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Matt Higginbotham waits for the puck to be dropped during a face-off Parma High Redmen versus North Olmsted hockey game on January 5. He scored 19 goals with 15 assists in ten league games this season. See story on page 20. (Photo courtesy of PCSD)



This Irish lass, Rachel Mehosky, joined Lucky the Leprechaun to wish everyone a Happy St. Patrick's Day at the Independence Irish Fest held March 8th at the Independence Civic Center. See lots of photos of the event on pages 14-15 inside. (Photo by Nick Cancilliere)

UH Parma Medical Center prepared as coronavirus arrives in county

University Hospitals Parma Medical Center has been in a constant state of readiness for the worldwide Novel Coronavirus COVID-19. The virus first identified late last year after an outbreak in Wuhan, China was present in 47 states by March 13 - including 13 confirmed cases in Ohio.

While most patients with this respiratory illness become mildly ill and do not require hospitalization, the elderly and those with complicated medical

conditions may become severely ill and need to be hospitalized, says Kimberly Togliatti-Trickett, MD, Chief Medical Officer of UH Parma Medical Center. Symptoms include fever, cough, and shortness of breath. Patients with COVID-19 concerns should call the Ohio Department of Health's Hotline at 833-4ASKODH (833-427-5634).

At all points of entry into the UH health care system, whether arriving in the Emergency Department or go-

ing to an outpatient physical therapy appointment, patients are asked about recent travel history and respiratory symptoms.

"Our Emergency Department staff, who are our first line of defense, are regularly briefed on changes to the travel guidelines from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC)," says Dr. Togliatti-Trickett. "They will isolate the patient per the CDC guidelines

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