

# News Release



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## **Summit County Executive's Statement on COVID-19**

As County Executive, my number one priority is the safety and well-being of my staff, the clients we serve, and the 541,000 residents of Summit County. The continuity of County services is paramount to that objective.

We are working closely with Summit County Public Health in monitoring the ongoing situation with COVID-19 and I want to thank Public Health for their service in keeping our community healthy and safe. Additionally, we remain in close contact with the State of Ohio and federal liaisons.

Summit County provides critical functions to our residents and at this time, our doors are open. While we look at limiting non-essential travel, appropriate staffing levels, and additional sanitizing protocols in our buildings, we are mindful that the public relies on our services, especially in times of need.

We intend to limit the chance for exposure for our staff and for the clients we serve. We are also working with the Board of Elections to ensure safe, properly staffed polling locations to support the critical County function of Election Day on March 17th.

As events are being cancelled and concerns increase, please know our Emergency Management Agency stands ready, as it always does, to assist the Public Health Department and the 31 communities within Summit County.

At this time, please continue to wash your hands, cover your cough and rely on good, factual information as you make decisions about social distancing and your commitments in the community. If you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your health care provider. If you do not have a primary care physician, please call the Summit County Public Health Department and they will refer you to a local doctor. As always, show compassion to those who are struggling, reassure those who are fearful and encourage each other to become educated on this evolving public health situation.

**Informational Resources:**

Summit County Public Health: [www.scph.org/covid-19](http://www.scph.org/covid-19)

Summit County Public Health COVID-19 hotline: 330-926-5795

Ohio Department of Health: [www.Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](http://www.Coronavirus.Ohio.gov) & [www.ODH.Ohio.gov](http://www.ODH.Ohio.gov)

Ohio Call Center (M-Sun 9am-8pm): 1-833-4-ASK-ODH

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

Travel information from CDC: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/index.html>

Summa Health COVID-19 Hotline: 234-867-6314

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