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Find our newsletters online at:
www.211ashtabula.org/newsletters

What Am I Reading?

Welcome to our 2-1-1 newsletter,..
"The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1"!

Now more than ever access to available resources is vital. We started this newsletter to highlight new and/or timely community updates. This is just a small highlight and may not contain all the information you need.

For more resources and for up-to-date information, please remember to contact us at 2-1-1 Ashtabula County! Just Dial 2-1-1.

2-1-1 Ashtabula County

Food For Friends
Food Box Giveaway

TV Land MX and Spokes of Hope have partnered to provide 1000 food boxes to those in need.

They will be distributing food on the 29th of October starting at 11 AM. They ask that participants do not show up early.
The drive-through distribution will be held at 773 State Road 7, Pierpont, Ohio 44082.
Follow the flags at TV Land MX.

Food Preservation Webinars

The local Ohio State University Extension is holding online webinars to teach about food preservation. Webinars are being held every Tuesday until November, 10th. Participants are welcome to go to all of the ones that are available or to go to only the ones that interest them.

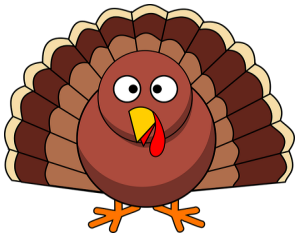
Dates and topics are:
October 13th, 4-5 pm, Preserving Apples
October 20th, 4-5 pm, Canning Soup
October 27th, 4-5pm, Canning Meat
November 3rd, 4-5 pm, Making Jerky
November 10th, 4-5 pm, Making Sauerkraut

Register for these programs at:
https://go.osu.edu/fall2020foodpreservationseries

Upcoming Mobile Food Pantry

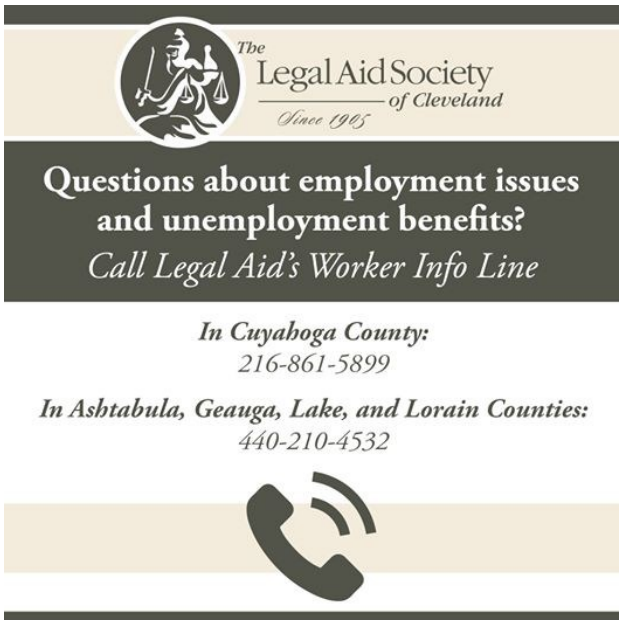
The mobile food pantry program provides a produce give away in multiple places in the county. For more information please call 211 for your local food pantry information.

There is no Mobile Food Pantry this week.



Thanksgiving Meals

G.O. Ministries - Will be having a Thanksgiving meal from 10 am - Noon on November 26th. People can pick up a meal at GO CDC during those times.
Certain housing complexes in Ashtabula City (Lakeview, etc.) will have a sign up sheet in the lobby and meals will be delivered to the lobby at 11 a.m.
Dream Center - Is planning on having a Thanksgiving meal on November 24th. More information to follow.
If your organization is planning a meal or food box giveaway for Thanksgiving, please call 2-1-1 or call 440-990-1719



Looking for your local food pantry? Need to know where you can go for a hot meal? Call 2-1-1 .

Art Wellness Workshop Series

8 Week Series

Part One– First 4 Weeks

Starting October 28th

Wednesdays at 10:00– 11:30 am

Has COVID-19 Got You Stressed?

This workshop series is designed to use art as a way to find greater wellness in the midst of this pandemic.

