

# GCBDD COVID-19 RESPONSE

We continue to monitor the fast-moving situation with the novel coronavirus, and, although there have not yet been any confirmed cases in Greene Co., the World Health Organization has declared the virus a global pandemic. The state of Ohio, has declared public emergencies in the wake of COVID-19, and we are following guidance from local health officials by implementing policies to reduce risks.

At Greene County Board of DD, we serve many people who are especially vulnerable to a virus like COVID-19, so we have a responsibility to do everything we can to make sure we're not putting people at risk.

## OUR RESPONSE PLAN:

- Beginning on Tuesday March 17<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will be operating with limited building access, and board operations will continue remotely. We will continue to assess the situation throughout this period and will extend these measures if necessary.
- GCBDD employees will continue to work from home as much as his or her role permits, only coming into the building when absolutely necessary. Our buildings will not be open for visitors or meetings. By reducing the number of people in our buildings, we hope to lower everyone's risk of exposure.
- Our staff will be conducting meetings by phone or online as much as possible. If you need to meet with a GCBDD employee in person, please reach out to them to determine how you can accomplish the meeting virtually.
- We are postponing any GCBDD-led information sessions that may bring together large groups of people.
- We will monitor this situation closely, adhering to recommendations from public health officials, and update our stakeholders as needed.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO:

- Be mindful and intentional about your personal hygiene etiquette. Wash your hands frequently with soap and water, or use alcohol-based hand-sanitizer, and avoid touching your face.
- Stay home when you are sick and avoid large gatherings.
- Create a plan in case you, a family member, a caregiver, or an employee is sick.
- Stay connected to updates from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health, and Greene County Public Health.

The Ohio Department of Health has opened a public hotline on the coronavirus, which is available seven days a week from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. The number is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

