# Indications of a County Alert Level

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## Level 1-4 Require Compliance With All Health Orders

Over 60% of Ohioans are considered high-risk based on CDC guidance. High-risk individuals* are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19, including following higher risk level guidance outlined below. Consult a doctor about your risk.

### Level 1
- Conduct a daily health/symptom self-evaluation and stay at home if symptomatic.**
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members.
- Wear face coverings in public, especially when social distancing is difficult to maintain.
- Increase caution when interacting with others not practicing social distancing or wearing face covers.
- Avoid traveling to high-risk areas.
- Follow good hygiene standards, including:
  - Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
  - Use hand sanitizer frequently.
  - Avoid touching your face.
  - Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow).
  - Symptom self-evaluation monitoring.

### Level 2
- Same guidelines as in Level 1.
- Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk.
- High-risk individuals* should take extra care to follow precautions.
- Decrease in-person interactions outside household.
- Seek medical care as needed, but limit or avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible.

### Level 3
- Same guidelines as in Levels 1-2.
- Decrease in-person interactions with others.
- Consider necessary travel only.
- Limit attending gatherings of any number.

### Level 4
- Same guidelines as in Levels 1-3.
- Stay at home/necessary travel only.

Households should assume that if one person is sick every person living there is as well and should take appropriate measures to control the spread, which should include self-quarantining and contacting a doctor.
Why did Pickaway County move to a level 3?

During the past three weeks, Pickaway County's COVID-19 cases increased, along with several other healthcare indicators. From June 16 to July 2, the average new cases per day increased from 1 to 4. Due to clinical and reporting lags, these numbers may continue to grow for this reporting period. The community has experienced early signs that more people are seeking medical care for COVID-19 symptoms. More people are visiting their doctors and being diagnosed with COVID-19. Between June 16 and July 7, average outpatient visits increased from 8 to 11 per day. In recent weeks, more than 81% of the cases are not in congregate settings, signaling significant transmission in the broader community. Pickaway County's recent outbreaks include a restaurant and a faith-based organization.

New Cases: Past 28 Days

7-Day Average of New Cases

7-Day Average of COVID-Related Healthcare Visits

Intensive Care Unit (ICU) Utilization

*Case data is displayed by symptom onset date. Additional data may continue to be reported for more recent days.*
What does that mean for Pickaway County?

For Individuals

- This means that it is important to Pickaway to **wear a mask while going out in public.**

Your cloth face covering may protect them. Their cloth face covering may protect you.

Correctly **wearing a facial covering** can protect vulnerable populations from getting COVID-19 when you could be **without signs or symptoms.**

Wear a Face Covering to Protect Others

- Wear a face covering that covers your nose and mouth to help protect others in case you're infected with COVID-19 but don't have symptoms.
- Wear a face covering in public settings when around people who don't live in your household, especially when it may be difficult for you to stay six feet apart.
- Don't put the face covering around your neck or up on your forehead.
- Don't touch the face covering, and if you do, wash your hands or use hand sanitizer to disinfect.

Wear your Face Covering Correctly

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering.
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin.
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face.
- Make sure you can breathe easily.

- Who should **NOT** use cloth face coverings: children under age 2, or anyone who has trouble breathing, is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- Cloth face coverings are **NOT** surgical masks or N95 respirators. Currently, surgical masks and N95 respirators are critical supplies that should be reserved for healthcare workers and other first responders.


- This means it is important to Pickaway to **6-feet social distancing** with all others who are not your **household members** at all times possible.
- This means Pickaway to stay home when you are ill or feeling ill and to use cough and sneeze etiquette.

For Pickaway County Businesses

- All businesses must require employees and guest to wear masks.

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Employees & Guests

- Ensure minimum 6 feet between people, if not possible, install barriers
- Personnel should work from home when possible and feasible with business operations
- Limit travel as much as possible
- Stagger arrival of all employees and guests
- Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons:
  - Facial coverings in the workplace are prohibited by law or regulation
  - Facial coverings are in violation of documented industry standards
  - Facial coverings are not advisable for health reasons
  - Facial coverings are in violation of the business’s documented safety policies
  - Facial coverings are not required when the employee works alone in an assigned work area
  - There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace.

Businesses must provide written justification to local health officials, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At a minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual’s nose, mouth, and chin.

- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic
- Require regular handwashing by employees
- Place hand sanitizers in high-contact locations

If you have a business complaint please file this by sending us an email at contact@pchd.org or fill out our complaint form at PCHD.org

We at PCPH hear your concerns, we care, and appreciate you reaching out to us. We support the mandate that is in place. At this time if you have concerns about wearing a mask in public or others wearing a mask in public, please direct these concerns to the Governor’s Office at https://governor.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/governor/contact or the Ohio Department of Health at https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/contact-us/contact-us/contact-us-form or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH. Most likely they will rever you back to PCPH. This will allow them to see and/or hear your concerns.