

**COVID-19 Central Ohio Cities, Villages,  
Associates & COMMA Members**

**April 2, 2020**



**Welcome & Introductions – William Murdock,  
MORPC Executive Director and David Collingsworth, President, Central Ohio Mayors &  
Managers Association**

Participants are encouraged to share topics in chat for future calls

- As a reminder, MORPC provides technical assistance to our members
- The MORPC Resource Hub is now available and accessible through the homepage of [www.morpc.org](http://www.morpc.org) or direct link below:
- <https://central-ohio-covid19-morpc.hub.arcgis.com/>
- MORPC is sending out a short survey to better understand the needs of our members.

**Franklin County Public Health - Joe Mazzola, Commissioner**

- As of 2:00 pm today:
  - 2,902 confirmed cases
  - 802 hospitalizations
  - 81 deaths contributed to COVID-19
  - A good percentage in Franklin County of new cases is between 20-29 years of age. A breakdown of demographics may be found at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).
  - Expecting roughly a 2 percent mortality rate based on estimates but working very hard to minimize.
- The rate of new cases is starting to accelerate, and we have some difficult days ahead.
- Governor DeWine has extended the Stay at Home order until May 1
- Local health departments are responding to complaints about essential and non-essential business being in compliance to the Governor's directives.
- Focused on the business community to make sure they have the information needed to take the necessary precautions to ensure the safety of their employees.
- Working hard to make sure they focus their communication efforts for those most at risk or those who may have barriers such as language.

**Franklin County Emergency Management & Homeland Security –Director Joe Young**

- Working on daily situational awareness through the EOC remotely to obtain situational reports to provide resources to the community.
- Hospitals are at a 50 percent capacity at a Level 1, however, they have been planning for a Level 2 surge to accommodate additional capacity.
- Columbus Conventional Center was approved by the Franklin County Board of Commissioners (this morning), for an alternative care site for Ohio Health, Mt. Carmel Health Systems and OSU.

- Still working out the details for the additional surge capacity for beds. This system is designed for patients that are too sick to go home, but not sick enough to stay in the hospital.
- Infrastructure is being built out in the next week. Also, looking at The Javits Center in New York and others across the country as an example of how to set up the facility.
- **Continuing with PPE management**
  - Received a stockpile shipment yesterday and are expecting another one.
  - Donated items continue to come in and they are being pushed out to first responders, smaller medical facilities, etc.
  - Home sewn mask are currently being accepted and sorted.

#### **Legislative Update - Joe Garrity, Director of Govt. Affairs & Strategic Initiatives**

- MORPC convened a meeting with COMMA and Congressman Steve Stivers
- The Cares Act was signed by President Trump
  - \$500B for distressed businesses
  - \$300B to aid with lost wages for workers
  - \$242B in emergency funding; 186 B will be provided to state and local governments.
  - \$25B is being provided for transit
- The House is working on the next phase of the economic relief package
- Congress reconvenes April 20, 2020

#### **One Columbus - Kenny McDonald, CEO**

- Public Health is goal #1, but the economy is moving forward with essential businesses.
- Working to provide business solutions with those that have been impacted.
- In contact with local governments to look at solutions.
- It's going to take a lot to restart parts of the economy. They have been looking at other states for potential solutions toward recovery.
- Encouraging communities to use regional resources like One Columbus and MORPC for information and resource tools.
- Jobs Ohio has updated their site and is a good resource for workforce information. <https://www.jobsohio.com/>

#### **Grove City – Mayor Ike Stage**

- They are using FEMA's NIMS to make sure they are cataloguing the actions they are taking.
- Working closely with their local task force (i.e., school, first responders.).
- They have been focused on goals:
  - Protect City workforce by reducing risk and limiting exposure.
  - Provide essential public safety and service functions.
  - Maintain our service and response capability.
  - Provide information and support to all residents and businesses
- Been doing modeling with the tax collection for motel/hotel tax in particular
- Cancelled many of their programs but continuing to find ways to repurpose their workers. To date they have not furloughed or laid off any of their employees at this time.
- Had a church step up to fill the gap of grab and go meals for their students.

### **City of Hilliard, Michelle Crandall, City Manager**

- On Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, two executive orders were signed in order to promote the health and safety of the Hilliard community.
- Allowed modifications to their sign code, allowance of a designated parking space, eased restrictions on food trucks.
- Also expediated permits to help businesses.
- Opened a grant process up to 500 per business for assistance with signage
- Working with the Chamber very closely to help local businesses.
- Hilliard University – an online portal created for leadership and cultural training for City employees.

### **The City of Delaware, Tom Homan, City Manager**

- Partnerships have been essential. Their partnership with the school district has resulted in over 19K meals being delivered to families.
- They have also been providing recycling bins to the community.
- They have reached out to the local university, Ohio Wesleyan, for temporary housing for first responders.
- Working with local businesses to identify resources to assist them.
- Developed a budget gauge to determine restraints. This information went out to all directors as a means of effectively communicating their financial picture to encourage them to plan accordingly.
- Have taken First Friday's virtually offering tips to their community on how they can host activities at their home. More information can be found on their Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CityofDelaware/>
- COVID-19 text alerts are available through Delaware County. Text DELCOVID19 to 888777, to receive Delaware County text alerts.

### **Wrap up**

- **Next meeting: April 9, 2020 at 4 pm.**
  - [Join Microsoft Teams Meeting](#)
  - [+1 614-362-3056](tel:+16143623056) United States, Columbus (Toll)
  - [\(888\) 595-9475](tel:8885959475) United States (Toll-free)
  - Conference ID: 668 093 423#
- A reminder to visit the following pages for more information and resources:
  - MORPC's resource page for more info: [www.MORPC.org/covid19](http://www.MORPC.org/covid19)
  - One Columbus <https://columbusregion.com/>
  - Jobs Ohio: <https://www.jobsohio.com/>
- Continue to send any questions/concerns and/or resource ideas to [eleuby@morpc.org](mailto:eleuby@morpc.org).

MORPC's very brief New [Survey Link](#) to gain feedback on concerns and issues: