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Van Wert County Reports Six Additional COVID-19 Deaths 11-25-2020

On November 25, 2020, the Van Wert County General Health District reports six additional deaths of residents of Van Wert County who tested positive for COVID-19, bringing the total number of deaths for county residents to 18. The Van Wert County General Health District would like to express our deepest sympathies for the family and friends of the deceased. Age ranges were not released for the six deaths announced last week, so the data is being released today.

The age ranges for the deaths from last week and this week are the following:

Age range 50-59-1

Age range 70-79-3

Age range 80-89-5

Age range 90-99-3

As number of deaths in the county has increased drastically in the last two weeks, we ask the public to please take measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

- Stay home if you are sick, and if you are waiting for Covid test results.
- If you receive a positive test result, isolate immediately.
- If you have tested positive, please make a list of contacts. This includes people you were close to (less than 6 feet for more than 15 minutes) for 2 days prior to when symptoms started or if asymptomatic, for 2 days prior to positive test results.
- Alert contacts if possible and ask them to quarantine.
- Wear a mask when you are around anyone who is not in your household.

There will be no release tomorrow for the Thanksgiving holiday as our office is closed. While the office is closed our staff will still be working to contact those who have tested positive. If you are waiting for test results or have tested positive, please stay home. For daily updates, visit the www.coronavirus.ohio.gov site and click on the dashboard. The dashboard shows TOTAL cases when Van Wert County is selected, and you must select CONFIRMED to see the difference in confirmed versus probable cases.

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