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MEDINA'S MAYOR HANWELL ADDRESSES COVID -19

The City of Medina is asking that all residents and visitors be proactive in response to the recent announcement that Medina County has now been touched by COVID-19. There are several things you can do to stay informed.

Use the information shared by the Medina County Health Department at <https://medinahealth.org/community/current-outbreaks/> and Governor DeWine's updates at <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/home>, as your sources of accurate news. We must be guided by education, not hysteria.

At this time, all schools, libraries, restaurants, bars, and the Medina Community Recreation Center have been ordered closed. Some churches have closed, while others are giving their members options to attending an in-church service.

Avoiding crowds and close contact will help to keep you from contracting the virus. The health department has offered the following guidelines to stop the spread of coronavirus:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands
- Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol if soap and water are not available
- Stay home when you are sick
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

The city is aware that the city's restaurants will experience a downturn in business. We encourage you to support these businesses as often as possible with take-out orders. A list of city food vendors, their locations and phone numbers will be posted on the city's website to make ordering easier. Downtown restaurants will have a dedicated parking space to facilitate customer pick-up.

The Ohio Development Services Agency will have an application to submit this week to qualify Ohio for the U.S. Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program. This program provides low-interest loans up to \$2 million in order to help businesses overcome the temporary loss of revenue during the state of emergency.

Non-profit organizations in Ohio will also be eligible for low-interest loans through the SBA's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program. In order to complete the state's application, businesses impacted by the current public health crisis should immediately send their contact information to BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.gov. Additional information on the SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program is available at SBA.gov/Disaster.

Residents who find themselves unemployed as a result of the Governor's orders can apply for Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance Benefits. For more information, use this link: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>.

Medina is a caring city and there are many ways we can help others. We can check on our elderly or homebound neighbors to see if they need food, transportation for medical care, or other types of assistance. We may know working parents who need assistance with child care in order to go to work and support their families. Nonprofits such as Feeding Medina County can use volunteers to help distribute food to seniors and school children. This is a time for each of us to step up to help, while being vigilant and safe.