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To: All County Officials

From: Scott Coleman, P.E., P.S., Logan County Engineer and OCCO

Re: COVID-19 Guidance

As you have no doubt seen in the news, the COVID-19 virus has hit Ohio with 37 confirmed cases as of March 15. Obviously this issue is of primary importance to Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted, and our legislative leadership as well as yourself and other local officials.

The Governor has assembled a team of medical experts, headed by Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton, and they are monitoring Ohio's situation continuously and urging specific protocols for our communities and operations. In addition, the Governor and his team hold a daily press conference at 2 o'clock to provide important updates, and you can view them at <https://ohiochannel.org/collections/governor-mike-dewine>.

These are unprecedented times for all of us county elected officials as we develop and implement continuity of operations plans, including identifying basic functions our offices should provide, how we can work remotely if necessary, and what happens if an entire office must self-quarantine. As OCCO we strongly encourage all county officials to continue to work together to formulate and implement your county's strategic plan, particularly consulting your county prosecutor as well as following your local health department's guidance.

Also at the state level, OCCO members' lobbyists and staff are collaborating with one another and regularly engaging with the Governor's Office and the Attorney General, Treasurer of State, Secretary of State and Auditor of State's offices to facilitate uniform guidance to county officials during these critical times.

Because of everyone working collaboratively and communicating within our 88 county courthouses as well as our stronger state-county partnership, we will rise to the challenges we face in the coming days and weeks. Thank you for your steadfast efforts, and we will keep you informed as we move forward together as county officials and Ohioans.