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To: Our County Residents, Family Members, Schools, and Community

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Subject: CDC and Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Guidance for Community and Schools

The Ashtabula County Health Department, Ashtabula City Health Department, and Conneaut City Health Department would like to take a moment to provide you with a summary version of the latest guidance and information from the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health regarding exposure, isolation, and ending isolation as it relates to COVID-19. We would also like to provide the summary version of key points for our local school districts and parents who will be sending their children back to school in the upcoming days and weeks.

The following documents outline key changes to the guidance that focuses on the COVID-19 Community Level assessment that the CDC evaluates and updates every Thursday evening. The details on the three-tiered risk level program can be found on the CDC website along with the COVID-19 County Check tool that allows users to monitor the risk level in Ashtabula County and provides further guidance on how to keep health and safety a priority for individuals, businesses, and schools.

The CDC and Ohio Department of Health have stressed the benefit and continued need for residents to remain up to date on COVID-19 vaccinations and to ensure any positive home tests taken are promptly reported to your local health department.

We ask that as we begin this school year, parents, staff, and students take necessary precautions to protect the health of all those attending school and be sure to follow your local health departments website pages and social media accounts for the latest information that may impact you and your loved ones.

If you have any questions or are in need of resources that we can help with, please do not hesitate to contact your local health department. Thank you very much for your time and for your effort in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spread and keeping our community safe.

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