About the Series…

- **8 weeks– now in 2 parts!**
  Part One– Oct 28, Nov 4, Nov 11 & Nov 18
  Part Two– Coming in January
- Pre-registration required
- All materials will be provided
- Classes are led by a professional Art Facilitator– Heather Denning, MA, ATR-BC, ATCS, LSW
- Transportation supports available
- COVID-19 safety protocols will be observed

Location… Ashtabula Arts Center

- 2928 West 13th St, Ashtabula, OH 44004

Apply Now…

- snap the QR code,
- visit www.accaa.org, or,
- call Allison 440-990-1734

Class Themes…

- Week 1-Centering, Mindfulness- Zentangle Mandalas
- Week 2– Connecting with Nature– Fall "Eco Art"
- Week 3– Tools for Self-Expression– Art Journaling
- Week 4– Stress Management– Personal Stress Ball

Wellness Through Art A Rise Above Project

Sponsored by...

community action Helping People. Changing Lives.

ASHTABULA Arts CENTER

Funding for the Rise Above Assistance Program provided through: Ohio Development Services Agency– Community Service Block Grant CARES Act, DTE Energy, and community donations

Catholic Charities' HALO Christmas Program

Catholic Charities' HALO program is now accepting applications. The HALO program assists those that qualify with food and toys for Christmas.

This year applications are completely online. You can find the application at https://fs10.formsite.com/XhJosz/v6kr2pvonf/index.html or by scanning the QR code below.

If individuals are unable to apply online they can call Catholic Charities to schedule an appointment to apply. No walk-ins please. **Applications will be taken until Nov. 20th at 5PM.**

To be eligible you must be below 133% of the federal poverty guidelines. To apply you will need:

- Email address (to apply online)
- Photo ID
- Proof of income for the past 30 days.

	100%	133%
1	$1,063	$1,414
2	$1,437	$1,911
3	$1,810	$2,407
4	$2,183	$2,904
5	$2,557	$3,400
6	$2,930	$3,897
7	$3,303	$4,393
8	$3,677	$4,890

Country Neighbor's Christmas Program

The Country Neighbor Christmas program is now taking applications. Individuals who want to apply can do so by phone.

The program assistants southern Ashtabula County residents only. Call 440-437-6311 and ask for Melissa. She is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. **Applications should be in before Dec. 1st**

They are also looking for volunteers. Those who are interested in volunteering can call the same number.

GO Ministries Christmas Party

Registration is now open for GO Community Development's Annual Christmas Party. To register visit: https://www.go-cdc.org/annual-christmas-party.html. **Registration will continue until Dec. 16th, 2020.**

They are not sure what this year's Christmas Party will look like quite yet, including a date and time. So please stay tuned for that information.

For questions, contact them at 997-0040 or email osmith@go-cdc.org.

Early In-Person Voting

If you don't want to do an absentee ballot, you can also vote in-person during early voting. Early voting will begin Oct. 6, 2020 and will continue until Nov. 2, 2020. Instead of holding early voting at the Board of Elections (BoE) office this year, it will be held at an Early Voting Center, located at 71 North Chestnut Street in Jefferson.

The Early Voting Center will be open from
8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Oct. 26-30.
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Oct. 24 and 31
1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct 25 and Nov. 1
8 a.m. until 2 p.m. on Nov. 2, the day before election day, according to the BoE website.

Mail-in / Absentee Voting

The deadline to request a mail-in /absentee ballot is 12:00 p.m. on Saturday Oct. 31, 2020, although earlier is better. You can contact your local board of elections at 440-576-6915 to request an absentee ballot request form. You can also go to: https://www.ohiosos.gov/globalassets/elections/forms/11-a_english.pdf and print the form out. Once you complete the form you can mail it to: 8 West Walnut Street Jefferson, OH 44047, or return it in person.

If you have questions about your absentee ballot request, you should call the board of elections. You can track the status of your ballot request as well as your voted absentee ballot through the Voter Toolkit at https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/.

Ballots are being sent out now. Once you receive the ballot, and have filled it out, you can return it in-person, or mail it to the board of elections. If you return your absentee ballot by mail, it must be postmarked no later than the day before Election Day and received by your county board of elections no later than 10 days after the election. By state law, a postmark does not include a date marked by a postage evidence system such as a postage meter.

