



# County News Now

June 5, 2020

## A message from County Executive Armond Budish

This past week we had many peaceful protesters speaking their minds and expressing their justified anger at the murder of George Floyd. I stand with these protesters and their fight for change, because change is necessary.

But some of the individuals downtown turned to vandalism and looting last Saturday. Many businesses, restaurants and organizations were damaged. And this is on top of the serious economic damage that those businesses suffered because of the pandemic.

It has been extremely upsetting to witness all of this. But, what followed speaks to the heart of our community. People from all around the county came together on Sunday morning, armed with only brooms and goodwill to help with the cleanup. I want to thank each and every one of them and to also thank all of you who have reached out in other ways.

But the original point of the protests must not be lost. We need to think about the people of this county that are hurt, sad and angry over the systemic racism and deaths of black people that have ravaged this country for decades. We cannot let the damage caused by a few impair the message of many. Your feelings are valid and are being noticed. As a community we must do better; as a country we must do better.

We can be better together; we can be stronger together.

Stay Safe and Be Well,

Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County Executive

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**Supporting residents and businesses during the COVID-19 pandemic**



### Virtual Job Fair Week June 15-19

There is still time to register for the Virtual Job Fair Week, which will provide a platform for employers to describe their hiring needs, products, services, career pathways, workplace culture and how to apply. Over 80 employers have signed up to join! Throughout the week you can log on between the hours of 9 a.m.-4 p.m. to speak with recruiters, ask questions or just upload your resume and information.

[Register for Virtual Job Fair](#)



### Elder Abuse Awareness Month

In 2019, the County's Adult Protective Services unit investigated 2,436 allegations of elder abuse, up 25% over the past two years. According to the [National Center on Elder Abuse](#), only 1 in 14 cases of abuse are reported to authorities. You can always report suspected abuse or neglect at **216-420-6700**. During Elder Abuse Awareness Month, our Division of Senior and Adult Services creates awareness through articles and virtual events.

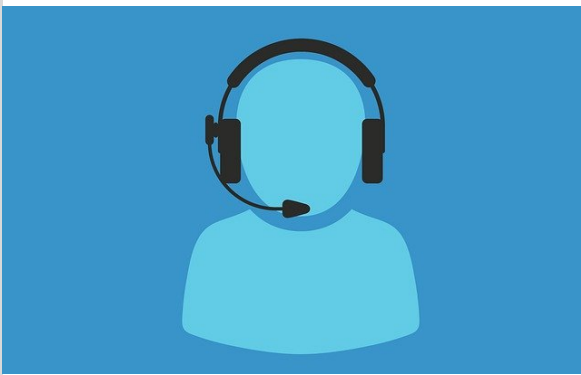
[Learn About Elder Abuse](#)



### ADAMHS Board Free Online Screenings

The ADAMHS Board of Cuyahoga County offers a free online tool that guides you through a series of questions about your emotional well-being and readiness to seek help. You can print off your results and share them with your doctor or counselor. Screenings available include alcohol/opioid/substance abuse, depression, anxiety, bipolar disorders, PTSD, eating disorders, gambling and general well-being.

[Get Screened](#)



### New Ways to Report Child Abuse

The County Division of Children and Family Services recently launched new ways to report suspected cases of abuse and neglect as a result of increased risk due to COVID-19. Now suspected cases can be reported to the 24-hour Child Abuse hotline via phone (216-696-KIDS), email ([protecting-cuyahoga-kids@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:protecting-cuyahoga-kids@jfs.ohio.gov)), online and on Facebook.

[Report Suspected Child Abuse](#)

