

COVID-19 Update from the Village of Fort Recovery:

Based on yesterday's order by Governor DeWine and state health officials, it is necessary for the village to implement measures to further cutback on our staffing in order to protect them and the public. Our office has closed to the public although working from our offices. This will change somewhat as we keep our necessary operations working. Please be assured that we will continue to operate the necessary functions provided by the village (i.e... water, wastewater, law enforcement and any other functions required).

- 1) The village offices have been closed to the public as of March 17th. We will now begin working alternating shifts with someone here during most normal hours. We have installed a Drop Box near our front door to be used for people dropping off any paperwork for the village. Please do not place cash in this Drop Box. If you need to see us directly, please call the office number at 419-375-2530 and we will do our best to accommodate your needs. Please make an effort to utilize telephone or email contact whenever possible. All meetings that are regularly held in the village hall have also been cancelled until further notice.
- 2) We have in place an emergency contingency and operating plan to keep both our water plant and our wastewater operations working during this crisis. We have backup plans in place to keep things working should our operators become infected. It is our highest priority to provide safe water for your use and to provide waste disposal without interruption.
- 3) The Police Department continue to patrol and work from their office. While the door is locked for visitors, you can call their office at 419-375-2662 to handle business. If you have a true emergency you still need to contact 911...remember this is for emergencies only. They have suspended all vehicle inspections and other face-to-face contacts that are not emergencies. To keep them safe, they will be utilizing protective gear and social distancing when having to deal with anyone in person. Please handle all non-emergencies by telephone.
- 4) No visitors are permitted at either our water plant or our street department building during this restricted contact period. Please call the village office if you need to talk with any of our employees.
- 5) Concerning the Parks ---- Under the order put in place yesterday, the playgrounds, basketball and tennis courts are now closed. Being outdoors is encouraged so the Recreational Trail is open for use but please understand we do not wipe down any of these facilities on a regular basis so be smart about your usage and follow the social distancing requirements. The Pavilion and Shelterhouses are closed for as long as there are restrictions in place on the amount of people gathering together. Right now, it looks like that will be most, if not all, of April at least. If you have one of these facilities reserved during this shutdown, please contact Bert to discuss rescheduling or a refund. Also, the FRYSO group has suspended all spring and summer ball programs and is

following the restrictions put in place by the OHSAA. When OHSAA allows these activities to continue so will FRYSO.

- 6) I spoke with Maharg Trash Service and they anticipate continuation of the regularly scheduled trash and recycling curb side pickups. Spring Clean-Up day on May 2nd is still on for now but could be postponed.

I will continue to update this page when additional changes are enacted or important news needs to be circulated. We have listed links for many of the different agencies and governments on our website for you to follow along with the latest developments.

Please be assured that we at the village will continue to do what we can to keep things running as normal as possible and are here to help whenever we can.

We all know we live in a great community and now is the time when that community service needs to be evident in our actions. Please help one another, especially your elderly neighbors that may need to have groceries, prescriptions, or even their mail picked up. Share with them if they are short on supplies. Continue to support the local businesses as much as possible by purchasing carry-out, buying gift certificates or just buying local! They are our neighbors and friends and have been, and we hope will continue to be, a big part of our community when this crisis is over. It is times like these when Fort Recovery usually shines and I certainly believe this will be another example of that community togetherness and support.

Any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly at

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