

**Mayor Kurtz's SwiftReach for JANUARY 22 2021 FINAL**

HELLO, IT IS JANUARY 22<sup>nd</sup>. PLEASE STAND-BY FOR A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR. THIS MESSAGE WILL REPEAT ONCE.

**GOOD FRIDAY EVENING. THIS IS YOUR MAYOR GREG KURTZ.**

NEARLY HALF-A-MILLION OHIOANS HAVE RECEIVED THE COVID VACCINE, AND ACTIVE CASES HAVE DROPPED 26-PERCENT SINCE THE PEAK ON DECEMBER 14<sup>TH</sup>. THAT IS VERY ENCOURAGING.

STARTING NEXT TUESDAY, JANUARY 26<sup>TH</sup>, PEOPLE **AGE 75 AND OLDER** ARE ELIGIBLE TO GET A CORONAVIRUS VACCINE.

AGAIN, I URGE RESIDENTS TO GO TO THE COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH WEB SITE TO SEARCH THE **OFFICIAL LIST** OF HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS WHO HAVE THE VACCINE AVAILABLE. IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE, PLEASE CALL COMMUNITY SERVICES.

OHIO HAS PARTNERED WITH TWO PRIVATE COMPANIES TO PURCHASE AT-HOME, COVID **TEST KITS**. THAT'S **TEST KITS**.

THE STATE WILL SPEND \$50-MILLION IN FEDERAL CARES ACT MONEY FOR THE RAPID TESTS THAT PRODUCE RESULTS IN JUST 15 MINUTES. ALSO, THE GOVERNOR HAS EXTENDED THE OVERNIGHT CURFEW – 10PM to 5 AM -- THAT WAS SET TO EXPIRE THIS WEEKEND.

YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION ON THESE STORIES, THE NEWEST MEMBERS OF THE INDEPENDENCE FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND MORE IN MY WEEKLY UPDATE ON THE WEBSITE.

UNTIL NEXT TIME, I PRAY THAT YOU STAY HEALTHY AND SAFE, AND AS ALWAYS, GOD BLESS.