



HOCKING VALLEY Community Hospital

LEADING THE WAY TO A HEALTHIER COMMUNITY

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Weekly Update



More about the 2020 U.S. Census

What Is the 2020 Census?

The 2020 Census counts every person living in the 50 states, District of Columbia, and five U.S. territories (Puerto Rico, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands).

The count is mandated by the Constitution and conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, a nonpartisan government agency. Each home will receive an invitation to respond to a short questionnaire—online, by phone, or by mail.

When can I respond to the 2020 Census?

Invitations to respond to the 2020 Census will be delivered between March 12-20. Once you receive that invitation, you can respond online, by phone, or by mail.

Why We Conduct This Count

The census provides critical data that lawmakers, business owners, teachers, and many others use to provide daily services, products, and support for you and your community. It's also in the Constitution: Article 1, Section 2, mandates that the country conduct a count of its population once every 10 years. The 2020 Census will mark the 24th time that the country has counted its population since 1790.

Counting Everyone

Participating in the census is required by law, even if you recently completed another survey from the Census Bureau. A complete and accurate count is critical for you and your community, because the results of the 2020 Census will affect community funding, congress-

EVENTS CALENDAR

March 24: Auxiliary Book Sale CIC Meeting Room

Shop a variety of books and gifts from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the CIC Building Meeting Room, 541 S.R. 664 North. Drawings will be held every hour with a grand prize at the end. Payroll deduct available to HVCH employees. Proceeds benefit HVCH.

April 2: TWIG VI Chinese Auction Hocking County Fairgrounds

Held at fairgrounds Youth Building. Doors open at 5 p.m. Drawing at 7 p.m. Proceeds benefit HVCH.

April 10: Blood Drive HVCH Meeting Room

A blood drive will be held in the HVCH meeting room from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 740-380-8218 to schedule a time to donate.

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTES OF THE WEEK

"You will never be happy if you continue to search for what happiness consists of. You will never live if you are looking for the meaning of life."

—Albert Camus

Direct to You: From Stacey Gabriel

The Corona Virus. I am positive at this point everyone has heard something about it, or at least seen a meme or two floating around social media. It is understandable that anytime a new virus emerges somewhere in the world, it causes concern and invokes a heightened sense of awareness and preparation, and at times fear. What we must remind ourselves of is that we are exposed to viruses and bacteria on a daily basis – influenza and MRSA to name a few. Protecting ourselves through good hygiene and not exposing others when we are sick is what we should already be doing (regardless of a disease outbreak).



Stacey Gabriel, President & CEO

I want to share with you what our efforts have been here at Hocking Valley Community Hospital. As a hospital, we are always in a constant state of readiness when it comes to infection control. Our Environmental Services department does an outstanding job ensuring HVCH is cleaned on a daily basis, and they take great pride in their work. They have the supplies needed to properly disinfect an area if we have any type of infection risk. We have taken some additional screening precautions

with regards to the Corona Virus specifically. We are doing a travel screen on every patient based on the current CDC guidance. There are steps in place to place the patient in an area that will allow them to be evaluated and properly treated in a timely manner.

In addition, agencies statewide are working together to ensure we have the latest information as well as resources to help with response efforts if needed. COTS (Central Ohio Trauma System), OHA (Ohio Hospital Association), and ODH (Ohio Department of Health), and EMA (Emergency Management Agency) conduct informational calls on a regular basis. These calls provide updates on the current status of the virus as well as gain a better understanding of what additional resources are needed. The state of Ohio is prepared with caches of personal protective equipment that would be used in the event our state becomes impacted. Our Infection Control nurse and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator are directly involved in these planning sessions and distribute information as it pertains to our organization.

In the meantime, the best thing you can do is practice great hand hygiene. Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eat-



Aspire students graduate from program

Students participating in the Ohio University Aspire program have completed the five-week curriculum. Hocking Valley Community Hospital and Ohio University teamed up to provide the "Career Bridges" program for adult learners. A new approach to workforce development, this program is geared to introduce the students to the healthcare field and the many opportunities available. The students completed classroom time as well as shadowing in the hospital setting. Pictured are (from left): Carrie Ann Verge, OU Instructor; Shania Hensley, Melanie Sultzman and Megan McQuade.



HVCH Video Series




Check out our new video series to be posted to our Facebook and YouTube pages every week!

| HVCH Cafeteria Menu March 9-March 13 | | | | |
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| MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
| Spaghetti Casserole Chicken Fingers Potato Wedges Carrots Broccoli Breadstick Tomato Soup | Philly Steak N' Cheese Macaroni & Cheese Onion Rings Baked Potato Cauliflower Spinach Chili | Breaded Chicken Breast/Bun Italian Sausage/Bun French Fries Corn Green Beans Blended Veggies Chicken Soup | Breakfast Pizza Sausage Gravy & Biscuit Egg Omelette Taquito Oven Browns Bacon Broccoli Soup | Tortilla Tilapia Macaroni & Cheese Potato Wedges Glazed Carrots Grilled Brussels w/ Bacon Breaded Cauliflower Enchilada Soup |

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Importance of the Data

The 2020 Census will provide a snapshot of our nation—who we are, where we live, and so much more.

The results of this count determine the number of seats each state has in the House of Representatives. They are also used to draw congressional and state legislative districts.

Over the next decade, lawmakers, business owners, and many others will use 2020 Census data to make critical decisions. The results will show where communities need new schools, new clinics, new roads, and more services for families, older adults, and children.

The results will also inform how hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funding are allocated to more than 100 programs, including Medicaid, Head Start, block grants for community mental health services, and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, also known as SNAP.

How the Census Bureau Protects Your Data

The U.S. Census Bureau is bound by law to protect your answers and keep them strictly confidential. In fact, every employee takes an oath to protect your personal information for life.

Under Title 13, the Census Bureau cannot release any identifiable information about you, your home, or your business, even to law enforcement agencies. The law ensures that your private data is protected and that your answers cannot be used against you by any government agency or court.

The answers you provide are used only to produce statistics. You are kept anonymous: The Census Bureau is not permitted to publicly release your responses in any way that could identify you or anyone else in your home.

How Can You Verify That Someone Is a Census Worker?

Census takers will visit homes in April to conduct quality check interviews, and then in mid-May to help collect responses.

If someone visits your home to collect information for the 2020 Census, check to make sure that they have a valid ID badge, with their photograph, a U.S. Department of Commerce watermark, and an expiration date. Census workers may also carry Census Bureau bags and other equipment with the Census Bureau logo. If you still have questions about their identity, you can contact your Regional Census Center to speak with a Census Bureau representative.

Why Are Census Workers Out in Communities?

Census takers play a critical role in the 2020 Census.

In May, they will begin visiting homes that haven't responded to the census to help ensure everyone is counted. These census takers are there to help, and they are legally bound to protect your information. The best way to avoid a visit from a census taker is to fill out the 2020 Census questionnaire online, by phone, or by mail as soon as you receive your invitation to participate.

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ing; and after blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing. If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol. Always wash hands with soap and water if hands are visibly dirty (www.cdc.gov). Another



important piece – stay home if you are sick. It's hard to miss those baseball games or performances, but exposing others to your illness is what allows a virus to continue to spread. Again, the CDC and Ohio Department of Health have some excellent resources if you are interested.

START YOUR CAREER WITH HVCH TODAY!

Apply @ www.hvch.org

- Clinic Director - Full Time
- Maintenance Technician - HVAC - Full Time
- Medical Laboratory Technician/Medical Technologist (MLT/MT) - NIGHTS - Full Time
- Patient Registration Clerk - Part Time
- Practice Manager - Rural Health Clinic - Full Time
- Registered Nurse (RN) - Emergency Department - Full Time
- Registered Nurse (RN) - PRN/Contingent - Inpatient Services
- Registered Nurse (RN) - Special Care Unit/Supervisor - Full Time
- Respiratory Therapist - Contingent/PRN
- State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) - Full Time - Dayshift
- State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) - Part Time - Dayshift
- State Tested Nursing Assistant (STNA) - Part Time - Nights
- Student Intern - Healthcare Administration, Business Administration, or Human Resources (Unpaid)

Cafeteria renovations complete



The newly-renovated HVCH cafeteria has reopened! Thanks to all those who worked on the project.



**HAPPY
RETIREMENT**

Congratulations to Berdena Smart on her retirement from HVCH after 13 years in our Admitting Department as Registration Clerk. Enjoy retirement Berdie!



The HVCH Foundation is holding a March Madness bracket fundraiser from Monday, March 16 until noon on Thursday, March 19. Complete as many brackets as you like to be entered. Each bracket is \$20. Forty percent of the proceeds will go to the winner, 10 percent to second place and the rest will be donated to the Hocking Valley Community Hospital Foundation. For more information or to get signed up, contact Beth Bell at 740-380-8154.



HOCKING VALLEY Community Hospital

OUR MISSION

To provide our community an unparalleled patient experience through world class service that is both compassionate and professional.

OUR VISION

To provide extraordinary care close to home now and into the future.

HVCH is a critical-access hospital located in the city of Logan, Ohio, which serves residents in Hocking and surrounding counties. With more than 325 employees, our staff is here to serve the residents and visitors of our Hocking Valley community through various ancillary and emergency care services. HVCH is Joint Commission accredited, and we offer a wide range of primary, acute, and rehabilitative services. We are pleased to provide 24-hour emergency services to our patients through our ER and Urgent Care. Additionally, our surgical center, rehabilitation center, physical therapy clinic, pain control and wound clinic, imaging, laboratory, cardiovascular/cardiopulmonary, sleep clinic, geriatric psychiatric, and oncology services are also available. We are proud of our facility. HVCH is affiliated with OSUWMC, improving healthcare services to the Hocking and surrounding counties in the areas of general surgery and orthopaedics. HVCH also is a part of the Ohio State Health Network.