The U.S. Postal Service (USPS) estimates that it may take two to five days for your voted absentee ballot to be delivered to your board of elections by mail.

If you return your ballot to the board in-person, or if a near relative (a spouse or close family member) delivers it for you, the board of elections must receive your ballot no later than 7:30 p.m. on Election Day.

It's Getting Cold Outside!

Free Coats and Winter Accessories

For Families in the Ashtabula Area City School District

Huron Primary Parking Lot

2300 Wade Avenue, Ashtabula, OH

OCTOBER 26 & 28

Noon– 3:00 pm

Info on Community Resources
CDI Dental Permission Forms
And more!

Brought to you by the Dragon Empowerment Center

ATTENTION– CITY OF GENEVA RESIDENTS!

Have you been impacted by COVID-19?

You may be eligible for the…

COVID-19 HOUSING SUPPORT PROGRAM

We know many of our local families are dealing with difficult situations due to the Coronavirus pandemic. We have a special program available to assist those who are struggling to make ends meet.

Utility Bill Assistance:

- Electric
- Gas
- Water
- Sewer

Rent Assistance

Mortgage Assistance

Application Is Through Community Action

440-997-5957

Ask for "Geneva COVID-19 Program"

Call for more info and to apply

What will I need to provide?

- Photo ID,
- Proof of citizenship & Geneva City residency,
- Statement of COVID-19 situation,
- Copy of most recent utility bill (s),
- Eviction notice or past due rent notice, landlord name, address, phone, or,
- Past due mortgage notice and bank/lender contact information .

Funded through CARES Act

A collaboration between City of Geneva & Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

Ashtabula County Still Level 2, Added Another Indicator

On Thursday, Oct. 22nd, Governor DeWine updated the Ohio Public Health Advisory System. This system shows that we are still at the orange, or level 2 advisory.

The Public Health advisory system uses seven different indicators to measure the spread of the coronavirus throughout the state.

Ashtabula County is meeting indicator 2 for having a sustained increase in new Covid-19 positive cases and indicator 3 for having the majority of our cases be from non-congregate settings. As of Thursday the 22nd we are also meeting indicator 5 for having a five day increase in outpatient visits for COVID-like illness.

This means that we are at an increased level of exposure and spread of Covid-19 that we were only a few short weeks ago.

During his press conference on Oct. 15th, Governor DeWine encouraged Ohioans to remember to continue following the suggestions and rules that will keep us safe.

“The only way, the only way we can beat this virus back is to follow the prevention methods we have been talking about since the beginning of the pandemic,” said Governor DeWine. “Stay home when you are sick. Social distance. Wear a mask. Always.”

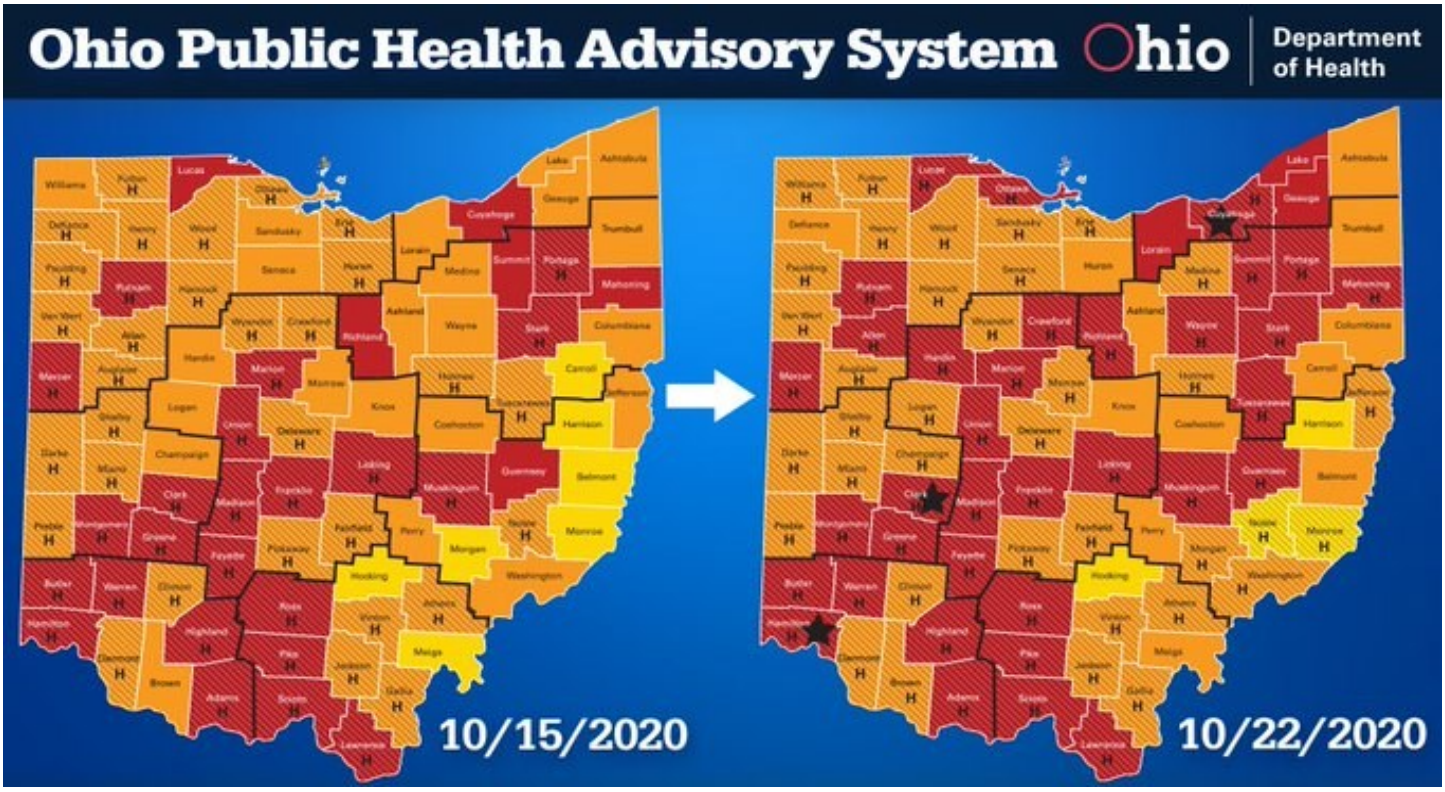
Here are the suggested precautions for individuals in counties that have been moved up to orange, or level 2.

Follow the same guidelines as in Level 1, or yellow:

- Conduct a daily health/symptom self-evaluation and stay at home if symptomatic.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members.
- Wear face coverings in public.
- Increase caution when interacting with others not practicing social distancing or wearing face covers.
- Avoid traveling to high-risk areas.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow).

Additional Guidelines for Level 2, or orange:

- Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk. And high-risk individuals should take extra care to follow precautions.
- Decrease in-person interactions outside household.
- Seek medical care as needed, but avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible.



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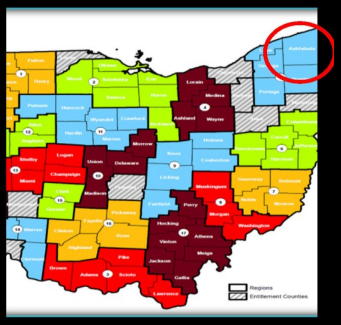
Access to Homeless Assistance



Brought to you by:
Ashtabula County Housing Continuum of Care (COC)

Ashtabula County Access Points

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

4200 State Road, Ashtabula, OH 44004 Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
8:30am-4:30pm
440-997-6005 or 211

Catholic Charities of Ashtabula County

4200 Park Avenue, 3rd Floor
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
8:30am—5:00pm
440-992-2121

Samaritan House

4125 Station Avenue
Ashtabula, Ohio 44004
7:00am—3:00pm
440-992-3178

For Veterans Only

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)
Frontline Services
270 E. Main St. Suite 210
Painesville, Ohio 44077
9:00am –5:00pm
440-381-8347 Ext 6901

After a household has entered the emergency shelter system, completion of an assessment helps determine the level of need of the household experiencing homelessness and helps inform referral decisions to connect them to the most appropriate housing or service intervention to end homelessness quickly.

