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Guidance for Clark County Employers Regarding COVID-19

- Employers that have sick employees should advise them to stay home until their fever has subsided for 24 hours. It is still flu season and flu-like symptoms do not necessarily mean the person has COVID-19.
- Employers should not direct sick employees to urgent cares or any other healthcare facilities to be tested for COVID-19. There are state guidelines that must be followed and not everyone who is sick will qualify for testing.
- Concerned employees and employers can contact the Clark County Combined Health District for more information, 937-390-5600.

For more specific guidance from the CDC visit: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/guidance-business-response.html>

The coronavirus that causes COVID-19 can cause mild to more severe respiratory illness. Symptoms include fever, cough, and difficulty breathing. Symptoms appear within 14 days of being exposed to an infectious person. According to the CDC, COVID-19 spreads primarily through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Those at high risk for illness of COVID-19 are those over 60 with chronic illness or a weakened immune system.

To prevent the spread of disease, CCCHD encourages everyone to follow these effective practices:

- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer only if soap and water are not available.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when coughing or sneezing.
- Avoid contact with sick people.
- Stay home when you are sick.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces – doorknobs, light switches, keyboards, etc.
- Follow social distancing recommendations from the governor's office and the Ohio Department of Health

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