



Public Health News and Reports  
**Straight from the Source**

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**Reported Cases**

*2:00pm, Wednesday, April 8, 2020*

*Source of Information: Ohio Department of Health*

*Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634)*

There are 44 confirmed cases in Geauga County. There are 5,148 confirmed cases in Ohio.  
There are 13 hospitalizations in Geauga County due to COVID-19. There are 1,495 hospitalizations in Ohio.  
There is currently 1 COVID-19 death in Geauga County. There are 193 deaths in Ohio.  
Collectively, there are 1,524 confirmed cases and 55 deaths in the counties that touch borders with Geauga County.

*4:00pm, Tuesday, April 7, 2020*

*Source of Information: U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

There are 395,011 confirmed and presumptive positive cases of COVID-19 in the United States.  
There are 12,754 COVID-19 deaths in the U.S.

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**HOSPITAL NEWS**

**Cleveland Clinic Newsroom:** <https://newsroom.clevelandclinic.org/category/news-releases/>

**University Hospitals Newsroom:** <https://news.uhhospitals.org/>

**MetroHealth Newsroom:** <https://news.metrohealth.org/>

**Cleveland VA Medical Center Newsroom:** <https://www.cleveland.va.gov/features/index.asp>

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**BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.**

**PLEASE HELP PROTECT YOURSELVES AND ALL THE REST OF US BY STAYING HOME UNLESS YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR YOUR HEALTH AND SAFETY.**

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Access the sources public health professionals use for credible COVID-19 information. Visit the ODH Website

**[www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](http://www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov) & <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>**

**CDC Guidance Regarding Mask use by the Public**

1:00pm, Sunday, April 5, 2020

Source of Information: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634) [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

**The following guidance is NOT for your protection from others. It is intended to protect other people from you if you decide to go out into public for essential activities.**

**Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others**

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Keep your mask clean— wash it after each use.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

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**For General Questions about COVID-19, the various state orders, and other important information, the Ohio Department of Health has a Call Center that is staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days/week.**

**1-833-4-ASK-ODH**

**1-833-427-5634**

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**Facebook @GPHOhio**

**Questions and comments via email: [Info@GaugaCountyHealth.org](mailto:Info@GaugaCountyHealth.org)**

## **Assisting the Needs of Geauga County Residents**

11:00am, Monday, April 6, 2020

Source of Information: United Way Services of Geauga

Content Contact: [kperko@uws.org](mailto:kperko@uws.org)

The United Way, in partnership with the philanthropic community across Northeast Ohio has established the **COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund** convened by the **Cleveland Foundation**. This fund, which has currently raised over \$6 million, will complement the work being done in Geauga County by addressing the impact from the outbreak as efficiently as possible. Grant funding is supporting nonprofit organizations that provide community safety nets (food pantries, homelessness and housing assistance, credit counseling, etc.) and have strong experience working with the immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations caused by COVID-19 related closures.

It will support nonprofit organizations that serve: people over 60 years of age, people with compromised immune systems, those who are pregnant, and others with increased health risks associated with the novel coronavirus, low-income residents, homeless people, residents without health insurance and/or access to paid time off work, people with limited English language proficiency, healthcare, service workers, and part-time workers, people of color, people with disabilities, incarcerated and returning individuals, other populations emerging with needs as the crisis unfolds.

Please contact [covid19response@clevelandfdn.org](mailto:covid19response@clevelandfdn.org) for questions about the grantmaking process.

Access the [Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund](#) press release.

### **United Way in Geauga provides administrative assistance to the Geauga Hunger Task Force**

The Task Force supports six pantries in Geauga County, meals at the NextStep home for 18-24-year olds, lunch for the seniors at Chagrin Falls Park, and home delivered meals for people under 60 or disabled home-bound residents. The six pantries supported by the Geauga Hunger Task Force are still open. Locations and hours of operation available at: <https://www.geaugahungertaskforce.org/how-to-find-help> or they can call 440.285.2261 or 211.

