



For Immediate Release

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Hospital Capacity Notification

Local hospitals are experiencing higher-than-usual emergency department patient volumes, primarily due to a rise in respiratory illness and flu cases.

What this means for you:

- **Emergency Transportation:** You may be given the option to be transported to a nearby hospital that is less busy. Be prepared with your alternative if given the option.
- **Longer Wait Times:** You may experience longer wait times in the emergency department as staff prioritize care for the most critical patients.
- **Alternative Care for Non-Emergencies:** If you are experiencing mild symptoms such as congestion, cough, or low-grade fever, please consider visiting your primary care physician or an urgent care center (in-person or virtual).
- **Urgent Care Center:** Walk-in clinics provide care for non-emergency illness or injury for those who are unable to see their doctor or do not have a primary care physician. Urgent Care Centers can treat medical conditions that are urgent but not emergent treatment such as sprains and strains, sinus and ear infections, and minor cuts and burns.
- **Emergency Care Needs:** If you are experiencing severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing, chest pain, dehydration, or a fever above 104°F, please seek immediate emergency care.
- **Vaccination Reminder:** To help reduce the spread of illness, we encourage all community members to get their flu shot. Vaccination is available at your local pharmacy through March.
- **At-Home Testing:** Over-the-counter tests are available at your local pharmacy for purchase.

For mental health emergencies, contact Lindner Center of Hope at 513-536-5673, or dial 988 for the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline in Ohio.

Local hospitals appreciate your patience as they continue to provide high-quality care to all those in need.



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