

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

2-1-1 updates for the week of November 15th, 2020



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Find our newsletters online at:  
[www.211ashtabula.org/newsletters](http://www.211ashtabula.org/newsletters)

## What Am I Reading?

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

Now more than ever access to available resources is vital. We started 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. For more information please call 211 for your local food pantry information.

#### Monday, November 16th

G.O. Ministries Mobile Food Pantry Site  
3703 Station Ave  
Ashtabula, Ohio  
10:00 am–12:00 pm

#### Monday, November 16th

Plymouth United Methodist  
970 Plymouth Rd.  
Ashtabula, Ohio  
3:30 until gone.

### St. Peter’s Christmas Dinner Box

St. Peter’s Episcopal Church is having a take home Christmas dinner box give away. To get one of the boxes you will need a voucher. Vouchers can be picked up at the St. Peter’s Hope and a Future Food Pantry every Tuesday from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Once they run out of vouchers they are gone.

Vouchers are 1 per household. Each voucher is enough food for 6 people. They are not replaceable if lost. If you do not have the voucher, you cannot get a box.

Food boxes can be picked up Tuesday, December 22nd at 6 p.m. They are first come, first served.

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

### Thanksgiving Meals

**G.O. Ministries** - Will be having a Thanksgiving meal from 10 am - Noon on November 26th. People can pick up a meal at GO CDC during those times.



Certain housing complexes in Ashtabula City (Lakeview, etc.) will have a sign up sheet in the lobby and meals will be delivered to the lobby at 11 a.m.

**Dream Center** - Is planning on having a Thanksgiving meal on November 24th. More information to follow.

**Country Neighbor**—Is planning a food box giveaway. Clients must pre register by November 16th. To preregister call 440-437-6311. Boxes will be distributed Thursday No. 19th.

*If your organization is planning a meal or food box giveaway for Thanksgiving, please call 2-1-1 or call 440-990-1719.*

**LOWER INCOME OR UNEMPLOYED DUE TO COVID-19?**

**ARE YOU PREGNANT, POSTPARTUM, OR HAVE A CHILD UNDER THE AGE OF 5?**

**CURRENTLY RECEIVING LESS INCOME DUE TO COVID-19?**

CALL US! ASHTABULA COUNTY WIC MAY BE ABLE TO HELP YOU  
(440) 998-7515

# Do You Need Help With Past Due Rent, Mortgage, or Utilities?



## Have you been impacted by COVID-19?

Layoff, Job Loss, Change in Income, COVID-19 Diagnosis, or Other Related Issue that has caused an Economic Hardship

## We have local and state CARES Act funds

Schedule an appointment and provide required documents to see if you qualify!

### What will I need to provide before my appointment?

- Photo ID for primary applicant
- Copies of Social Security cards, or verification of citizenship for all household members
- Proof of income for all household members 18 years or older for a minimum of the past 30 days
- For seasonal or self-employed individuals, please provide proof of income for 12 months
- Any supporting documentation to demonstrate need
- Eviction or past due rent notice, landlord contact information, lease agreement
- Notice of late mortgage payment(s)
- Copy of utility bill showing disconnect, shut off or past due

### What will I need to provide during my appointment?

- Names and Dates of Birth of all household members
- Explanation of hardship due to the COVID-19 pandemic

### To Schedule an Appointment visit...

[www.accaa.org](http://www.accaa.org)

Funds must be spent before the end of the year

Call 440-990-1740 if you need assistance with scheduling or call 2-1-1 for more information



### Catholic Charities' HALO Christmas Program

Catholic Charities' HALO program is now accepting applications. The HALO program assists those that qualify with food and toys for Christmas.

This year applications are completely online. You can find the application at <https://fs10.formsite.com/XhJosz/v6kr2pvonf/index.html> or by scanning the QR code below.

If individuals are unable to apply online they can call Catholic Charities to schedule an appointment to apply. No walk-ins please. **Applications will be taken until Nov. 20th at 5PM.**

To be eligible you must be below 133% of the federal poverty guidelines. To apply you will need:

- Email address (to apply online)
- Photo ID
- Proof of income for the past 30 days.

|   | 100%    | 133%    |
|---|---------|---------|
| 1 | \$1,063 | \$1,414 |
| 2 | \$1,437 | \$1,911 |
| 3 | \$1,810 | \$2,407 |
| 4 | \$2,183 | \$2,904 |
| 5 | \$2,557 | \$3,400 |
| 6 | \$2,930 | \$3,897 |
| 7 | \$3,303 | \$4,393 |
| 8 | \$3,677 | \$4,890 |



### Country Neighbor's Christmas Program

The Country Neighbor Christmas program is now taking applications. Individuals who want to apply can do so by phone.

The program assistants southern Ashtabula County residents only. Call 440-437-6311 and ask for Melissa. She is available Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. **Applications should be in before Dec. 1st**

They are also looking for volunteers. Those who are interested in volunteering can call the same number.

### GO Ministries Christmas Party

Registration is now open for GO Community Development's Annual Christmas Party. To register visit: <https://www.go-cdc.org/annual-christmas-party.html>. **Registration will continue until Dec. 16th, 2020.**

They are not sure what this year's Christmas Party will look like quite yet, including a date and time. So please stay tuned for that information.

For questions, contact them at 997-0040 or email [osmith@go-cdc.org](mailto:osmith@go-cdc.org).





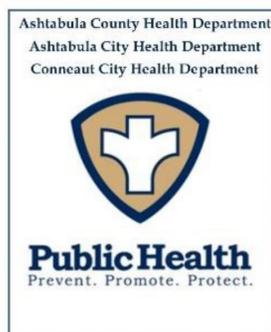
Ashtabula County had recorded an increase of 400 COVID-19 cases in the last 7 days. This average count of 60 new cases a day has quickly overwhelmed Ashtabula County's health departments.

If you've received a positive test result from your doctor, don't wait for public health to call you to start isolation. Due to the high number of cases, the health department may not be able to contact you before your release date.

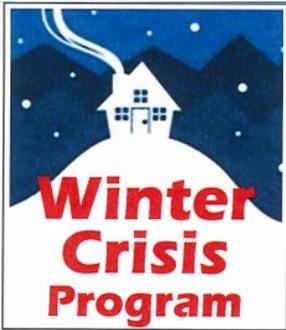
If you have tested positive, you need to **isolate**.

If you are symptomatic-or have been in contact with someone who is sick or has tested positive-you need to **quarantine**.

<https://doh.sd.gov/covid/calculator/>



### Changes to the Winter Crisis Program



The Winter Crisis Program is a utility assistance program provided through Ashtabula County Community Action Agency. The program can provide income eligible households with

once per heating season assistance with their main heating source.

The program began November 2nd and ends March 31st, 2021.

Due to Covid-19 things will be different this year from previous years. **The first big change is that there won't be any walk-ins or in-person appointments.** Instead all appointments will be over the phone. All applicants will need to have all of their required documentation in before their appointment time. They can do this in three ways.

1. They can fax all of their information to 440-997-6022.
2. They can email their information.
3. They can get copies made/ drop off copies at 6920 Austinburg Rd, Ashtabula.

The documents needed are much the same as previous years. They will need:

- A photo ID
- Proof of Income for the last 30 days (or 12 months if self employed or seasonally employed)
- Social security cards for all household members
- All pages of their current utility bill
- If renting they will also need the landlord's name, address, phone and rent amount

After they have collected and turned in all of their documentation they can call the appointment line at 440-381-8230 to set up their over-the-phone appointment.

