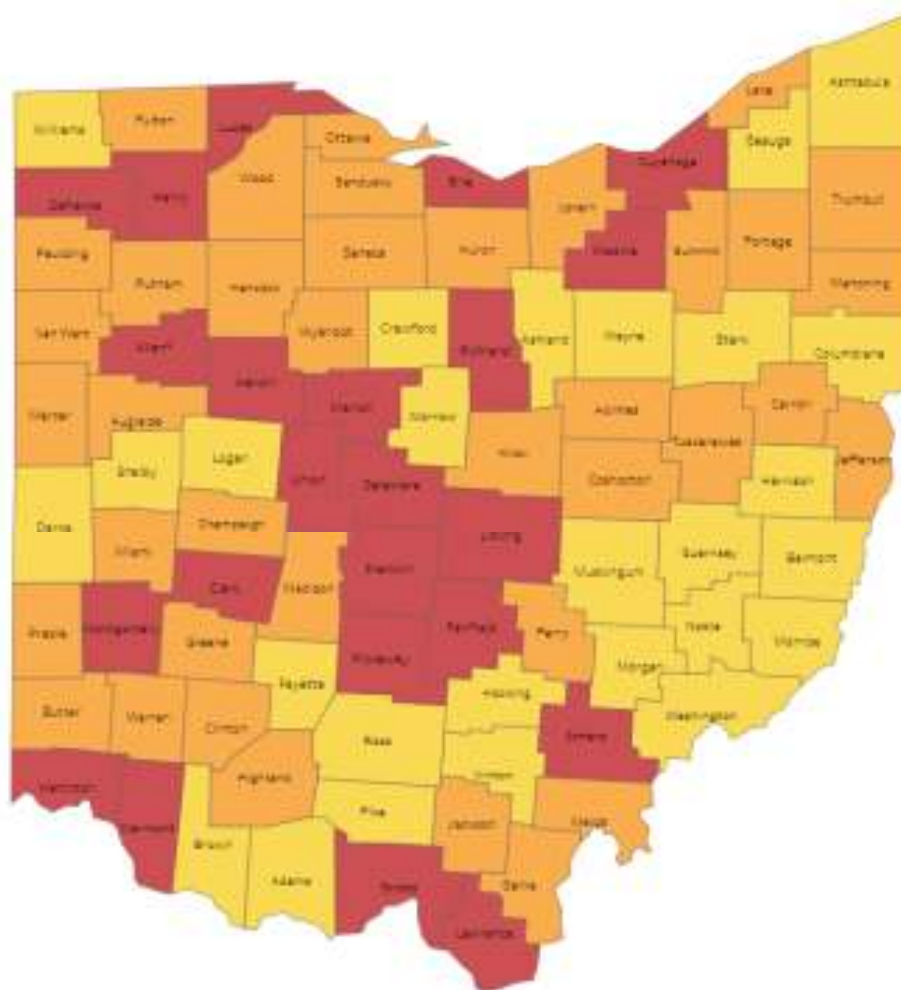
WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ALLEN COUNTY RESIDENTS?

- Allen County residents are still at Level 3 Red Alert and are advised to follow all the guidance in the [Public Health Update for Red Level 3 Guidance](#). In order for Allen County to return to a low risk level, we need everyone to do their part to reduce the number of cases we have and the number of people who are potentially exposed.
- The entire state of Ohio is under a Mask Mandate effective July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. Facial coverings are required for those over age 10 when out in public, with limited exceptions. The order for the mandate can be found at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Allen County residents must take [PREVENTIVE ACTIONS](#) now to slow the spread of coronavirus in our community to lower our risk level. Social distancing, wearing face coverings, limiting gatherings to no more than 10 people, and avoiding travel to COVID-19 “hot spots” will help us slow the spread. If people do more than what’s required for safety, it will benefit everyone. Please consider whether all of your activities are necessary at this time.
- Allen County residents must take the spread of coronavirus seriously and cooperate with Allen County Public Health officials if they are contacted regarding [quarantine or isolation](#).

OTHER COVID-19 UPDATES

Governor DeWine also announced a [TRAVEL ADVISORY](#) on Wednesday, July 22, 2020. The advisory is not a mandate, but asks that persons returning to Ohio from out-of-state self-quarantine for 14 days upon return.

The Ohio Department of Health has extended the expiration date of the [Contact Sports Order](#) until July 31, 2020.



Level 1 Public Emergency: active exposure and spread.

Yellow

Level 2 Public Emergency: increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution.

Orange

Level 3 Public Emergency: very high exposure and spread. Limit activities as much as possible.

Red

Level 4 Public Emergency: severe exposure and spread. Only leave home for supplies and services.

Purple