### **How can you help?**

Volunteers, like you, can help by collecting food and paper products and direct folks to the pantries requesting assistance. Learn more at: <https://www.geaugahungertaskforce.org/>

### **Help for Local Businesses**

In a Tuesday (4-7-20) Press Conference, Lt. Governor Husted shared a website that will assist our local small businesses. The Office of Small Business Relief (OSBR) is focused on identifying and providing direct support to all small businesses in Ohio.

<https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>

Geauga Public Health Commissioner Tom Quade was joined by Geauga County Sheriff Scott Hildenbrand and Middlefield Mayor Ben Garlich to help spread the word to our Amish friends and neighbors that six feet is safer.





Geauga Public Health has purchased yard signs for our local public health heroes in the business community. A healthy population is associated with a healthy economy. Geauga Public Health wants all those businesses to thrive once it is safe to get back in business. In the mean time, these businesses should be recognized for their sacrifice for the rest of us. If you are a Geauga County Business Owner who has temporarily closed to slow the spread of COVID-19, please email Geauga Public Health at [Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org](mailto:Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org) to request a sign be placed at your business. Please write “sign” in the subject line and give us the name and address.

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**Extension of Stay at Home Order**

Sunday, April 5, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga Public Health

Content Contact: [info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org](mailto:info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org)

Consistent with the extension of the Stay at Home order, Geauga Public Health has extended the service modification plan and 7-day work week through May1, 2020. We will be staffed throughout the week to respond to the pandemic but all face-to-face public services are suspended. Your understanding and patience is appreciated. Email is the preferred method of communication. [Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org](mailto:Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org)

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*Did you know...*

*If you receive an Order of Quarantine or an Order of Isolation from the Health Commissioner, you are legally obligated to follow it and that failure to follow it is a criminal offense?*

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**PLEASE FORWARD “STRAIGHT FROM THE SOURCE”.**

These are difficult times. People are making difficult choices. Peoples are under incredible pressures.

People want information they can trust.

Geauga Public Health wants to be where they look for that. We are here and that is our job... well, that and trying to keep you all safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.



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**ONLINE SUPPORT  
GROUPS**

**FIRST RESPONDERS  
ESSENTIAL EMPLOYEES**

**GROUPS BEGIN APRIL 8TH**

Whether you are working in healthcare, as a first responder, or providing an essential service in other businesses, the Covid-19 crisis is unique, extreme and risky.

In honor of your courageous and generous work, Ravenwood Health is offering free, weekly online support groups exclusively for those on the frontlines. These groups are led by licensed mental health providers.

For questions, please email: [wolfel@ravenwoodhealth.org](mailto:wolfel@ravenwoodhealth.org)

**First Responders Support Group**

Wednesday's 7:00-8:00PM  
Friday's 10:00-11:00AM

Meeting ID: 474 703 533  
Password: 028598  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/474703533>

By Phone:  
1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID 474703533#

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**Essential Employees Support Group**

Tuesday's 1:30pm-2:30PM  
Wednesday's 3:00-4:00PM

Meeting ID: 382 736 506  
Password: 011863  
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/382736506>

By Phone:  
1-929-205-6099, Meeting ID: 382736506#

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### **Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Donations**

2:30pm, Friday, April 3, 2020

Source of Information: Emergency Management of Geauga County

Content Contact: Judy Oberstar 440-279-2170

The Department of Emergency Services is able to receive donations of PPE to augment the supplies of county's first responders and healthcare providers. First responders and healthcare providers are needing to augment their supplies of N95 respirators, surgical gowns, face shields and examine gloves.

#### **To schedule a donation of PPE please contact:**

Judy Oberstar at 440.279.2170

Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

#### **Donation site:**

Department of Emergency Services

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### **Update on Closing of Geauga County Public Library Branches and Mobile Services**

12:00pm, Friday, April 3 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Public Library, Becki Gierman

Content Contact: [help@geaugalibrary.net](mailto:help@geaugalibrary.net)

Based on the extension of the stay-at-home advisory from the federal government, the appeal by Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton to limit contact, and the continued closing of Ohio's schools, GCPL will extend the closure of all Branches and Mobile Services vehicles to the public until further notice.

