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COVID Takes More Lives

Parkersburg, WV November 18, 2020 – Wood County had two deaths due to COVID related illness. This makes the 11th and 12th deaths in Wood County. Roane County also lost one of their own to COVID complications. The Mid-Ohio Valley Health Department would like to offer our deepest sympathy to the families.

With the holidays coming, families will want to be together. Family time is very important but please make sure to take precautions to protect those that you love. If you are having symptoms that might normally be dismissed as seasonal, it would be a good idea to be tested before joining family. Wearing a mask while not eating will help to reduce exposure and of course, wash hands frequently and wipe down surfaces.

While travelling, take precautions to wipe down the handle at the gas pump, wash hands after going into a store, and always wear your mask. Small changes can help reduce the anticipated spike in COVID after the holidays.

For perspective, in the first ten days of November, MOVHD saw over 500 new cases which was more than all of October. It was also more than the months of March through September combined.

Stay safe, wear a mask for you and for those around you. We must do better.

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