



# Marion County Fire Chief's Association

**Date: March 17, 2020**

**To our residents and visitors of Marion County,**

All Marion County Fire and EMS agencies are ready and able to respond to all emergency calls in Marion County. In order to maintain our capacity to serve you in a time of need, all Marion County public safety agencies are limiting access and allowing employees only inside their stations.

This is out of an abundance of caution to prevent the spread of the virus to our Fire and EMS personnel. All Marion County Fire and EMS agencies are being proactive in their approach to limit their exposure as best they can. If a 14-day quarantine is issued to our first responders, it greatly limits our ability to perform our mission, which is to protect and serve you in an emergency.

Your local Marion County Fire Departments do not have the ability to test you for COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Please do not show up to your local fire station asking to be tested or call 911 specifically to be transported to the emergency department for testing. Our EMS personnel and our 911 operators cannot test you or recommend you be tested. Only those who meet the criteria for testing after consultation with their doctor will be tested in emergency rooms at this time.

If you are concerned or are experiencing symptoms, you are directed to call your physician per the CDC and local health department recommendations.

If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 please call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634) or see Ohio Department of Health's website [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) for more information.

Local information can be found by following Marion Public Health on Facebook @MarionPublicHealth or calling (740) 387-6520 during normal business hours.

As always, if you are experiencing a life or limb threatening emergency, call 911 and you will be treated and transported according to local protocols."

Thank you for your continued support,

Marion County Fire Chief's

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