

Dear MVCDC Families,

Hard as we're trying to beat COVID-19, we had a positive test this week. A transportation employee tested positive and that individual had been in contact with a transportation colleague. Both individuals are quarantining. Children who had been on a bus with the two individuals also are quarantining for two weeks.

We still have space for infants, toddlers and Preschoolers! If you know someone who may want to use our early learning and child care help, tell them to call us! We can enroll them, get them on a waiting list or sign them up for our virtual learning program. **Reach us at 937-226-5664 or enroll at MVCDC.org.**

Policy Council elections are underway! This is a great way for families to influence MVCDC's work. This important group shares advice and helps us develop policies and practices. Talk to your Family Support Specialist about this opportunity and learn how to become involved. We value your opinions!

If you or someone you know is struggling to pay their rent or mortgage, financial help is available. Montgomery County is partnering with The HomeOwnership Center and the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership to help families with their housing needs.

The HomeOwnership Center is taking applications for mortgage assistance, and the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership is processing applications for rental assistance. **This help is only available until November 30 OR until the funding is gone.**

To qualify for rental assistance, applicants must:

- Rent a residence in Montgomery County.
- Have had a loss of employment income after March 1, 2020, due to COVID-19, caused by layoff, reduced work hours, furlough, or reduction in pay.
- Be behind on rent on or after March 1, 2020.

To qualify for mortgage assistance, applicants must:

- Own a home in Montgomery County.
- Have had a loss of employment income after March 1, 2020, due to COVID-19, caused by layoff, reduced work hours, furlough, or reduction in pay.
- Be behind in a mortgage on or after March 1, 2020

Help paying for water, electric, gas, or bulk fuel bills also is available. Help with utility payments is being handled by the Miami Valley Community Action Partnership.

Links to apply to these programs are at www.mcohiocares.org.

**REGISTER to
VOTE by
Oct. 5!**
olvr.ohiosos.gov

**OR request
absentee ballot**

[www.ohiosos.gov/elections/
voters/absentee-ballot](http://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot)

Election is Nov. 3!!

Please don't forget to make your plan to vote this year. Monday, October 5 is the last day to register. You'll want to check your registration status if you've moved or not voted recently.

- **Register online at olvr.ohiosos.gov**
- **To vote by mail, request an absentee ballot at this address:
<https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/>**

You will need to mail your completed ballot in plenty of time before the Nov. 3 election to ensure that it's counted! The envelope likely will need extra postage.

Ohio's travel advisory this week is for **Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Mississippi, Missouri, South Dakota and Wisconsin**. If your child has traveled to any of these states, he or she child will need to quarantine at home for 14 days before returning.

Thank you for allowing us to support you! If you have thoughts or concerns contact me at 937-226-5664, ext. 202.

Gratefully



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