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Statement from the Geauga County Health Commissioner

6:30am, Thursday, March 19, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Health Commissioner, Tom Quade

Content Contact: TQuade@GaugaCountyHealth.org

This is a slightly different approach for us. We are living in a unique time where some of the news changes so fast and comes in such volume that it feels like we are drinking from a fire hose. And, there is other news for which we feel our thirst will never be quenched because the content is so nuanced that we might not consider it to be new.

My commitment as Geauga County Health Commissioner, is to be your best source of current information about the COVID-19 pandemic and to be a source that can be trusted. I will **only** publish information in this e-newspaper when I believe the source is credible, and if the source is willing to be named, and is willing to provide contact information for follow-up. All content will also have the original submission date so you will know how current it is.

My plan is to reach out to local partners, public and private, governmental and non-governmental, organizational and individual, regardless of all the artificial constructs that divide us by labeling our identity according to politics, religion, race, ethnicity, socio-economics, gender, and so forth. We are ONE GEAUGA and we will get through this.

Reported Cases

2:00pm, Thursday, March 19, 2020

Source of Information: Ohio Department of Health

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

There are 119 confirmed cases in Ohio. 24 of Ohio's 88 Counties have at least one reported case. There are 33 hospitalizations in Ohio due to COVID-19. There are 333 people who are under health supervision by ODH.

Helping Geauga County Seniors

3:00pm, Thursday, March 19, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Department on Aging Director, Jessica Boalt

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The Geauga County Department on Aging is asking for help with the collection of shelf stable / non-perishable items that they can distribute to home bound seniors in need.

Please drop the following items in the drop off box in the lobby at the Department on Aging, 470 Center St., Bldg #2, Chardon (Monday through Friday, from 8:00am to 4:00pm.)

Bread, Peanut Butter and Jelly, Oatmeal, Box Cereal, Box Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Canned Soup, Crackers, Canned Tuna/Chicken, Hamburger/Tuna Helper, Rice/Noodles Packet/Meal, Canned/Plastic Bottled Juice, Granola Bars, Powdered Drink Mix.

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

www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov & <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

Information on Closures of Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) Locations

3:00pm, Wednesday, March 18, 2020

Source of Information: Ohio Department of Health

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Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced that 181 deputy registrar agencies and 52 driver examination stations would close at the end of the business day. A deputy registrar location will remain open ONLY to provide the issuance and/or renewal of commercial driver licenses (CDL) at the 22125 Rockside Road, Bedford location. A driver examination station will remain open ONLY to perform commercial knowledge exams at the 22123 Rockside Road, Bedford location. The continuance of CDL testing and issuance is based on the need to keep our supply chain open and moving. Supplies, such as medical, cleaning, or food supplies, are critical to the health and welfare of our residents amid the COVID-19 outbreak. For more details, go to <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/resources/bmv-closures>

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