For more information, just dial...

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Under HUD, Ashtabula County is required to have a coordinated system to ensure that individuals who are experiencing homelessness know where to contact for shelter. Ashtabula County has four (4) access points into the homeless system.

Services are available to all eligible persons regardless of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, familial status, disability, actual or perceived sexual orientation, gender identity, or marital status.

The Ashtabula County Housing Continuum of Care is a member of The Ohio Balance of State Continuum of Care (BOSCOC) Region 5 which includes Continuum of Care from Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, Portage and Trumbull counties.

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency

New Hope Program

The New Hope program can help you to get back on your feet and stabilize your housing situation. The program provides rental subsidy and case coordination to homeless individuals and families to help them get re-established.

Catholic Charites of Ashtabula County

Homeless Crisis Response Program

The Homeless Crisis Response Program (HCRP) is designed to provide financial assistance and services to prevent individuals and families from becoming homeless (homelessness prevention), or to help those who are experiencing homelessness to be quickly re-housed and stabilized (rapid re-housing).

Samaritan House

The Samaritan House is the only homeless shelter in Ashtabula County. Our county residents can stay with us up to 30 days. During that time, the staff connects residents to area agencies that can help them with employment, housing, food, medicine or whatever they need to get back on their feet again.

Veterans Assistance Frontline Service

Supportive Services for Veteran Families (SSVF)

Rapid Re-housing assistance, eviction prevention and shelter diversion for at-risk veterans.

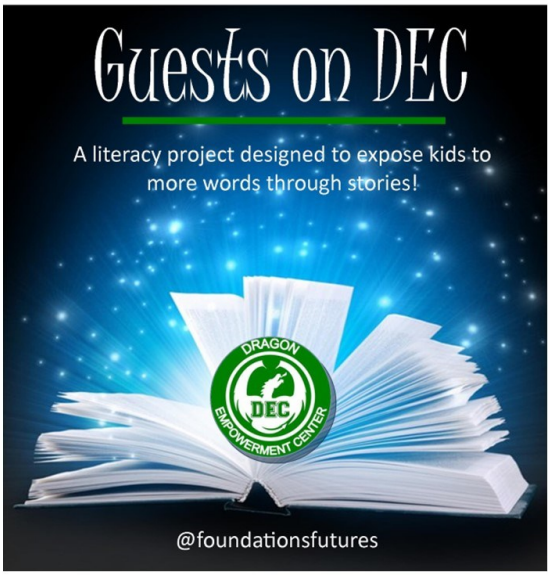
"Guests on DEC" Literacy Project Launched

Want To Be A Storytime Star!

The Dragon Empowerment Center (DEC)- Community Learning Center has a project to help students maintain and increase the literacy skills they are learning in the classroom by providing recorded story-time. We are looking for volunteers (parents, teachers, principals, community leaders, business people) to stop by and sit in the "DEC" chair and read a story. We will record the story and then broadcast the video on Facebook for the children and families to enjoy.

A new episode airs every Tuesday and Thursday at 7:30 pm on our Facebook page @foundationsfutures. Please plan to watch the stories and share them with others.

If you would like to read as a "Guest on DEC" or for more information about the DEC, please contact Jen at jbunnell@accaa.org or 855-0081 or Carmen at ckuula@accaa.org .



New Episode Every Tuesday & Thursday Night at 7:30 PM!

Re-posts Saturday mornings at 10:00 & 10:30 am

Research shows that children who have access to larger vocabularies have greater reading comprehension and general academic success.. Because stories contain words not used in daily conversation, this is an excellent way to expand vocabulary. And it's fun!

Stimulus Filing Extended

The IRS has stated that people have until November 21st, rather than until October 15th, to receive their stimulus check.

This is for individuals who never received their check and normally do not file taxes. If that applies to you, you can fill out the non-filer tool or check the status of your stimulus payment at irs.gov.

"Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game."
– Babe Ruth

By: Samantha Dragon
Have something you want featured?
Email sdragon@accaa.org or call 440-990-1719

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