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Important Information regarding the re-opening of The Pickaway Senior Center

We wanted to give our seniors an update on the status and situation regarding the re-opening of the Senior Center for congregate meals, adult day care and activities.

Due to the strict regulations and requirements that have been set forth by Gov. Mike Dewine and the Ohio Department of Aging, The Pickaway Senior Center will not be opening on Oct. 19 as we **tentatively** had planned and reported in the October Newsletter.

At this time, we are unable to meet all of the required mandates set forth by the proposed guidelines which include COVID-19 testing for all staff, volunteers, and adult day care clients prior to re-opening and then every 2 weeks thereafter. The testing guideline also states that all clients who show signs or symptoms shall also be tested. This requirement is a big issue for senior centers in our surrounding area due to the cost and impact of testing. In speaking with other senior center's in surrounding counties, we've all agreed that the testing mandates will make it difficult for us to be able to open quickly. Other guidelines include: sanitization practices, social distancing, mask requirement, extreme limited capacity with limited access and time spent at the center, no large group gatherings, health screens prior to coming to the center and temperature screenings upon arrival.

We have no date set for our actual re-opening. For the time being we will continue to offer home delivered meals, medical transportation, the Mid-Ohio Free Produce Program as well as the Commodity Program.

We will be adding a Grab and Go lunch option for those who would like to reserve a lunch for pick up. Our next grab and go lunch will be Wednesday, Oct. 28 from 10:30 until noon. **YOU MUST RSVP** to reserve a meal by Thursday, Oct. 22. We will be serving a box lunch of chili and a hot dog. Suggested donation is \$3. Staff will be dressed in Halloween Costume!

If you would like more information on any of these programs or need help applying for Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) or the Commodity Food Program please call us at 740-474-8831 and we can take the application over the phone.

If you need to pay membership dues, you can mail those in or we have a drop box located outside of the center's main door.

We will keep you posted on our status through the monthly newsletter, Facebook and on our website.