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Stay at Home – Summit County

[Akron, OH] – Summit County Public Health is pleading with residents to stay at home unless it is absolutely necessary to go out. "Governor DeWine's order is working, we are seeing the benefits of Ohio residents complying with the order, the curve is flattening but we all have to continue to do our part and obey the orders. I am begging everyone, as we head into the most critical time of this fight please stay home" said Summit County Public Health Commissioner Donna Skoda. If you do need to go out always maintain 6 feet of distance from others, cover your cough and sneezes, wash your hands often with soap and water, avoid touching your face or eyes, wear a cloth face covering when in public settings especially in places where social distancing is difficult to maintain and please stay home if you have cold or flu-like symptoms.

We are seeing all Ohio residents coming together to stop the spread. As holy week approaches, please come up with new ways to celebrate with your family and fellow congregants. Many churches are incorporating innovative ways to virtually hold services. As well as pioneering ways to welcome church visitors during the online Easter services. "This is a difficult thing for all of us to do and we know that. We appreciate your willingness to put the work in now so we see the benefit of social distancing in the weeks to come when Summit County residents in solidarity flatten the curve" says Skoda. During this period of social distancing, physically being with family and friends may be difficult or not possible, so remaining in close contact by phone, text, FaceTime and other means of technology is more acceptable and appropriate. The next few weeks is the most critical time to work together to save lives and flatten the curve, Summit County will come out stronger than ever if we all do our part.

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