



PERRY COUNTY BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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RE: Responsible Restart Ohio

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On April 27, 2020, Governor Mike DeWine announced the initial plan for Responsible Restart Ohio. Although that plan included guidance for the opening of General Office Environments, the PCBDD has decided our best practice is to continue to work remotely as we have been since March. We aren't sure when we will return to our offices, but we continue to monitor guidance from the Perry County Health Department, Ohio Department of Health, Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and the Ohio Association of County Boards of DD. Our approach to 'how' we return is crucial and our priority is the safety and well-being of our staff, the people we support, and our community. We are learning more and more everyday about the necessary precautions and protections, along with getting things in place to continue to support and comply with the Stay-At-Home Order.

Update Effective 4/27/20:

The Stay-At-Home Order is still in effect. Although the Governor has loosened guidelines for General Office Environments (effective May 4, 2020), **PCBDD staff will continue to work remotely at this time. We will monitor the situation to determine the best time to open up our buildings. As of now, when that time arrives, we will most likely work staggered schedules to ease back into full operations. This may require a few weeks, at a minimum.**

Home Visits, meetings, and connections will continue virtually until further guidance or directives are issued. Please review all May events and cancel or postpone those scheduled meetings that are not able to be held virtually.

Staff who need to enter PCBDD facilities for any reason shall connect with their supervisor in advance and do the following before entering PCBDD buildings:

- Take temperature with no entry if your fever is over 100.4
- No entry if you have flu-like symptoms (fever, coughing, shortness of breath, etc.)
- No entry if you have encountered someone experiencing flu-like symptoms or who has tested positive for COVID-19
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer upon entry. Sanitize work surfaces before leaving.

Please contact me to discuss questions, concerns or issues. Thank you for the wonderful work you are doing and for your continued commitment and dedication to supporting people. Stay safe and well!