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City of Brecksville

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This afternoon, Governor Mike DeWine announced that a three week spring break for Ohio schools will become effective end of the school day on Monday March 16th noting that children can be carriers of the coronavirus. The Governor also ordered a ban of mass gathering in Ohio of 100 or more.

Governor DeWine confirmed one additional known case of the COVID-19 in Trumbull County Ohio. The Governor also advised that the upcoming primary election on March 17th 2020, will take place as scheduled. He, and other officials are encouraging those that are voting to vote early when and if possible.

We recommend that you familiarize yourself with the Governor's press conference through the local media including Cleveland.com, and Governor.ohio.gov where you will have full access to their news releases and any executive orders.



The City Task Force is currently reviewing the City's options regarding the use of the Community Center and the

Human Services Center, where gatherings of 100 or more normally take place. First and foremost, our concern is for the families who rely on the Community Center as a place their children can spend time while their parents are working. Further information regarding the Community Center & Human Services use will be provided to the public tomorrow after the Task Force makes a full review of the use of City Buildings. The City has taken a position to keep its facilities open to the public, yet cautioning and providing information regarding the recommended activities to lessen the threat of the coronavirus and other forms of flu. We have cautioned our older residents, who are the greatest risk, but yet we have left it up to the individual whether or not they wish to attend Human Services activities or programs. We have also maintained full use of the Community Center, again with the same cautions and here also leaving the decision to visit the center and or participate in any programs up to the individual user.

We are suspending our pee-wee basketball league, which is the largest ongoing program, which unfortunately, must be suspended. All other activities will continue at this time with the only other exception being the rental of our community rooms for groups that have the potential of gathering 100 or more people.

In the coming days we will do our very best to keep the public informed. Our Police, Fire, Service and Recreation staff are all prepared to serve your needs and have representation on the Task Force. We keep in constant contact with the state, County Board of Health and medical advisors. Anyone seeking medical assistance should expect questions regarding the current condition of the person requiring assistance. Our dispatch staff have been advised to ask certain questions so that our first responders can equip themselves appropriately.

Lastly, we recognize that fear and anxiety have a major

impact upon certain individuals. Please do your best to stay informed, remain as calm as possible and understand that this, like many other announced major illnesses have been addressed by the experts in our medical community, and eventually the threat is reduced or nearly eradicated. The Federal, State, County and City Government all join the medical profession and recommend the very same things. If you are suffering from symptoms of an illness, stay home. Limit your contact with others. Those health individuals of all ages must continue to wash their hands. Keep your hands away from your face, contain as best you can your face and mouth when sneezing, and for this immediate future avoid large gatherings of people, and limit contact as best you can.

There will be a follow up e-mail tomorrow regarding the uses of the Community Center and Human Services Center as stated previously.

for further information please visit:

CDC-

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Ohio Department of Health-

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

Cuyahoga County Board of Health-

<https://www.ccbh.net/coronavirus/>

Sincerely,

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Mayor, City of Brecksville



