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Public Statement regarding COVID-19 and closures at John Bryan Center

Yellow Springs, OH, March 12, 2020, Beginning Friday, March 13, 2020, the John Bryan Center will be **closed until April 6, 2020 to non-governmental activities such as sports leagues, dance programs, special events and all educational activities at the JBC Youth Center.**

Governor Mike Dewine has issued an order cancelling all mass gatherings of 100 individuals and greater, and schools for a three-week period.

We are taking this temporary action out of concern for the health and safety of the general public as well Village staff. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of those with scheduled activities. We ask that the public enter the building for official business only. We strongly encourage utility customers, that utilize the in-person services, to make utility payments using the drop-box.

As of today, according to the Ohio Department of Health, five people have tested positive for the virus. 52 are now under investigation. No one knows how severe this outbreak will be. Given this uncertainty, we are taking proactive steps to address a number of business concerns. First and foremost, we want to maintain a safe workplace/play place and encourage practices protecting the health of employees, customers, visitors or others. We also want to ensure the continuity of business operations during this pandemic.

We ask all employees and visitors to the John Bryan Center to cooperate in taking steps to reduce the transmission of communicable diseases. Employees and visitors are reminded of the following:

- Stay home when you are sick.
- Wash your hands frequently with warm, soapy water for at least 20 seconds.
- Cover your mouth with tissues whenever you sneeze, and discard used tissues in the trash.
- Avoid people who are sick with respiratory symptoms.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces.

The Village of Yellow Springs will provide alcohol-based hand sanitizers throughout the John Bryan Center. Cleaning sprays and wipes will also be provided to clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces such as telephones and keyboards.

It is critical that employees and visitors do not visit the John Bryan Center while they are experiencing respiratory symptoms such as fever, cough, shortness of breath, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills or fatigue. Currently, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends that employees and visitors remain at home until at least 24 hours after they are free of fever (100 degrees F or 37.8 degrees C) or signs of a fever without the use of fever-reducing medications.

Please understand that the information we are receiving from the Center for Disease Control as well as Governor Mike DeWine, Ohio Department of Health, the Greene County Public Health Commissioner, Greene County EMA is changing rapidly. Therefore, we will continue to monitor the safety recommendations and mandates.

The Ohio Department of Health is the lead responding agency and has set up a toll-free hotline for questions regarding COVID-19. Please call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634). Or visit the dedicated website at coronavirus.ohio.gov

We urge residents to follow recommendations by The Ohio Department of Health:

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 **Ohio** Department of Health

Please continue to protect yourself from all infectious diseases by using these precautions.

PREVENTION

For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov

 STAY HOME WHEN YOU ARE SICK	 AVOID CONTACT WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE SICK	 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

CLEAN ALL "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES EVERY DAY

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

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Additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/>

The Ohio Department of Health explains “social distancing” as:

What does Social Distancing mean for me? If you can telecommute, you should; avoid people who are sick; non-essential large gatherings should be cancelled/postponed; do not attend any events or gatherings if you're sick; avoid healthcare settings, even if you're not ill. #COVID19