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Defiance County General Health District COVID-19

DEFIANCE, OHIO — Defiance County continues to see an increase in COVID-19 activity. Defiance County's incidence rate is 454.2* cases per 100,000 and ranks 27 out of the 88 counties in Ohio. Between August 12 and August 25th, Defiance County had 173* new cases.

The Delta variant is actively spreading in Ohio and in Defiance County. The Delta variant has been identified as a variant of concern by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The Delta variant is more transmissible, affects younger populations (ages <50), has double the risk of hospitalization compared to the variant spreading last winter, and is a threat to unvaccinated residents. It is imperative that we all work together to slow the spread of COVID-19.

Defiance County Health Department recommends the following practices to help reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19:

- Get Vaccinated against COVID-19 if eligible.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Practice social distancing by avoiding gatherings and remaining 6ft from others.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.
- Wear a facial covering while in public or around others outside of your household.
- Stay home if you are sick.

Stay Informed:

Defiance County Health Department will begin posting COVID-19 data every Friday. Additional county level data can be found on the Ohio Department of Health website, <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov> or on the CDC website: <https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker/#county-view>

For additional COVID-19 information visit:

- DCGHD website: <http://defiancecohealth.org/coronavirus/>
- Ohio Department of Health website

*Incidence rate and case count as reported by the Ohio Department of Health on 8/26/2021

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