Dear Morrow County Community Partners:

These are the latest COVID-19 updates and Morrow County Health District’s response to this event.

**Local Situation Update**

As of March 31, 2020 there are ZERO confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Morrow County.

Although we have yet to have a confirmed case of COVID-19 reported, we know that it is likely already circulating in Morrow County. MCHD’s staff continues to participate in briefings and calls with our state and federal partners for information and guidance as this outbreak unfolds. We have activated our Emergency Response Plan, and have been working closely with local partners as we respond to this event.

MCHD is making every effort to keep our staff healthy so that we can continue protect the health and safety of Morrow County. MCHD has temporarily closed walk-in public access to our offices. People can be seen by appointment if necessary, but we will make every effort to meet their needs via phone, internet, and/or mail.

For the latest Morrow County information, please be sure to follow us on Facebook.

**Statewide Situation Update**

As of March 31, 2020, there are 2,199 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio, including 55 deaths. Confirmed cases have been identified in 71 Ohio counties. These cases range in age from less than 1 year old to 99 years old, with a median age of 53 years old.

Various public health orders have been issued by the state to try to mitigate the impact of the disease on Ohio residents and our healthcare system. These orders support the “flatten the curve” concept. Flattening the curve attempts to slow the rate at which people become infected with COVID-19 so as to not overwhelm our healthcare system.

The latest public health order, issued on March 30, 2020, is the Amended Order for Closure of All K-12 schools. This order extends the closure of K-12 schools until May 1, 2020. [Learn more.](#)

For the most current Ohio information, please visit the [Ohio Department of Health Website](#).
National Situation Update

According to the CDC, there have been 163,539 confirmed COVID-19 cases across the United States, and 2,860 total deaths from the disease. Cases have been reported in all 50 states, as well as the U.S. territories of: District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the US Virgin Islands. Due to the extensive community transmission of COVID-19 in the area the CDC has issued a Domestic Travel Health Advisory for New York, New Jersey, and Connecticut. [Learn More.]

For more information, including guidance and recommendations, please visit the [CDC Website.]

How to Help

- **Be strategic about going out:** Continue to help flatten the curve by staying home whenever possible. If you do need to go out: send just one person, stick to your grocery list, go during off-peak times, plan to accomplish as much as you can in the least amount of time out.

- **Donate unused personal protective equipment (PPE):** MCHD and the Morrow County Emergency Management Agency are still working together to collect donations, and redistribute them to our Morrow County First Responders (police, EMS, and fire), and other community partners. If you are interested in donating any PPE, please call us at 419-947-1545, and we can arrange a pick up.

- **Become a volunteer:** We need you! Please join the Ohio Responds Volunteer Registry at: [https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov](https://www.ohioresponds.odh.ohio.gov) to get registered with us as a volunteer for Morrow County. Feel free to encourage your friends and family to register as well!

- **Help correct misinformation:** There are many rumors circulating in the community about COVID-19 and Morrow County's response to it. Please correct rumors where you can, and direct them to call us if they have questions.

We are here for you!

This pandemic has been described as a once-in-a-lifetime event, and there are many unknowns that are still being worked through. Dealing with the uncertainty is difficult, but know that you aren't alone. If you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to us at 419-947-1545, and we will help you as best we can.

**We are all in this together, and together, we will get through this!**

— Stephanie Bragg, Health Commissioner