For the duration of the closure, due dates for checked-out materials and holds for materials will be extended to the date that the library reopens. There is no need to return any items during the period that the library is closed.

Any reference or informational questions can be sent to [help@geaugalibrary.net](mailto:help@geaugalibrary.net). We will do our best to answer all inquiries within 24 hours.

Our digital collections remain available. You can use your library card to access ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, movies, television, music, and more. If you do NOT have a GCPL card but would like access to our digital offerings, you can sign up for an eCard. All of these services can be found at [www.GeaugaLibrary.net](http://www.GeaugaLibrary.net) under "Digital Offerings."

You can also use your library card to access databases on our Research and Resources page: <http://divi.geaugalibrary.net/126-2/>

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#### **ome of these resources include:**

- **CreativeBug:** Award winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.
- **Lynda.com:** Learn a new skill online. Courses offered in Business, Technology and Creative Skills.
- **Home Improvement Reference Center:** a collection of comprehensive full-text content that provides users with detailed, user-friendly "how-to" information covering a variety of home improvement and repair projects.
- **My Heritage Library Edition:** The easy and exciting way to explore your family history.
- **Transparent Language Online:** Choose from 110+ languages. Fun and useful for all learners.
- **Consumer Reports**

## **Additional Cultural and Educational Resources Available Online**

12:00pm, Friday, April 3 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Public Library, Becki Gierman

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### **The National Aquarium in Baltimore**

Live streaming of their exhibits and at home enrichment activities for families

<https://aqua.org/Experience/live>

<https://aqua.org/activities>

### **The National Theatre**

Live streaming productions

[https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/national-theatre-live-youtube-free-stream\\_51268.html](https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/national-theatre-live-youtube-free-stream_51268.html)

### **Mount Vernon**

Weekday Livestreams at noon

[www.mountvernon.org](http://www.mountvernon.org)

### **Monticello**

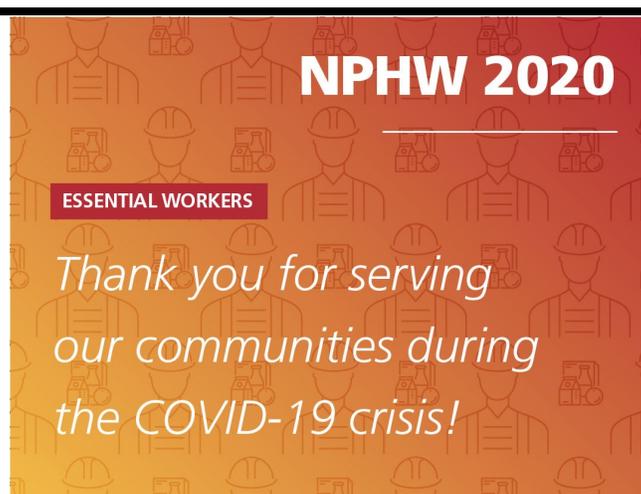
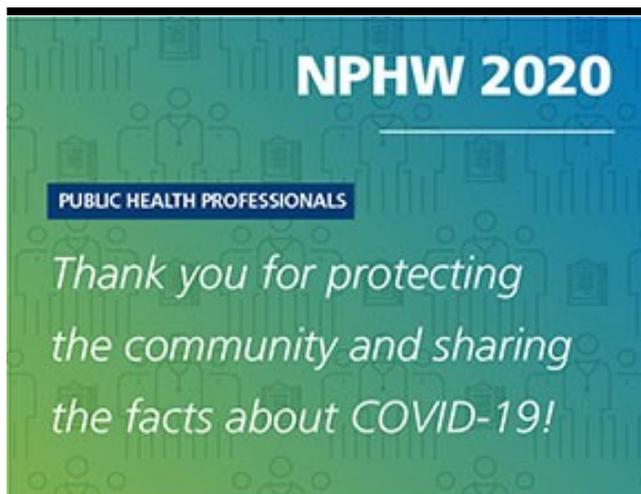
Daily Live Tours

<https://www.monticello.org/visit/tickets-tours/guided-virtual-tours/>

### **The Paris Opera**

Replay performances streaming at

<https://www.operadeparis.fr/en/magazine/replay>



[www.nphw.org](http://www.nphw.org)



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**Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS)**

11:30 am, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Source of the information: Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services

Content contact: Paul.Reiman@jfs.ohio.gov.

**COVID-19 PRC - Emergency Assistance**

If you have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for emergency financial assistance. Families who have experienced unexpected expenses and/or a job loss as a direct result of the COVID-19 virus may apply. These expenses may include, but are not limited to:

1. expenses related to self-quarantine and social distancing
2. household expenses
3. childcare expenses
4. food expenses

To be eligible for these COVID-19 PRC funds, the total monthly household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and either have children in the home or be pregnant.

The most efficient way to access the "Prevention Retention and Contingency Program (PRC) Application" is to go to: <https://www.geaugajfs.org/covid-19-crisis-information>. Under "COVID-19 Emergency Assistance" there is a link to the application. Completed applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: [info@geaugajfs.org](mailto:info@geaugajfs.org)  
Fax: (440) 286-6654  
Mail: Geauga County JFS  
P.O. Box 309  
12480 Ravenwood Dr  
Chardon OH 44024

We also have a blue drop box located outside the Geauga County JFS building at 12480 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio. The drop box is located near our main entrance.

If you do not have internet access, please call (440) 285-9141 and explain you are interested in applying for COVID-19 PRC over the phone.

**Please note:** our office building continues to be closed to public access. Our agency is maintaining normal operating hours with flexible staff levels, and we are conducting business via regular mail, email, phone, and fax.

**Food and other emergency assistance during COVID 19 Crisis**

Individuals needing assistance with food or other emergency needs can contact Sara Shininger, GCJFS Community Support Coordinator at Sara.Shininger@jfs.ohio.gov or 440-285-9141, ext. 1263.

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**SNAP and Medicaid Redeterminations**

If you are due for a SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Medicaid redetermination (also referred to as a renewal), your redetermination date has been pushed out to a later date.

For SNAP Assistance the changes are as follows:

**March** redeterminations will now be held in **September**.

**April** redeterminations will now be held in **October**.

**May** redeterminations will now be held in **November**.

For all Medicaid redeterminations due in March, April or May, your redetermination date has been pushed out an additional 180 days.

There is no action needed by the recipient of these programs at this time.

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Past issues of “Straight from the Source” can be found at

the Geauga Public Health Website at

**[www.GPHOhio.org](http://www.GPHOhio.org)**

## **Guidance for Congregate or Shared Living Housing**

11:30am, Tuesday, April 7, 2020

Source of Information: Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634) [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

To minimize exposure and outbreak of COVID-19 in shared living environments, the Ohio Department of Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommended the following protocols in adult care facilities and recovery residences:

### **Current residents**

Screen each resident daily for fever and respiratory symptoms. Ask:

- Are you or anyone you have had contact with experiencing fever, dry cough, sore throat, or shortness of breath?
- Have you or anyone you have had contact with been exposed or tested positive for Coronavirus?
- If someone answers “yes” to these questions, the facility should isolate/quarantine the resident in a single room the best you can and call that resident’s primary care provider/doctor for direction. If the person does not have a doctor, then call the local health department.
  - Follow the directions that the doctor or health department provides on whether the resident needs to be seen in person at an office, urgent care, or hospital.
  - If the resident is told to recover at home, then speak with the resident throughout the day to check on his/her needs, monitor symptoms, and support him/her in calling the doctor or health department again if any symptoms change or worsen.
- Ask residents to report if they feel feverish or have symptoms of respiratory infection.
- Help each resident monitor his/her body temperature and thoroughly clean the thermometer with soap and water before and after each use.

### **New Residents**

- Actively monitor all residents upon move-in and at least daily for 14 days for fever and symptoms of respiratory illness (shortness of breath, new or change in cough, and/or sore throat).
  - If a new referral has symptoms of COVID-19 when arriving to move in, have him/her contact his/her health care provider to be screened before moving into the residence.
  - Ask the referral source to help with the screening of residents before they move in.

Remind all staff and residents to report symptoms when they are sick, maintain a 6’ isolation distance, cough and sneeze into elbows, wash hands frequently for a minimum of 20 seconds, and frequently clean commonly touched surfaces.

### **Quarantine and Isolation Interim Guidance**

**Quarantine:** Separating and restricting the movement of people who were exposed to a contagious disease to see if they become sick.

**Isolation:** Separating sick people with a contagious disease from people who are not sick.

**Group 1:** Residents who report no symptoms or exposure and have no observable symptoms of COVID-19 are advised to continue on with preventative measures like; social distancing, washing hands, covering coughs, and completing daily check-ins of possible symptoms.

**Group 2:** Resident reports mild symptoms and is undergoing testing or is confirmed to have COVID-19:

- Contact primary care physician, local health department, guardian (if applicable), and family (if a release of information is available).
- Follow guidance from health care provider for the next steps with treatment.
- If possible, immediately quarantine the resident into a single room with his/her own bathroom. If their own bathroom is not feasible, provide the resident with cleaning supplies to clean commonly touched areas after use.
- Set protocol for resident communication, such as calling staff when help is needed.
- Deliver meals to resident's room or arrange an alternative schedule for the quarantined resident to eat. Non-disposable food service items used should be handled with gloves and washed with hot water or in a dishwasher.
- Designate time and communication protocol for residents to go outside.

**Group 3:** Resident reports mild symptoms (fever, cough, and/or shortness of breath) and has not undergone testing.

- Contact the residents PCP, health department, guardian (if applicable), and family (if a release of information is available).
- Follow the guidance from the health care provider for the next steps with treatment.
- If possible, immediately quarantine residents in his/her own room.
- Set protocols for resident communication, such as calling staff when help is needed. Deliver meals to the resident's room or arrange an alternative schedule for the quarantined resident to eat.
- Designate time and communication protocol for the resident to go outside.

**Group 4:** Resident reports severe symptoms such as difficulty breathing, shortness of breath, pain or pressure in chest/abdomen, dizziness or confusion, vomiting or diarrhea, flu like symptoms that improve but then come back worse with a fever and a cough.

- Contact 911 and advise that the resident is being transferred from a facility with a confirmed or potential case of COVID-19
- Follow the instructions outlined in Group 2 (only after receiving direction from emergency personnel).
- Maintain routine checks with residents or hospital staff.

During all stages of COVID-19, group home operators are encouraged to keep residents in contact with behavioral health service providers for telehealth needs. Service providers can also offer additional emotional and social support during this time.

### **Recovery from COVID-19**

Encourage isolation or quarantine at home until the resident is free of fever (101.4) and other symptoms have improved for at least 72 hours, and a minimum of 7 days have passed since symptoms first began.



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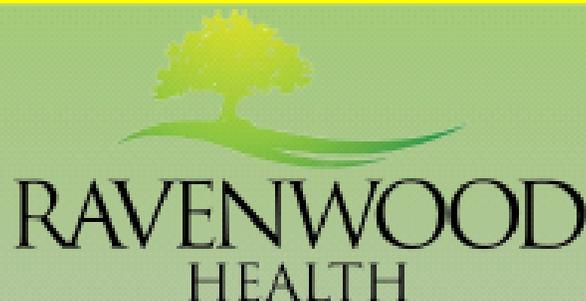
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