What Franklin County Public Health is Doing
Franklin County Public Health, in partnership with Columbus Public Health and the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), is closely monitoring coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). ODH is also coordinating efforts directly with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Visit myfcph.org/cov-19 often for current information and guidance.

About COVID-19
COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that originated in Wuhan, Hubei, China in December 2019. It has since spread internationally to several countries, including the United States. The virus can spread from person to person and symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever
- Coughing
- Shortness of breath

Symptoms may appear 2-14 days after exposure. The most at-risk for severe illness from COVID-19 are older people and those with underlying health conditions.

How to Limit Risk
Just as with influenza and other illnesses, it is critical to protect yourself by following these recommended tips:

- Frequently wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your cough and sneezes.
- Don’t go to work or school when you feel ill. Stay home and rest.
- Avoid exposure to others who are sick.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.

As the outbreak of COVID-19 continues to expand and as testing capacity in the U.S. increases, CDC expects more cases to be detected across the country, including more person-to-person spread in more states.

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