

**RESOLUTION
RES 20-11-024**

COVID-19 HEALTH ADVISORY FOR MAHONING COUNTY

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States issued a declaration of national emergency due to the 2020 COVID-19 outbreak in the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued Executive Order 2020-01D, declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 2020, the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners adopted a resolution to allow for the taking of necessary action to respond to the current COVID-19 crisis; and

WHEREAS, on November 18, 2020 the Governor announced during his stop at the Youngstown Regional Airport that the Mahoning Valley is a current COVID 19 hot spot; and

WHEREAS, Mahoning County is experiencing a rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, with an average of 77.5 cases per day from November 1st to November 7th ; an average of 126 cases per day from November 8th to November 14th; and 171 cases per day from November 15th to November 21st.

WHEREAS, Mahoning County has experienced a single day high of 236 confirmed positive cases for COVID-19. The single day high over a 14- day period has risen from 72 confirmed cases on November 5, 2020 to 236 confirmed positive cases on November 19, 2020.

WHEREAS, the number of hospitalizations in the Mahoning Valley has significantly risen and at any one time during the pandemic, which, if left unchecked, poses a serious and substantial risk to our healthcare system's ability to treat those suffering from COVID-19 and others with serious health issues; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Ohio has set a 21-day curfew, effective November 19, 2020, in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and the Board of Mahoning County Commissioners supports the Governor's efforts and desires to further recognize and stress the urgency of limiting the spread of the COVID-19 virus, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to establish a "Mask – Up Mahoning" campaign to stress the importance of wearing masks to protect our most vulnerable populations and slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus; and

WHEREAS, the Mahoning County Board of Commissioners wishes to support a joint effort by the Metro Counties in Ohio to stress the importance and put in place a "Stay at Home" advisory to limit the spread of the COVID 19 virus; and

WHEREAS, each of the steps listed below are critical to slow the spread of the virus, to protect lives of Mahoning County residents, and to preserve our healthcare service providers and capacity to serve those suffering from acute illnesses and conditions as well as those needing hospitalization and care for COVID-19 and other illnesses;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Mahoning Commissioners and the Mahoning County Health Commissioner hereby set the following health advisories for Mahoning County residents:

1. "Mask – Up Mahoning" Campaign– Residents should wear a mask which fully covers the mouth and nose when entering all public places, businesses, and where social distancing cannot be observed and/or obtained.
2. "Stay at Home" advisory - Where possible, residents are advised to stay at home and limit travel outside of the State of Ohio. Residents are advised to only leave home to go to work or school, or for essential needs such as seeking medical care, going to the grocery store or pharmacy, picking up food, or receiving deliveries.
3. Limit gatherings - Residents are urged to limit gatherings to those that reside in their homes and to forgo having guests in their homes during the upcoming holiday season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that these advisories shall remain in place to coincide with the 21 day curfew set by the Governor and the "Mask – Up Mahoning" campaign that will be in effect until the end of 2020.


BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board hereby authorizes the County Administrator to execute any and all documents and to take other action as is necessary to support and implement the advisories established by this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the provisions of this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

It was moved by Mr. Traficanti, and seconded by Mrs. Rimedio-Righetti, that the foregoing Resolution be approved this 24th day of November, 2020.

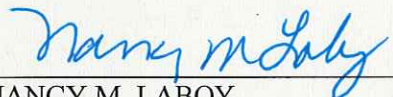
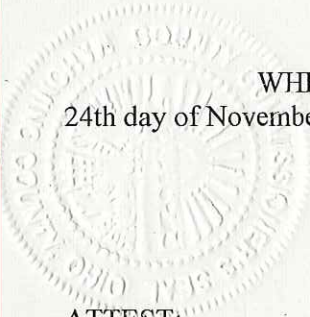
Roll call voting resulted:	Mr. Ditzler:	aye
	Mrs. Rimedio-Righetti:	aye
	Mr. Traficanti:	aye

WHEREUPON, the President of the Board declared the foregoing Resolution be duly adopted this 24th day of November, 2020.



DAVID C. DITZLER,
PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD

ATTEST:



NANCY M. LABOY,
CLERK OF THE BOARD

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cc: BOH