To be eligible for the Winter Crisis Program the client must be an Ashtabula County resident and the household income must be at or below 175% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines. The account must be in the name of an adult household member. They must also meet at least one additional eligibility criteria: the account must be in disconnect status, have been shut off, need new service, need transfer of service, or have 25% (or less) bulk fuel supply remaining OR they have a household member that was diagnosed with Covid-19 in 2020.

| Household /Family Size | 50%   | *100%*  | 175%  |
|------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
| 1                      | 532   | \$1,063 | 1,861 |
| 2                      | 718   | \$1,437 | 2,514 |
| 3                      | 905   | \$1,810 | 3,168 |
| 4                      | 1,092 | \$2,183 | 3,821 |
| 5                      | 1,278 | \$2,557 | 4,474 |
| 6                      | 1,465 | \$2,930 | 5,128 |
| 7                      | 1,652 | \$3,303 | 5,781 |
| 8                      | 1,838 | \$3,677 | 6,434 |
| 9                      | 2,025 | \$4,050 | 7,088 |
| 10                     | 2,212 | \$4,423 | 7,741 |



**Lake County**

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# AWT APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM

Working together to promote rewarding manufacturing careers

**Are you unemployed or have had your employment affected by COVID-19?  
Are you looking for a pathway into the manufacturing industry where you  
can be trained for successful, in-demand Career?**



### What Programs are there?

- Tool & Die Maker
- Mold Maker
- Precision Machinist
- Tool Programmer/Numerical Control

### Interested?

Contact Juliana Petti at  
440-462-1995 or  
juliana@thinkmfg.com

### Apprenticeship Education

- Program includes Full-Time employment through apprenticeship program.
- The AWT Apprenticeship Program is a blended educational model with online and in-person, expert training
- In the AWT Apprenticeship Program, there are 25 online courses between 576-612 hours of technical related training
- This is an online format, so students can work at their own pace
- Students will also receive instruction in-person by an AWT Instructor/Industry Expert on Wednesday from 3pm- 5pm at Auburn Career Center

## Ashtabula, 67 Other Counties Red, Governor Updates Health Orders

Ohio also had another record-breaking day for new cases on November 12th, with 7,101 cases reported between yesterday and today. A total of 268 new hospitalizations were reported, as well as 35 more deaths. On Wednesday, November 11th, DeWine announced an update to the mask order. Revised Mask Order. He added the following provisions:

- Each store will be required to post a sign outlining face-covering requirements at all public entrances to the store.
- Each store will be responsible for ensuring that customers and employees are wearing masks.
- A new Retail Compliance Unit, comprised of agents led by the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation, will inspect to ensure compliance. A first violation will result in a written warning and a second violation will result in closure of the store for up to 24 hours.

He also updated the social gathering order. Open congregate areas will no longer be permitted to open, and everyone at gatherings will be required to be seated and masked unless they are actively consuming food or drinks.

