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Coronavirus cases widespread in Ohio. None confirmed in Putnam County

While there are no confirmed cases in Putnam County, it's important to remember that COVID-19 is widespread across Ohio. More and more counties in Ohio are reporting cases of COVID-19, and it is expected that cases will be identified in all or most counties in Ohio. Just because Putnam County has not reported a confirmed case at this time does not mean there are zero cases in our county. It's difficult to get an accurate number as testing is not widely available and most people have mild illness and are able to recover at home.

Residents are advised to continue to monitor themselves and their family members for symptoms of COVID-19. Symptoms are typically:

- Fever (usually over 100.4)
- Cough
- Shortness of breath

Other symptoms are present but are not as common:

- Body aches
- Headache
- Loss of sense of smell or taste

Healthcare providers and scientists are learning more about the coronavirus every day, and other symptoms may be present. It is also important to note that a person may be contagious, even if they are not showing any signs of the disease. This is why social or physical distancing is so important.

If you think you may have COVID-19, call your healthcare provider for advice. By calling before you go to the doctor, you are helping reduce the potential spread of the virus to others.

If you are very ill, call 911 and notify the operator that you might have COVID-19.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) or visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or putnamhealth.com.

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