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Summit County Moves to COVID-19 Community Level Medium

[Akron, OH] –As a result of the increase in COVID-19 cases, hospital bed usage, and hospital admissions Summit County has moved from CDC COVID-19 Community Level Low/Green to COVID-19 Community Level Medium/Yellow. The CDC says COVID-19 Community Levels are a new tool to help communities decide what prevention steps to take based on the latest data. Levels can be low, medium, or high and are determined by looking at hospital beds being used, hospital admissions, and the total number of new COVID-19 cases in an area. The CDC recommends that individuals should take precautions to protect themselves and others from COVID-19 based on the COVID-19 Community Level in your area. Summit County’s weekly metrics used to determine the designation of Medium COVID-19 Community Level include a Case rate per 100,000 population of **228.65**, new COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population of **7.6** and the percentage of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 is at **4 percent**.

Recommendations based on the current level for Summit County residents include:

- Stay up to date with your COVID-19 vaccinations.
- Test if you have COVID-19 symptoms.
- Wear a mask if you have symptoms or exposure to someone with COVID-19.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wear a mask on public transportation.
- Consider wearing a mask in indoor settings where social distancing is not possible.
- You may choose to wear a mask at any time as an additional precaution to protect yourself and others.
- You should wear a mask indoors and in public if you are at high risk for severe illness.

For more information about the COVID-19 Community Level, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/covid-by-county.html>. For more information about the COVID-19 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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