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COVID-19 Update – Statement on Local Case Numbers
Continued Focus on Mitigation Recommendations Urged

Twinsburg Township, Summit County, Ohio – April 6, 2020 – The Board of Twinsburg Township Trustees is aware that some communities are publicly releasing reported numbers of COVID-19 cases in various communities, to heighten awareness and encourage all to follow ongoing public health orders and recommendations. The Township cannot confirm or deny Township case numbers for many reasons.

The State and County periodically distribute information to local public safety agencies about COVID-19's known geographic spread. The sole purpose of this information was to alert first responders during the pandemic's containment phase (when number of cases was very low and community spread was not occurring) to implement increased precautions when responding to particular locations. This information was not intended for public release, as it is limited and incomplete in many ways.

First, locational information does not translate to an accurate number of cases, due to lack of knowledge about number of persons at any given location. Second, cases reported to the State are limited to those in hospitals where testing and treatment has occurred on those experience serious symptoms, meaning that many more cases are not reported. There is no reporting in instances of testing without treatment, diagnosis without testing or treatment, and undiagnosed symptomatic conditions, as well as the truly unknown number of those who are already infected but to date remain asymptomatic. Third, the COVID-19 pandemic is now in the mitigation phase (when number of cases is higher and community spread is occurring), reinforcing the need to continue to follow ongoing public health orders and recommendations.

The Township does not take this matter lightly and has consulted on this matter broadly. The overwhelming majority of recognized authorities on this subject caution against relying upon any publicized case number information, as it is incomplete and may serve to mislead and largely understate the true impact of COVID-19. For these reasons the Township's focus will remain on continuing to recommend that residents and businesses follow all applicable public health orders and recommendations. For the same reasons the Township further cautions against reliance upon any information from any source that purports to identify a fixed number of COVID-19 cases in Twinsburg Township.

The Board of Trustees continuously monitors information provided by County and State officials and urges all to follow all public health orders and recommendations. Current information and updates on COVID-19 can be obtained from Summit County Public Health (www.scph.org), the Ohio Governor's Office (www.governor.ohio.gov), and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (www.cds.gov).

About Twinsburg Township

Twinsburg Township was founded in 1817, had a population of 2,828 in 2010. Twinsburg Township is home to an unparalleled combination of rich history, abundant natural resources, outstanding parks, well-planned neighborhoods, thriving businesses, and top-notch institutions. Whether you're looking for a great place to live or do business, or just a spot to spend a quiet afternoon, you'll find it all right here in Twinsburg Township. So stop by and see us sometime, and if you can't make it in person, please check out www.twinsburgtwp.com to get a glimpse of all that Twinsburg Township has to offer. For more information, contact Robert S. Kagler, Township Manager, via telephone at (330) 425-4497 or via e-mail at rkagler@twinsburgtwp.com.

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