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Dear Residents,

As always, I hope our weekly update letter finds you all in good health. As most of you complete your first 4 days of the "Stay at Home" order, I just want to emphasize how important this order is and the positive effect its having on our overall health as Ohioans. Remember, this virus is set to peak as late as May 1st, effecting as many as 6,000-8,000 Ohioans per day, so please, **STAY HOME** if you can.

I know that most of us by now are on information overload…I know I am. So, I'm going to keep my message short, but once again insuring you all, that we are here for you, for whatever it is you may need during these uncertain times. And I want you to know that this message is not only from my desk, from your Council, but from all of those who serve this Village, and your friends and neighbors, who have called me directly and asked what they can do for you…those that are in need. Our Village, our region, our country is second to none in their generosity and willingness to care for others. So very PROUD!

We have provided you with information about this week's most discussed topics and services…so take a look, and if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to give us a call.

Stimulus Checks

IRS has not updated information yet, but no sign-up needed.

At this time, the IRS does not have any information available yet regarding stimulus or payment checks, which remain under consideration in Congress. Please do not call the IRS about this. When the IRS has more specific details available, we will make it available at https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus.

Here are a few good Questions/Answers for those of you that are not plugged in…

Q: How large would the payments be?

Most adults would get a onetime payment of $1,200, although some would get less. For every qualifying child age 16 or under, the payment would be an additional $500.

Q: How do I know if I will get the full amount?

It depends on your income. Single adults with Social Security numbers who are United States residents and have an adjusted gross income of $75,000 or less would get the full amount. Married couples with no children earning $150,000 or less would receive a total of $2,400. And taxpayers filing as head of household would get the full payment if they earned $112,500 or less.

Above those income figures, the payment decreases until it stops altogether for single people earning $99,000 or married people who have no children and earn $198,000. According to the Senate Finance Committee, a family with two children would no longer be eligible for any payments if its income surpassed $218,000.

You can't get a payment if someone claims you as a dependent, even if you're an adult. In any given family and in most instances, everyone must have a valid Social Security number in order to be eligible. There is an exception for members of the military.

Q: What if my recent income made me ineligible, but I anticipate being eligible because of a loss of income in 2020. Do I get a payment?

The bill does not help people in that circumstance now, but you may benefit once you file your 2020 taxes. That's because the payment is technically an advance on a tax credit that is available for the entire year. So, it will depend on how much you earn.

Q: Would I have to apply to receive a payment?

No. If the Internal Revenue Service already has your bank account information, it would transfer the money to you via direct deposit based on the recent income-tax figures it already has.

Q: Would most people who are receiving Social Security retirement and disability payments each month also get a stimulus payment?

Yes.

Q: Would eligible unemployed people get these stimulus payments? Veterans?

Yes, and yes.

Unemployment, State of Ohio

Visit Unemployment.ohio.gov or 1-877-644-6562

Important Healthcare Hotlines

- Southwest General COVID-19 — **1-440-816-8962**
- VA Northeast Ohio Healthcare System — **1-888-350-3100** **Nursing Triage Line*
- Metrohealth — **1-440-592-6843**
  OR — **1-440-59-COVID** **Taking all uninsured*
- Cleveland Clinic — **216-697-3750**
- University Hospitals COVID Hotline — **216-767-8228**
- Cuyahoga County Coronavirus Hotline — **1-855-711-3035**
- ODH Coronavirus Hotline — **1-833-427-5634**

Everyone can do their part to stop the spread of disinformation by doing three things; don't believe rumors, don't pass them along, and go to trusted sources of information to get the facts from websites listed below:

Ohio Department of Health
https://odh.ohio.gov

Federal Corona Virus Information
https://www.coronavirus.gov/

FEMA
https://www.fema.gov/coronavirus

Other useful websites/#

HUD Housing and Shelter Locations
https://www.hud.gov/coronavirus

Cyber and Infrastructure
https://www.cisa.gov/coronavirus

Behavioral Health (Mental Health and Substance Abuse)
https://www.samhsa.gov/coronavirus

If you have family abroad trying to get home
https://step.state.gov/

For COVID-19 crimes (such as hording or price gouging)
Contact local authority or DOJ hotline at 1-877-720-5721

Other Information/Updated Services in Cuyahoga Heights

Weekly Grocery Shopping/Prescription Trips
As we noted in last week's letter, we will continue our weekly Friday shopping trips for our senior citizens so they can purchase their groceries and pick up their prescriptions at Drug Mart. However, our driver will **now begin picking up our seniors at 8:30 a.m.** instead of the regularly scheduled time of 9:00 a.m. Please contact the Village Hall at (216) 641-7020 before 8:15 a.m. so you can be added to the list.

