

City of North Ridgeville
Mayor's Message – Winter 2020-2021

With the holidays approaching and the number of COVID-19 cases on the rise, I would like to remind everyone the importance of mask wearing and social distancing. Governor DeWine recently signed a revised health order on November 17th as it relates to all public and private gatherings of greater than 10 people occurring outside a single residence are prohibited. We need to continue to follow these guidelines in order to get this pandemic under control.

Lorain County Public Health is a great resource for information. They recently released tips on how to reduce the risk of contracting COVID-19 during the holiday season. To lower your risk, celebrate with only the people you live with. If you plan to celebrate with people you don't live with, here are several ways to reduce your risk of getting sick and protect others:

- Wear a clean mask at all times during the gathering except when eating. Wash afterwards.
- Wash your hands and remind others to do so.
- Limit the amount of time you spend with others.
- Sit physically apart. The more distance the better between people who don't live together.
- If sharing food, have each person use their own unused utensils to dish out their food.
- Have a clean-up plan to not crowd together in the kitchen.

Think you've been exposed? To protect others, be extra cautious for 14 days after the event:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Avoid being around people at high risk for severe illness from COVID-19.
- Consider getting tested for COVID-19 with a PCR test, 5+ days after exposure. Find a PCR testing site at www.LorainCountyHealth.com.
- Pick up the phone when it rings – your local health department calls all close contacts of confirmed COVID-19 cases.

Please be safe and healthy as you find ways to celebrate this holiday season. May the new year bring you peace, joy, and happiness!

Sincerely,

Mayor Kevin Corcoran