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Fairfield Department of Health

March 11, 2020

Dear Fairfield County Partners and Residents,

In light of the rapidly changing novel coronavirus (COVID-19) strain, Governor DeWine made recommendations on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in regard to large indoor gatherings. The guidance is split with different categories or circumstances to make it easier to digest.

Fairfield Department of Health supports the Governor's decision in making these recommendations. If you are an agency leader, please consider these recommendations when looking at your internal plans and decision making.

The recommendations can be found online at coronavirus.ohio.gov under "News Releases and News You Can Use" for 3/10/2020 or by clicking [here](#).

Fairfield Department of Health would like to emphasize that this is not a time to panic, but a time to be prepared. Fear spreads faster than a virus. Things you can do now to prevent the illness include:

- Continue to practice regular hand washing
- Social distancing
- Coughing and sneezing into elbows rather than hands
- Staying home if ill

We also recommend preparations such as:

- Having extra food and toiletries in your home - enough for 14 days if necessary
- Childcare arrangements if schools shut down

Again, this is not a time to be afraid, but to plan and be prepared. For more information, see coronavirus.ohio.gov or the general public may call the ODH Coronavirus Call Center at 1-833-427-5634.

In best health,

Fairfield Department of Health