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### **Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities Response to COVID-19/Coronavirus**

We continue to monitor the fast-moving situation with the novel coronavirus, and although there have not yet been any confirmed cases in Warren County, the World Health Organization has declared the virus a global pandemic. The state of Ohio has declared public emergencies in the wake of COVID-19, and we are following guidance from local health officials by implementing policies to reduce risks.

At the Warren County Board of Developmental Disabilities, we serve many people who are especially vulnerable to a virus like COVID-19, so we have a responsibility to do everything we can to make sure we are not putting people at risk.

#### **Our Response Plan:**

- Beginning on Monday, March 16, 2020 through Sunday, April 5, 2020, our office buildings will be operating, but with limited access.
- WCBDD employees who are able to complete work remotely have been given permission to work from home as much as his/her role permits, only coming into our office buildings when necessary. Those employees will remain available by phone and/or email.
- Employees have been asked to limit the number of in-person meetings only to those that are necessary.
- Employees are being provided access with the technology to hold meetings virtually, which includes phone and video access.
- Any and all agency events are cancelled. This includes trainings, advocacy events, play groups, Special Olympics, Egg Hunt, etc. We will provide updates via social media regarding these events.
- We will continue to monitor this situation closely, adhering to recommendations from public health officials, and we will update our stakeholders as needed.
- We remain committed to being there for the people we serve.
- If you have any specific questions, feel free to contact your Service Coordinator, Early Childhood Primary Service Provider, or Transition Coordinator or call (513) 228-6400. In cases of emergencies, please call 1-800-800-6847.