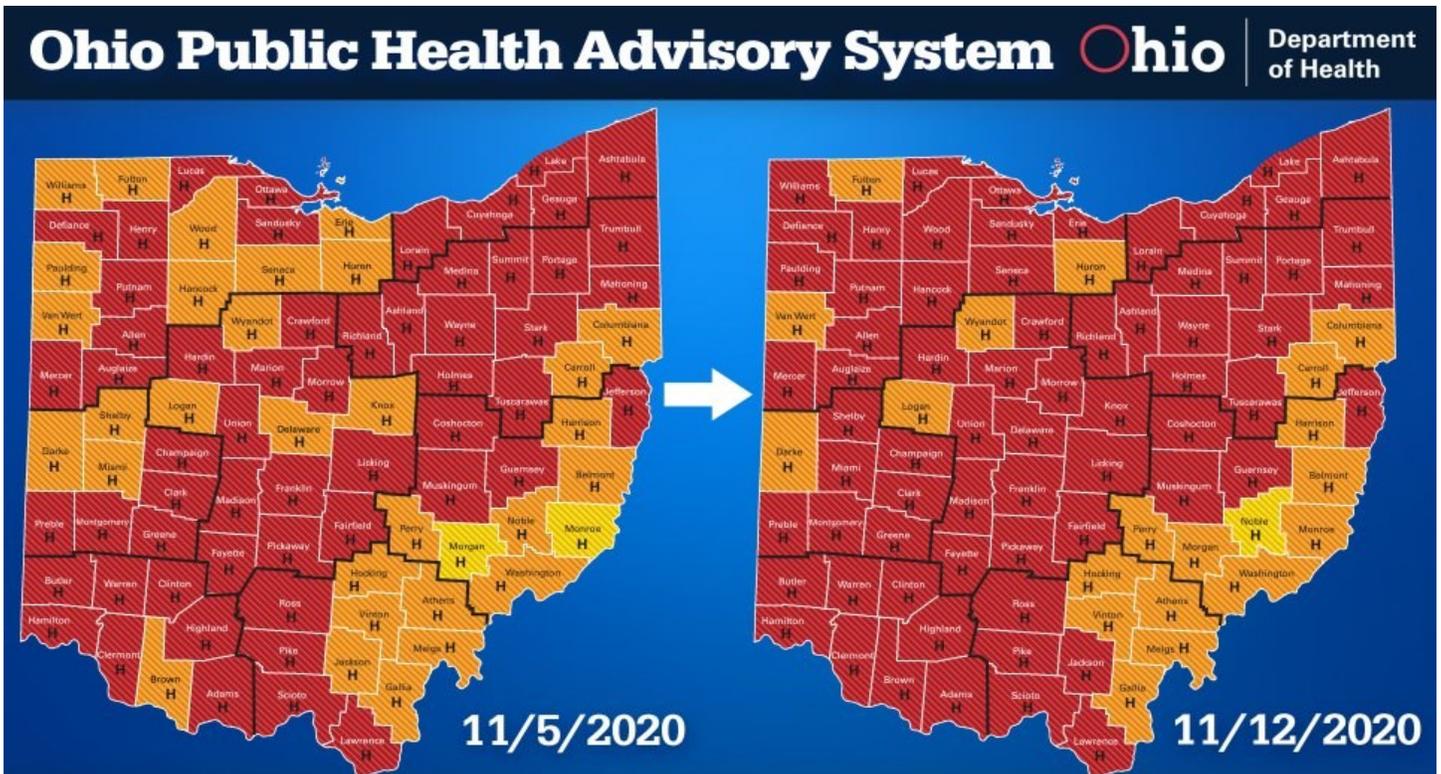
DeWine also noted that bars, restaurants, and fitness centers may remain open, but this will be reassessed November 19th for potential closure. DeWine encouraged Ohioans to use hand sanitizer, wash their hands often, and wear a mask.

Ashtabula County is still red. Follow the guidelines listed below to stay safe. Continue to follow the guidelines as instructed in Level 1 and Level 2:

- Conduct a daily health/symptom self-evaluation and stay at home if symptomatic.
- Maintain social distancing of at least 6 feet from non-household members.
- Wear face coverings in public.
- Increase caution when interacting with others not practicing social distancing or wearing face covers.
- Avoid traveling to high-risk areas.
- Wash hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Avoid touching your face.
- Cover coughs or sneezes (e.g., into a tissue, or elbow).
- Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk. And high-risk individuals should take extra care to follow precautions.
- Decrease in-person interactions outside household.
- Seek medical care as needed, but avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible.

Additional Guidelines for red, or Level 3:

- Decrease in-person interactions with others.
- Consider necessary travel only.
- Limit attending gatherings of any number.



I wear this to protect  
**YOU.**

MIKE DEWINE  
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

Ohio | Department  
of Health

**coronavirus.ohio.gov**



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of Cleveland  
*Since 1905*

Questions about employment issues  
and unemployment benefits?  
*Call Legal Aid's Worker Info Line*

*In Cuyahoga County:*  
216-861-5899

*In Ashtabula, Geauga, Lake, and Lorain Counties:*  
440-210-4532



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

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Have something you want featured?

Email [sdragon@accaa.org](mailto:sdragon@accaa.org) or call 440-990-1719

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### Stimulus Filing Extended

The IRS has stated that people have until **November 21st**, rather than until October 15th, to receive their stimulus check.

This is for individuals who never received their check and normally do not file taxes. If that applies to you, you can fill out the non-filer tool or check the status of your stimulus payment at [irs.gov](https://irs.gov).

**Each person  
deserves a day away  
in which no problems  
are confronted, no  
solutions searched  
for."**

**– Maya Angelou**