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Increase in COVID-19 cases at Miami University

BUTLER COUNTY, OHIO – The Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) has been notified of a noticeable increase of positive COVID-19 cases among Miami University (MU) student-athletes and possibly others within the Miami University Community.

“The majority of new cases are among MU student-athletes and those they came in contact with,” says Jennifer Bailer, BCGHD Health Commissioner.

Since August 17th, 125 positive cases have been reported from local labs from students, with at least 100 tests pending at this time. This does not include students who received tests at labs in other cities or states.*

**These figures are based on cases reported to the Butler County General Health District (BCGHD). Due to the increase in private labs administering tests and the possibility that not all cases are reported to BCGHD, the information above may not include all cases of COVID-19 among Miami University community members.*

“The increase in cases is a reminder of how contagious and easily spread this virus is. You can be asymptomatic and still spread the infection to others,” says Bailer.

Continuing to protect others and ourselves by following all public health guidelines is critical in reducing the spread:

- **Do not attend large gatherings or parties**
 - Do not visit crowded places.
 - Do not socialize indoors with anyone outside of the people you live with.
- **Keep a safe physical distance**

- Maintain at least 6 feet of distance from others outside your household whenever possible.
- Avoid contact with people who are sick.
- **Wear a mask or face**
 - Wear anytime you are out in public.
 - Wear when around others that are not in your immediate household.
 - Wear in public settings and when physical distancing is not possible.
 - Avoid touching your face covering other than to remove and clean it.
- **Self-monitor your own health**
 - Check your temperature daily.
 - Be aware of the symptoms of COVID-19 and go in for testing if you have any symptoms.
 - If you have a fever or any other symptoms of COVID-19, avoid contact with other people.

Quarantine

- An order to quarantine in place means an individual that has potentially been exposed to COVID-19 needs to stay at home for 14 days, regardless of a negative test result.
 - A negative test does not mean a quarantine order no longer applies without staying home for the full 14 days. If you have been told to quarantine, you must stay at the home you reside in because it could take up to 14 days to know if you will get sick.
- If you get sick while in quarantine with a fever, cough, have trouble breathing, muscle aches, sore throat, or a decrease in smell or taste--call a health care provider. You may need to be tested for COVID-19.
 - If you do not get sick while in quarantine, you **MUST** finish the full 14 day time period for quarantine.

Testing

- Not everyone who has been around someone with COVID-19 needs to be tested, but they all need to stay home for 14 days.
- Your doctor will help to decide if you need to be tested, for example, if you have a medical condition a test may be important. Otherwise, you need to quarantine (stay home) for a full 14 days.

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