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Summit County COVID-19 Release Criteria

[Akron, OH] –Summit County Public Health would like to inform the public about isolation and quarantine release criteria.

Individuals who have tested positive for Covid-19 and had illness symptoms may be released from isolation and return to normal activities if you meet all the following criteria:

- At least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since recovery defined as a resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement in respiratory symptoms (e.g., cough, shortness of breath); and
- At least 10 days have passed since symptoms first appeared

Individuals who did not have any illness symptoms but tested positive for Covid-19 and are self-isolating at home may be released from isolation and return to normal activities if you meet the following criteria:

- At least 10 days have passed since the date of their first positive COVID-19 diagnostic test assuming they have not subsequently developed symptoms since their positive test. If they develop symptoms, then the symptom-based or test-based strategy should be used. Note, because symptoms cannot be used to gauge where these individuals are in the course of their illness, it is possible that the duration of viral shedding could be longer or shorter than 10 days after their first positive test.

Individuals identified as contacts of positive cases will be asked by the health department to quarantine for 14 days. Quarantine instructions include the following:

- Check temperature twice a day; once in the morning and once at night
- Stay home for 14 days after last known exposure to positive case
- Maintain 6 foot distance
- Avoid contact with people at higher risk for severe illness (unless they live at home and have had the same exposure)

SCPH does NOT require the presence of a negative Covid-19 test in order for individuals to return to normal activities given all aforementioned procedures are followed. SCPH will NOT provide “return-to-work” letters.

More information on specific information regarding the opening of Ohio’s businesses can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>





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For more information about the coronavirus situation in Summit County visit <https://www.scph.org/covid-19>. If you have questions, call the COVID-19 Call Line (330) 926-5795. The call line is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. M-F.

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