Meals on Wheels
The Meals on Wheels program is available to our senior citizens who are 60 years of age and older. A lunch time meal, *prepared by Lori's Custom Catering*, will be delivered to your home Monday through Friday by our Service Department. The cost is $25.00 per week and to take advantage of the program, you must sign up for a full week. Please contact Mindy Armbrust at our Service Department at (216) 641-3505 or m.armbrust@cuyahogaheights.com to sign up for the program.

Easter Goody Bags

As you all know by now, all village activities have been suspended—which also means…no Easter egg hunt. But on the bright side, Council and I are still going to provide the goody bags that are usually distributed at the egg hunt. Let us know how many children or grandchildren are at your home between the ages of 0-12 by contacting the Village Hall at 641-7020, or you can email Lee Ann with the information to l.schoeffler@cuyahogaheights.com We need the name of the child/children, your address, and their date of birth. Please let us know by **next Friday, April 3**. Our Service Department will deliver the goody bags to your home and place them on your front steps on Wednesday, April 8.

Support Your Local Restaurants

49th Street Tavern located at 4129 East 49th Street in Cuyahoga Heights is available for curb side pick-up daily from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. If you don't feel like cooking, give them a try—you won't be disappointed! Their gyros, hamburgers, and specials are amazing and affordable! John and Andrea, proprietors of the tavern are good people, and I hope our residents will support their establishment during this pandemic. **Give them a call at 216-417-3102.**

Please see the attached Absentee Ballot Application.

Mail to the following address:
CUYAHOGA COUNTY BOARD OF ELECTIONS
2925 Euclid Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44115

Any questions, please contact:
Office Hours:
8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
(Monday - Friday)
Telephone: (216) 443-8683
Fax: (216) 443-6633
E-mail:electioninfo@cuyahogacounty.us
Website:boe.cuyahogacounty.us

Coyote Warning

I wanted to make our residents aware that you might start seeing more and more coyotes out and about during the day. As people are staying in, school being closed, work forces being lightened…animals, ***specifically coyotes***, are coming out more during the day. Please be vigilant while walking, and make sure little ones and small dogs are not left unattended. We have had several sightings during the morning, as well as early afternoon.

As I've said before, if anyone is experiencing a hardship during this COVID-19 crisis, please contact the Mayor's office. If you don't feel comfortable calling me or village hall staff, then please contact one of our council members. We will do whatever we can to help. We are all in this together.

Stay safe and God Bless,

Jack M. Bacci
Mayor/Safety Director

Form No. 11-A Prescribed by the Secretary of State (08-17)

Absentee Ballot Application

print clearly

R.C. 3509.03

Voter Name
Required

1

First _____ Middle _____

Last _____ Suffix _____

Date of Birth
Required

2

Date of Birth *(do not write today's date here)* _____ MM/DD/YYYY

Address at Which you are Registered to Vote
Required

3

Street Address *(no P.O. boxes)* _____ County _____

City/Village _____ ZIP _____

Mailing Address
Required *only if you wish to have your ballot mailed to a different address than the address at which you're registered to vote.*

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Street Address *(or P.O. box)* _____

City/Village _____

State _____ ZIP _____

Identification
Required

*You must provide **ONE** of the following.*

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☐ Your Ohio driver's license number *(2 letters followed by 6 numbers)* _____ **OR**

☐ Last four digits of your Social Security number _____ **OR**

☐ Copy of a current and valid photo identification, military identification, or a current (within the last 12 months) utility bill, bank statement, government check, paycheck or other government document (other than a notice of voter registration mailed by a board of elections) that contains your name and current address.

Election
Required

You must complete a separate application for each election.

