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COVID-19 Updates & Other Relevant Information for Township Officials

COVID-19 Updates:

Electronic Meetings Extended

DeWine Issues Update to Mass Gathering Order

ELECTRONIC MEETINGS EXTENDED

GENERAL ASSEMBLY EXTENDS ABILITY TO CONDUCT ELECTRONIC MEETINGS

Today the Senate amended a provision into [HB 404](#) that would extend through July 1, 2021 the ability for local governments to host their public meetings electronically.

The bill will now go back to the House for concurrence and, if approved, to the Governor for signature. We are expecting a concurrence vote from the House tomorrow and will include any updates in our Legislative Alert on Friday. The bill does contain an emergency clause, so the changes would be effective immediately.

The authority to hold electronic public meetings was originally given in HB 197 and was set to expire on December 1, 2020. The OTA appreciates the General Assembly's quick action to extend this expiration date.

DEWINE ISSUES UPDATE TO MASS GATHERING ORDER

TEN PERSON LIMIT REMAINS, GOVERNMENT MEETINGS EXEMPTED

Governor DeWine has made an update to public health order issued in April regarding gatherings. The 10-person limit on gatherings remains in place. The [revised health order](#) also outlines additional procedures for congregate settings, such as wedding receptions, funerals, and other events.

The order specifies in paragraph 5 that restrictions do not apply to "government meetings, which includes meetings that are required to be open to the public pursuant to R.C. 121.22."

***NOTE FROM THE OTA: Please share this information with your fellow**

township officials. Thank you!*

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