

April 2020 Resident Times

Lorain Metropolitan Housing Authority

2020 Census

What is the U.S. Census?

The census is a count of people who live in the United States, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Island Areas. It is required by the U.S. Constitution, according to the Census Act of 1790. *It can be taken online at 2020census.gov, by phone (1-844-330-2020) or mailed in.*

What information does the census give us?

The census provides statistics on the numbers and characteristics of the U.S. population, including age and sex, race and origin, education, and housing.

Why is the census important?

Census data helps determine the number of seats each state holds in Congress and how billions of dollars in funding are distributed to states and local communities every year for services and infrastructure, including health care, jobs, schools, roads, bridges, and services for children and seniors.

Who is counted?

Everyone is counted! All adults, children and babies in a household.

How does the U.S. Census Bureau protect my information?

Your response to census is completely **confidential**. Federal law prohibits the U.S. Census Bureau and its workers from sharing any information they collect from individuals and businesses. It is a crime to share any information collected through census.

Due to COVID-19, LMHA offices are closed to the public until further notice. You can reach us via phone or email until the offices re-open.

If you have a medical emergency, dial 9-1-1.

For those who really need to be seen by a health care professional, call Lorain County Health and Dentistry at 440-240-1655 or call Lorain County Free Clinic at 440-277-7641.

BULK TRASH

Bulk trash is suspended until further notice.

Remember that during COVID-19 situation, you must continue to pay your rent. If maintenance has to come to your unit for an emergency repair, members of your household must be in another room or at least 6 feet away from staff per the Governor's order. If your household cannot comply, maintenance will return when you can.

What you need to know about coronavirus disease 2019

What is coronavirus disease 2019(COVID-19)?

COVID-19 is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person.

How does the COVID-19 spread?

The virus is thought to spread mainly between people who are in close contact with one another (within about 6 ft.) through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. Learn what is known about the spread of newly emerged coronavirus at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/transmission.html>

What are the symptom of COVID-19?

Severe respiratory illness with symptoms of **fever, cough, and shortness of breath.**

How can I protect myself?

People can help protect themselves from respiratory illness with everyday preventative actions. 1. Avoid close contact with people who are sick. 2. Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands. 3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.

What can you do to keep from spreading respiratory illness to other?

1. Stay home when you are sick. 2. Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. 3. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces (e.g. tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, etc.).

For more information, please visit www.cdc.gov/COVID19

Attention Residents:

As an LMHA resident, it is part of your obligation to respect LMHA employees and the contractors that come in and out of your communities. If you any issues with employees or contractors, please contact your management office. Thank you !

UPCOMING MOBILE PANTRIES

Black River Landing -3/25/2020 at 3:00 PM
Longfellow Middle School Food Pantry- 3/26/2020 at 4:00 PM

*April dates, times, and locations will be posted once confirmed. Please call **440-960-2265** or visit www.secondharvestfoodbank.org for more information.

From Lorain County Jobs and Family Services:

The agency will remain open, but lobby traffic will be limited to avoid large crowds. Other means of verification submission can include fax (440-323-3422), the drop box, or self service kiosk in the lobby. You can apply for benefits at **1-844-640-6446**, or online at <https://benefits.ohio.gov>

Spectrum is offering **FREE** broadband and Wi-Fi access for 60 days to households with K-12 and/or college students who do not already have Spectrum broadband subscription and at any service level up to 100 Mbps. To enroll, call 1-844-488-8395. Installation fees will be waived for new student households.

Reminder: All LMHA Offices are **CLOSED** to the public until further notice. Residents may contact staff by phone or email. Follow us on Facebook for updates www.facebook.com/Lorainmha.

Did you know that SNAP can help people grow their own food? Log into this website and get more information!

https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2011/07/06/using-snap-benefits-grow-your-own-food?fbclid=IwAR1S3J298loKIEBZzqXkyaSwwidTOMizollJYOV5hJ2cd4_6BV7n7XTBFJw

Work Order Number Update

440-288-7400

There are reports that there are troubles with the work order number. Please remember there can be a very long, silent pause before the call is answered. If you have continued difficulty, please let your management office know.



If you need assistance in finding food, child-care or other essential services during the Coronavirus outbreak, please dial **2-1-1** or visit www.211lorain.org

Job impacted by COVID-19?
Visit: unemployment.ohio.gov

Free Breakfast and Lunch Distribution Schedule for Extended Spring Break

Lorain City Schools

A new area of the website has been created to share updates and resources about Coronavirus / COVID-19: <https://www.lorainschools.org/COVID-19UPDATES.aspx>

REMINDER: Meals will be distributed beginning Monday
MEAL DISTRIBUTION SCHEDULE - M/F
11:00-11:20 Lorain High School (West Lot)
11:30-11:50 Garfield Elementary
11:30-11:50 Hawthorne Elementary
12:00-12:20 Admiral King Elementary
12:00-12:20 Stevan Dohanos Elementary
12:30-12:50 Longfellow Middle School
12:30-12:50 Southview Middle School

Elyria City Schools:

Hot meals will be provided at Elyria High School. Breakfast will be served from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Aramark also will distribute **bagged lunches** from the following locations and at the times noted:

- **Oakwood Elementary School:** 10:30 to 11 a.m.
- **Windsor Elementary School:** 11:15 to 11:45 a.m.
- **Ely Elementary School:** Noon to 12:30 p.m.
- **Prospect Elementary School:** 12:45 to 1:15 p.m.
- **Franklin Elementary School:** 1:30-2p.m.

Oberlin Schools

From March 17 until April 3, the breakfast and lunch program will be distributing 2-3 lunch bags for students at "Grab and Go" spots which are located at **Eastwood** and **Prospect** between the hours of **11 AM to 1 PM.**

Tuesday:
Mar 23- 3 bags per student
Thursday:
March 26: 2 bags per student
Monday:
March 30- 3 bags per student
Thursday:
April 2- 2 bags per student

Utilities Update:

Columbia Gas and Ohio Edison are temporarily suspending shutoffs for non-payment effective immediately. Anyone who has any questions OR is facing financial hardship should contact the appropriate utility services below:
Ohio Edison- 1-800-633-4766
Columbia Gas- 1-800-344-4077