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Date of Election *(do not write today's date here)* _____ MM/DD/YYYY

☐ **General Election** ☐ **Special Election**

☐ **Primary Election** For a PARTISAN primary election only, you must choose the type of ballot:

☐ Political party ballot Name of Political Party _____ ☐ Issues only ballot

Affirmation
Required

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- I wish to have an absentee ballot mailed to me at the address listed above.
- I understand this request must be received by my board of elections no later than noon on the Saturday before Election Day if by mail or by 2 p.m. the day before the election if in person.
- I understand that if an absentee ballot is mailed to me and I change my mind and go to my polling place to vote on Election Day, I will be required to vote a provisional ballot that cannot be counted until at least 11 days after Election Day.
- I understand that, if I do not provide the required information, my application cannot be processed.
- **I hereby declare, under penalty of election falsification, that I am a qualified elector and the statements above are true.**

Signature X _____

Today's Date _____ MM/DD/YYYY

To assist the board of election in contacting you in a timely manner if your application is incomplete, please provide the following information.

Telephone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

WHOEVER COMMITS ELECTION FALSIFICATION IS GUILTY OF A FELONY OF THE FIFTH DEGREE.

CUYAHOGA COUNTY

BOARD OF HEALTH

YOUR TRUSTED SOURCE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH INFORMATION

GUIDANCE FOR PEOPLE AT HIGH RISK FOR ILLNESS

We offer these tips to help you remain healthy if or when COVID-19/coronavirus appears in your community.

If you are older or have other conditions that affect your health
You are at higher risk for becoming ill. If your health is affected by the virus, you may be asked to stay at home away from other people. This is a way to protect your health as well as the health of your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.

There are things that you can do now to prepare to protect yourself and others:

- Wash your hands regularly with soap and water
- Cover your coughs and sneezes in the bend of your elbow
- Stay home if you do not feel well
- Contact your healthcare provider if you feel sick

- Identify someone who will stay in touch with you and be available in case you need help
- Be sure people do not visit you if they feel ill, have a cold or are otherwise sick
- Clean frequently touched surfaces – doorknobs, light switches, counters, keyboards

If the virus is present in your community

- Be prepared to possibly talk to your medical provider over the phone or internet. Medical offices and hospitals could be crowded and wait times could be very long.
- Make a list of the prescriptions and medicines that you need. Check with your pharmacy to see if you can stock up on any items you frequently use.
- Be sure to get your immunizations such as flu, pneumonia, shingles, and Hepatitis A if needed

If you become ill

- *Stay home*- stay away from public places such as work, school, daycare or eldercare homes, stores, theaters, buses and taxis.
- *Keep track of your symptoms* - record your temperature each time you take aspirin or other pain relievers. If you end up seeing a doctor, this information will be helpful.
- *Get medical help if your condition becomes worse* – shortness of breath and difficulty breathing are signs that you need medical attention.
- *Call your healthcare provider before visiting an urgent care or hospital* - This will help them prepare for your visit and take care of you in the safest way possible. On the other hand, you may be asked to stay home, monitor your symptoms and stay in touch over the phone.

What to do at home if you are ill

- *Separate yourself from people and animals* – stay in a room by yourself and use a different bathroom if possible.
- *Do not share anything with anyone* – this includes food, drink, glasses and cups, utensils, hand or face towels, and bedding.
- *Regularly clean commonly-touched surfaces* – bathroom fixtures, countertops, doorknobs, keyboards, phones, remote controls, and tables.
- *Wash your hands frequently* – use soap and water and wash for at least 20 seconds. Use alcohol-based hand sanitizer if soap is not available.
- *Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth* – unless your hands are clean, you are at risk for infecting yourself.
- *Inform your caregivers* – be sure these people know of your condition. Discourage unnecessary visitors until you are over your illness.

Animals and COVID-19

- While there are currently no reports of pets or other animals becoming sick with COVID-19, it is still recommended that people sick with COVID-19 limit contact with animals until more information is known about the virus. Click here for more details.
- If you are sick, avoid contact with your pet, including kissing, licking, petting, snuggling and sharing food.
- If you must care for your pet while being sick, wash your hands after making contact with your pet.

Source information taken from:
https://www.doh.wa.gov/Emergencies/NovelCoronavirusOutbreak2020/HigherRiskforSeriousIllness

LINKS TO MORE INFORMATION

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - CDC

General Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page

Information for Travelers

Interim Guidance for Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) in Homes and Residential Communities

Ohio Department of Health - ODH

General Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information Page – Coronavirus.ohio.gov

Guidance for Community and Faith-based Organizations

Resources for Colleges and Universities

Cuyahoga County Board of Health - CCBH

Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information and Resource Page

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www.ccbh.net

https://www.facebook.com/ccbh.net/

https://twitter.com/CCBH_Net

216.201.2000

Open Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 5550 Venture Drive, Parma, 44130

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