Coronavirus Disease 2019

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How to Request Resources Through Your County EMA

RESOURCE REQUESTS BEGIN AT THE COUNTY LEVEL

The emergency management system in Ohio is a tiered effort. When a local government or health care facility needs additional resources or supplies to deal with an emergency, a request for resources should be placed with the respective county Emergency Management Agency (EMA), who will attempt to find resources at the local or regional level.

When an emergency exceeds the capacity of the local government, the county EMA will make a request to the state through the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA). If an emergency exceeds the capacity of the state, aid is requested by Ohio EMA through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).

When making a request to the county EMA, specificity about the situation at hand is of paramount importance – details matter.

When reaching out to your county EMA, be prepared with the following information:

- Details about the incident/situation
- The gap between existing resources and what is needed to handle the incident/situation
- Details about how you have tried to fill that gap locally (asked for volunteers; reached out to the local business community, attempts to purchase goods, etc.)

FIND YOUR COUNTY EMA HERE: https://webeoctraining.dps.ohio.gov/ohiocountyEMADirectorList/countyemalist_web.aspx

To learn more about the emergency management system in Ohio, check out the Ohio Elected Officials Guide To Emergency Management: at www.ema.ohio.gov under the heading, "Are You Ready Ohio?"

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to find resources in your community.

For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov
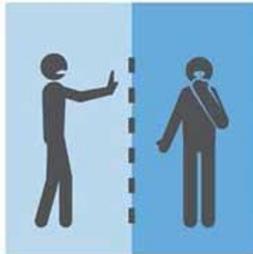
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PREVENTION

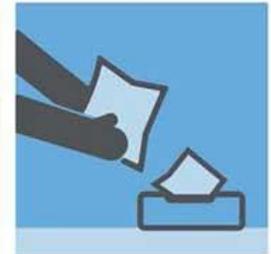Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

STAY HOME

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS

WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)

DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS

COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING

AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES

CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN

CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS