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**First Positive COVID-19 Case Confirmed for Piqua.**

PIQUA — The Piqua City Health Department is reporting the first confirmed COVID-19 case within the City of Piqua health jurisdiction. The case is related to the outbreak at Koester Pavilion in Troy.

The Piqua Health Department is working very closely with Miami County Public Health (MCPH) in response to the coronavirus pandemic. Contact tracing has been completed and the patient is isolated at home.

“The response efforts from Miami County Public Health to the outbreak at Koester Pavilion have been tremendous. We appreciate their partnership in dealing with this situation,” said Amy Welker, Piqua Health & Sanitation Director.

The public should take the following action to reduce the spread of COVID-19:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or your inner elbow, NOT your hands.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces.

If a person believes they may have symptoms or have come in contact with a positive COVID-19 case, they should CALL their doctor. People with mild illness are encouraged to stay home and care for themselves. It is strongly discouraged to show up to your

healthcare provider office or hospitals without calling first, which can risk the health of others.

“We do expect to see more local cases as this outbreak evolves, and are working diligently to respond to the situation and protect the health and safety of our community,” Welker said.

For more information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call ODH COVID-19 Hotline at 833-4-ASK-ODH (833-427-5634). The ODH call center is open 7 days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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