

## PRESS RELEASE

### BOARD OF OTTAWA COUNTY COMMISSIONERS AMEND OPERATING PROCEDURES AT COUNTY BUILDINGS

MARCH 18, 2020

In an effort to reduce the spread and flatten the curve for the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) and in consideration of the recommendations of the Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, the Ohio Department of Health, the Ottawa County Health Department, the Ottawa County Emergency Management Agency and in order to ensure the health of our county workforce and residents, the Ottawa County Board of Commissioners offer the following Press Release as of this 18<sup>TH</sup> day of March 2020.

**Effective March 20, 2020 at 4:30 p.m. the Board of Ottawa County Commissioners are announcing that all Ottawa County facilities will be closed to the public until further notice. The courts and administrative offices within Ottawa County will remain open and staff will be working to serve the public by phone, email, on-line or by scheduled appointment if necessary. The office directory is available at <https://www.co.ottawa.oh.us/index.php/office-directory/> or you may call 419-734-6700.**

If you have a scheduled court appearance you will be required to report unless otherwise notified from the courts. **It is recommended to call to confirm.**

Ottawa County continues to make critical decisions with the best possible advice during this rapidly changing event to keep the safety our residents, staff and community our priority mission. Ohio Governor DeWine issued Executive Order # 2020-013 on March 9, 2020, declaring a State of Emergency for the COVID-19 and the State of Ohio announced its first case of community acquired COVID-19 on March 11, 2020.

The Board of Ottawa County Commissioners will also be declaring a State of Emergency for Ottawa County effective March 19, 2020 until further notice.

We want to thank our county employees, elected officials, department heads and residents for their patience and collaborative efforts during this time of flexibility and adaptability. Working together our county and the communities that make it up will get through this. We are a great county with great people that will continue to support and care for each other during these challenging times.

Ottawa County will continue to follow the orders and recommendations as provided by the Board of Health, State and Federal agencies.

1:31 p.m.