As County Executive, my number one priority is the safety and well-being of my staff, the clients we serve, and the 541,000 residents of Summit County. The continuity of County services is paramount to that objective.

We are working closely with Summit County Public Health in monitoring the ongoing COVID-19 situation and I want to thank Public Health for their service in keeping our community healthy and safe. Additionally, we remain in close contact with the State of Ohio and federal liaisons.

Summit County provides critical functions to our residents. At this time, we have suspended public access at most of our offices and have adjusted our staffing levels to essential personnel only. We are mindful that the public relies on our services, especially in times of need.

Please visit http://co.summitoh.net/ to find information about how to interact with our offices during this time.

Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton have issued many orders in the last week. Some of these orders, while taken in the interest of public health, have had distressing effects on Summit County residents, especially small businesses and their employees.

If your employment has been effected due to the COVID-19 situation, you may be eligible for unemployment. You can apply at www.unemployment.ohio.gov or by calling 1-877-644-6562.

Business owners can find helpful information about Small Business Administration loans and other resources at https://gaccovid19.org/.

If you are struggling financially or mentally, call 2-1-1 to find out how local organizations can help. If you are able, please consider donating to the Akron Summit County COVID-19 Emergency Support Fund. You can donate today at http://bit.ly/3a17tMH.

As events are being cancelled and concerns increase, please know our Emergency Management Agency stands ready, as it always does, to assist the Public Health Department and the 31 communities within Summit County.

At this time, please continue to wash your hands, cover your cough and rely on good, factual information as you make decisions about social distancing and your commitments in the community.

If you are experiencing symptoms, please contact your health care provider. If you do not have a physician, please call the Summit County Public Health Department COVID-19 Call Line at 330-926-5795 and they will refer you to local doctor.

As always, show compassion to those who are struggling, reassure those who are fearful and encourage each other to become educated on this evolving public health situation.

Sincerely,

Ilene Shapiro
Summit County Executive

Informational Resources

Summit County Public Health: scph.org/covid-19
Summit County Public Health COVID-19 Call Line: 330-926-5795
Ohio Department of Health: Coronavirus.Ohio.gov & ODH.Ohio.gov
Ohio Call Center (Mon.-Sun. 9am-8pm): 1-833-4-ASK-ODH
Summa Health COVID-19 Hotline: 234-867-6314