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GCPH Officials Remind Faith-Based Community of Safety Protocols for Indoor Gatherings

GREENE COUNTY, OH – Public Health officials in Greene County have been continuing to monitor cases of COVID-19 and the numbers are continuing to rise in positive cases throughout the county. A growing area of concern are those in the faith-based communities of the county who have begun to relax their safety protocols.

Greene County Public Health (GCPH) would like to remind the public that the safest way to continue to gather indoors for worship services or other faith-based activities and keep everyone healthy is to practice the following safety measures:

- **Mask Up!** Everyone, regardless of vaccination status, is strongly encouraged to wear a mask when indoors and around others not from your household. Proper wearing of a mask includes full covering of the mouth and nose.
- **Wash Up!** Wash hands thoroughly and often with warm soapy water for at least 20 seconds. Hand sanitizer is also valuable if washing is not available at the time. Instead of shaking hands to greet one another, consider a fist bump or touching elbows.
- **Clean Up!** Wipe down heavily touched surfaces often with anti-bacterial wipes.
- **Step Up!** Step up your social distancing game by staying at least 6' away from others if possible.
- **Vax Up!** Please get vaccinated. The COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at minimizing hospitalizations and death, and are available to all ages 12 and older. For full effectiveness, be sure to follow through with a second dose, if Pfizer or Moderna is received. Those who are immune compromised are now eligible to receive a third dose of Pfizer or Moderna. Boosters for the general public have not yet been approved for distribution. Find a vaccination location near you at <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov>. GCPH offers a clinic on Thursdays from 2:00 – 3:30pm and Fridays from 8:30 – 11:30am each week.
- **Stay Home!** Anyone experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, or if unvaccinated and have been around someone who has tested positive for the virus, should stay home.

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