

The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1

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What Am I Reading?

Welcome to our brand new 2-1-1 newsletter, "The 4-1-1 on 2-1-1"!

Now more than ever access to available resources is vital. We are starting this newsletter to highlight new and/or timely community updates. This is just a small highlight and may not contain all the information you need.

For more resources and for up-to-date information, please remember to contact us at 2-1-1 Ashtabula County! Just Dial 2-1-1.





Upcoming Mobile Food Pantries

The mobile food pantry program provides a produce give away in multiple places in the county.

Monday, May 4th

Conneaut Human Resource Center
327 Mill Street
Conneaut, OH 44030
10 am–12 pm

Monday, May 4th

Plymouth United Methodist Church
970 Plymouth Rd.
Ashtabula, OH 44004
3:30 pm - until gone

Saturday, May 9th

St. John's Lutheran Church
811 South Broadway
Geneva, Ohio 44041
9 am–11 am

Looking for Food Information?

Dial 2-1-1

If you are struggling with food, please reach out to us at 2-1-1. We all know how fast information can change these days. Something that was accurate today may not be accurate tomorrow. That is just as true for information about community resources.

2-1-1 is now, and has always been, committed to providing the most accurate and up-to-date information we can. In this time of change, we feel that the best way to do that is to ask you to call 2-1-1. This way, we can provide the most up-to-date food information and provide any additional community supports during this tough time.

Looking for your local food pantry? Need to know where you can go for a hot meal? Call 2-1-1 today!

Drive Thru Pet and People Food Give-a-Away

Saturday, May 9, 2020

Childs-Williams-Ducro Funeral Home
1071 SR 7, Pierpont, OH
2–3 pm while supplies last

Healthy meal for a family of 4 and a small bottle of hand sanitizer made available by The Ducro Family and staff in collaboration with Country Neighbor who will provide a Disaster Box. They will also have cat and dog food available in conjunction with the Animal Welfare Center of Ashtabula County and Pet Value for those who may need help feeding their pets.

SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED!

RULES:

- This will be a drive through distribution. All meals will be placed in the trunk or back of the vehicle to minimize interaction with others for the safety of all
- 1 bag of food per family of 4, max of 2 bags per vehicle
- People cannot pick up for other families
- People must provide their name, address, and number in the household when receiving their donation to help provide information for the food bank in tracking the community need
- Volunteers will be wearing gloves and masks for the protection of all

Senior Farmers' Market

The Senior Farmers' Market Program, provided by Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, is still helping seniors get access to fresh produce!

The Senior Farmers Market Program gives low-income seniors \$50 to spend at participating farms and farmers' markets.

Program applications can be obtained on the Direction Home of Eastern Ohio website: <https://dheo.org/senior-farmers-market/> or by calling 330-505-2300 or 1-800-686-7367 to have an application sent by mail.

Continued Closures

These business/ services are to remain closed for the time being:

- Schools
- Dine-In Restaurants and Bars
- Personal Appearance and Beauty Businesses.
- Older Adult Day Care Services and Senior Centers
- Adult Day Support or Vocational Habilitation Services in Group Settings
- Entertainment, Recreation, and Gyms

Go to coronavirus.ohio.gov for more info

5 Protocols for all Businesses

1. Require face coverings for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times.
2. Conduct daily health assessments by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if “fit for duty.”
3. Maintain good hygiene at all times – hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
4. Clean and sanitize workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.
5. Limit capacity to meet social distancing guidelines.

Establish maximum capacity at 50% of fire code. And, use appointment setting where possible to limit congestion.

Responsible RestartOhio

On April 27th the governor announced his plan to reopen the state over the next couple weeks.

Beginning May 1, 2020, all medically necessary procedures that do not require an overnight stay in a healthcare facility or do not require inpatient hospital admission and minimizes use of personal protective equipment may move forward. This includes regular doctor visits, well-care checks, well-baby visits, out-patient surgeries, imaging procedures, and diagnostic tests. Dental services and veterinary services may also proceed if a safe environment can be established.

Beginning on May 4, 2020, manufacturing, distribution, and construction businesses may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees. The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for manufacturing, distribution, and construction can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/

Beginning on May 4, 2020, general office environments may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees.

The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for general office environments can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio.

Beginning on May 12, 2020, consumer, retail and services, may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees.

The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for consumer, retail, and services can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio.



Getting Ahead Classes Online

Getting Ahead classes have transitioned to an online only format.

Getting Ahead is a six week program that seeks to increase resources, build confidence, increase opportunities for personal growth, and create a supportive environment. They focus on parents with children that are under 18. The program is for Ashtabula County residents only.

