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The Ottawa County Commissioners are aware of the influx of people coming into Ottawa County from other areas. Some are fisherman and others have second or seasonal homes in the county. Local residents have voiced their opinions that they should not be allowed in Ottawa County.

In previous years those same people would be a welcome addition to the area, but now they are a cause for concern that they could be bringing the Covid-19 virus with them and put increased pressure on our medical system. The question has been what measures can be taken to keep people from coming into Ottawa County from other areas?

The Ottawa County Commissioners are aware of the issue. As Commissioners we are always concerned for the health, safety and wellbeing of our Ottawa County residents and businesses.

The Commissioners are governed by the Ohio Revised Code. The Ohio Revised Code does not allow for Commissioners to create laws or regulations. We cannot prohibit the free movement of individuals into and about the county.

The County Commissioners, the Ottawa County EMA, the Ottawa County Sheriff's Office and the Ottawa County Board of Health have voiced their concerns with our State Representatives and with State Agencies and those concerns have been forwarded to the Governor's office. To the Governor's credit several additional restrictions have been enacted.

We encourage those that do come to the county to abide by the guidelines and measures that the State of Ohio is providing. Those measures include social distancing and quarantining for 14 days for those coming into the area from another location.

To those living in the county, please follow best practices to protect yourself as outlined by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health.