

To the people and families we support:

Updated 5-22-20:

Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities will extend our current directive on remote work through at least June 30th.

During this unprecedented time, we continue our commitment to support people with developmental disabilities in Greene County. The way we work has changed, as have the daily lives of people we support and their families, but our teams have stepped up and developed creative, effective ways to continue their work, including extensive use of video conferencing and other technologies to work with teammates, family members, other outside entities, as well as continuing to empower providers. Although we are not sure when we will return to normal operations we will begin the planning process to assure procedures are in place that align with the guidelines issued by the Governor.

Our planning will be focused on maintaining the health and welfare of the people we serve, our staff, and the importance of keeping them healthy and safe.

Updated 4-28-20:

Governor DeWine presented his "Responsible Restart Ohio" Plan Monday Apr. 27th, which outlined the businesses that will be allowed to return to work. General Office environments such as the ones operated by the Board are allowed to open on Monday, May 4th. But the Governor also stated that "Employees who can work remotely from home should do so". ***Following the Governor's lead, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be extending our work from home initiative through May 31st.***

But as always, we will continue to be here for you (see below highlighted)

Updated 3-31-20: UPDATE (3-31-20)

As most of you know, Governor DeWine extended the school closing date through May 1st. And today he extended the work from home directive for more than 18,000 State employees to be extended through that same date.

Following the Governor's lead, Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities will be extending our work from home initiative through May 1st.

But as before, we are still here for you. Our services will continue to be the same quality as before. Our meetings and methods have changed, but this has not had any effect on the services we provide to the community.

We have many resources that can help families, individuals, and providers through these times. The GCBDD home page has all that we've compiled to date.

We will continue to keep you informed via e-mail, on our website, and on social media. If you have any specific questions, feel free to contact your Support Coordinator, your Early Intervention Primary Service Provider or call (937) 562-6500.

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As many of you have heard, Governor Mike DeWine has issued a stay-at-home order Sunday requiring all non-essential businesses to close until April 6 to help slow the spread of COVID-19. The order makes exceptions for essential human services agencies, which means the Greene County Board of Developmental Disabilities will continue working for you and your loved ones as Ohio weathers this public health crisis. You can read the Ohio Department of Health's frequently asked questions about the governor's order at [Stay At Home Order Frequently Asked Questions](#).

All essential county board staff are continuing to work to make sure there are no gaps in care for you or your loved ones. The governor's order permits direct support professionals to continue to travel in order to provide care. Home and facility-based staff will be allowed to continue working, and our teams are moving to support providers however we can in light of the adult day center closures announced Saturday.

All of us are taking precautions to keep people healthy and safe. Surfaces are being sanitized, and staff are being checked for signs of illness. Anyone who can work from home has been asked to do so to decrease the chances of spreading the virus among the people we support—many of whom, as we know, are particularly at risk of transmission.

We know this is an uncertain time, but we will continue to do everything we can for our community. All of us at the Greene County board of DD have dedicated ourselves to supporting you through life's ups and downs. Whether in person or remotely, your board of DD team will be with you every step of the way—from now until April 6 and beyond.

Please feel free to contact your SSA with any questions related the board's response to COVID-19, and thank you for your continued trust as we work through this crisis as a community. We are #InThisTogether.

Sincerely,
John LaRock
GCBDD Superintendent