Participants earn a \$15 gift card for each session.

The class will meet online twice a week, starting May 19th and ending June 25th. It will be every Tuesday and Thursday 11:30 am–2:00 pm.

To apply for a spot in the class, contact Lynn West at 440-992-2121 ext. 7028 or email lynnw@doyccac.org

Gardening Classes Online

Ohio State University's Local Foods Coordinator and the Ashtabula Local Food group have teamed up to provide online gardening training to the Ashtabula County region.

The online gardening series, called Ashtabula Grows, will span the growing season and provide timely and relevant information to gardeners.

Classes will take place via Zoom on Tuesday evenings at 6 pm. They will be taught by gardeners of all backgrounds and experience levels, with some occasional contributions from OSU's Master Gardeners as well as by guest lecturers from around the area.

In addition to gardening advice, there will be contributions from Community Counseling Center's Dia Fleming about how to stay mentally well while staying apart.

Stimulus Updates for SSI recipients with children

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) recipients who don't file tax returns will start receiving their automatic Economic Impact Payments directly from the Treasury Department in early May.

People receiving SSI benefits who did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes, and have qualifying children under age 17, however, should not wait for their automatic \$1,200 individual payment. They should immediately go to the IRS's webpage at www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here and visit the Non-Filers: Enter Your Information section to provide their information.

SSI recipients who have dependent children and did not file 2018 or 2019 taxes need to act by **Tuesday, May 5**, in order to receive additional payments for their eligible children.

Stitch & Share



Ashtabula County Community Action Agency, in partnership with the Ashtabula Health Department, has started a... "Stitch & Share" project.

If you are able to make cloth masks, but don't know where to donate them, reach out to us.

We are collecting them and distributing them to those in need.

Mask donations can be dropped off at Community Action at 6920 Austinburg Road, from Monday through Friday, from 8:30am-4:00pm.

You can also dial 2-1-1 or email 211@accaa.org to arrange pick up.

2-1-1 Adds Texting

During this time, 2-1-1 Ashtabula County is excited to announce that we are now offering texting capabilities. In addition to calling us at 2-1-1 and visiting our online resource portal at www.211ashtabula.org, those looking for community resource information are now invited to also text "COVID19" to 211-211.

By texting "COVID19" to 211-211, you will receive a list of helpful links of general COVID-19 resources. You will also be asked for your zip code. By providing your zip code, you will then be invited to start a text conversation with a local 2-1-1 Ashtabula County information specialist Monday through Friday between the hours of 8AM-4PM.

Unsure where to start or how we can help? Simply text "COVID19" to 211-211, share your zip code, and the information specialist will guide you through a series of questions to help you to find the resources you need Monday through Friday from 8AM-4PM. Data and messaging rates apply.

With the addition of texting, 2-1-1 Ashtabula County now offers many ways to find local community resources:

- Dial 2-1-1 to speak with a trained information specialist who will provide individualized assistance 24 hours a day/7 days a week
- Search online at www.211ashtabula.org
- Email 211@accaa.org
- Text "COVID19" to 211-211 Monday through Friday from 8AM-4PM
- "Like" us on Facebook at www.Facebook.com/ashtabulainfo
- Call 2-1-1 Monday through Friday from 8AM-4:30PM for general COVID-19 information via our COVID-19 Information Hotline

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<https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll>



Give your child the gift of books today!

Now available for Ashtabula County children ages 0-5! Just sign up to receive free books each month by mail.

EFSP Assistance Available

Ashtabula County Community Action Agency currently has funding to assist with utilities. For more information and to see if you qualify, just dial 2-1-1!

Good Karma Kitchen is Looking for Donations

GKK is looking for donations! They have served triple the number of people they usually serve this past month. If you would like to donate, please reach out to the GKK soup kitchens Ashtabula Facebook page or call 440-344-2226.

They are in need of monetary donations, as well as: Ziplock bags, desserts, meats, cheeses, canned evaporated milk, fresh or canned vegetables, tomato sauce and fresh fruit.

This is only a short highlight of some of the timely 2-1-1 resources, please contact 2-1-1 for more information.

If you would like to receive upcoming newsletters directly to your email, please subscribe at our website at www.211ashtabula.org

Imagination Library

Do you have children under five? Would they enjoy a free book mailed to them each month?

The Ohio Governor's Imagination Library of Ashtabula County is now taking enrollments! Just follow this link:

<https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org/enroll>

What lies behind us and what lies ahead of us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson