



COVID - 19 COMMUNITY ACTION PLAN

MARCH 2020

COLERAIN TOWNSHIP PREPARATIONS FOR COVID-19

As the numbers of COVID-19 cases in our region continue to rise, our goal is to manage precautions and encourage the community to take personal responsibility to reduce the impact on high-risk populations. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has identified certain populations that are at an increased risk of developing serious COVID-19 complications. Due to the possibility of older residents having pre-existing health problems, they are at a much higher risk of suffering from serious complications if they should become ill with the COVID-19 virus.

As a response to this increased threat, this brochure has been assembled to provide those at the highest risk valuable resources and information to keep them as safe as possible.

INDIVIDUALS

- The Township's goal is to manage this threat and take personal responsibility to reduce the impact on older populations
- As a member of our community, part of our civic duty is to work together and protect those most at-risk by staying at home.
- Stay at home and limit contact with groups of people.
- Practice social distancing to reduce exposure in large groups.
- Offer help to the elderly, and those with weakened immune systems.
- Practice good hygiene and hand washing.
- Stay at home (socially) if you are sick.
- Develop a plan for e-learning school days, working from home and child care.

IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS

- Call your physician's office before you visit their office, immediate care clinic, or emergency room.
- **Only call 911 for life-threatening emergencies**
- Reduce your exposure to others in your household

FIRST RESPONDERS ARE PREPARED TO HANDLE THESE CASES

SCHOOLS & CHILD CARE

- Public and Private schools have opted for e-learning programs
- Stay home if you are sick
- Implement sick cleaning protocols
- Limit gatherings, convocations, meetings and extracurricular activities



WORKPLACES

- Identify staff that are essential to the daily operations of your business
- Identify alternative work locations and operational procedures
- Review current sick policies to mitigate implications of potential increased use of sick leave
- Assist with determination of child care alternatives for parents of children whose schools have closed
- Consider conference calls or web-based meetings in place of in-person meetings
- Cancel nonessential travel for your staff

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING TO REDUCE EXPOSURE IN LARGE GROUPS AND AVOID PERSONAL CONTACT SUCH AS SHAKING HANDS

INDIVIDUALS IN ASSISTED LIVING

- At this time, the Governor of Ohio has implemented a "No Visitors" policy at all assisted living facilities
- All staff are recommended to be screened upon their arrival at the facility to determine if they are symptom free
- Limit internal programming and gatherings within the facility

CALLING 911

- **Call family physician FIRST**
- **Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH if you do not have a physician**
- **Call 911 if you have SEVERE**
 - Cough
 - Fever
 - Shortness of Breath

COMMUNITY & FAITH

- Reduce community gatherings and events
- Hold online-only church services
- Continue to support high-risk populations

COLERAIN TOWNSHIP STAFF & FACILITIES

- Cancel all upcoming tours and field trips until further notice
- All Colerain Public buildings may have limited public access through April 2020
- Work travel canceled for Township staff through April 2020
- Colerain Fire Stations will stop providing blood pressure screenings and car seat installations through April 2020
- CTPD encourages online or phone reporting
- Canceled fingerprinting procedures for CTPD
- Identify staff that are essential for the safe and efficient operations of Township functions
- Identify alternative work locations and operational procedures for high-risk Township employees
- Cancel all public events through April 2020
- Close the Colerain Community Center and Senior Center through April 2020

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH HOTLINE

1-833-4-ASK-ODH

(1-833-427-5634)

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