



Stark County Board of  
Developmental Disabilities

# All in the Family

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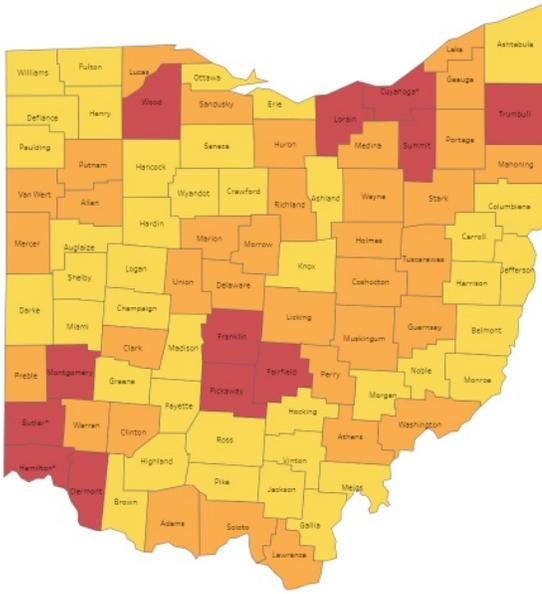
## Message from the Superintendent



In this July E-Newsletter, we want to let you know what we are doing and how we are ensuring the people we serve, their families, our provider community, and our employees remain healthy and safe in this time of COVID-19.

We continue to monitor the latest developments with COVID-19 through the [Stark County Health Department](#), [Ohio Department of Health](#), the [Ohio Department of Education](#), and the [Centers for Disease Control](#) to make sure we are doing everything possible to mitigate the health risks of this virus and to keep people as safe as we can.

As we look at options for the 2020-2021 school year, we have sought family's feedback through surveys, and we are now in process of reaching out to each family to talk to them directly about a number of



*Ohio Public Health Advisory System  
as of July 9, 2020.*

options for in-person classes. We do have contingencies if this needs to change based upon the [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#) put into effect by Governor DeWine last week. As for school bus transportation, bus capacity is limited to six students to ensure social distancing. We have a rigorous sanitization and cleaning schedule and all of our employees will be wearing masks.

We are also prepared for remote learning with supports, as well as offering in-home instruction if and when the situation warrants, and making lesson plans available to families as we did last school year during the stay-at-home order. No matter what the charge, we are ready

to go for the new school year.

As for our other employees who are working from home, we expect this to continue until further notice. We have re-introduced in-person monitoring at home and community sites with the wearing of masks and social distancing. We believe this is important to see people where they are and how they are doing first hand. Our board and committee meetings will continue to be virtual for the remainder of this calendar year.

COVID-19 has laced everything we do with a degree of uncertainty. It has forced us to be nimble, adaptable, and responsive. The virus has taught us better how to pivot, adjust, and re-frame. The one thing that COVID-19 cannot do is alter who we are or why we exist. Our mission is immovable as we "support people with disabilities and their families."

Be well. Be safe. Be happy.

Sincerely,

*William Green*

# Stop the Spread of COVID-19

## DO NOT ENTER IF YOU ARE SICK.

### KNOW THE COVID-19 SIGNS AND SYMPTOMS

Symptoms may be mild or severe and may appear two to 14 days after exposure to the virus.

#### HAVE **ONE OR BOTH** OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

- Cough
- Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing

#### HAVE **AT LEAST TWO** OF THESE SYMPTOMS:

- Fever or chills
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Sore throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting

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## What's Going On...and Not

### Adult Social Night



#### Adult Social Night events

Unfortunately, Social Nights are cancelled until further notice in this time of social distancing. We will let you know when they can resume. We may not resume regardless until 2021 unless something significantly changes, even if the large gatherings would be permitted by Ohio Department of Health.

### Special Olympics Ohio



#### Special Olympic Intramural Team Softball

Beginning the week of July 13th, athletes will be able to begin practicing with 10 or less players/coaches. Games are scheduled to begin in September. If Stark County is determined to be Alert Level 3 (red) by the [Ohio Public Health Alert System](#), practices/games will be suspended. Follow the [Stark DD Special Olympics Facebook Page](#) to stay connected.

CITIZENS WHO CARE FOR PEOPLE WITH  
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES PRESENTS



#### August 24 / 8:30 AM / Glenmoor County Club, Canton

**RESCHEDULED!** Space is still available to be a part of the 10th Annual Citizens Who Care for DD Golf Outing. [Register online](#) to become an event sponsor or to sign up your team.

