

To our volunteer, reenactor, and visitor community:

Our Board has been closely monitoring the developments and State of Ohio response to COVID-19. On March 12, the Ohio Director of the Department of Health issued a Directive prohibiting public gatherings of 100 or more people [<https://tinyurl.com/ru3y1gs>] to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. This has the potential to impact the D-Day Conneaut event in August and our museum functions throughout the summer, as the Directive has no specific termination date.

Because of the uncertainty surrounding the state's response and prohibition on public gatherings, our Board has decided to delay early registration for reenactors until April 15. This date is subject to change based on circumstances at that time. We encourage our event staff, living history area leads and command staff to continue planning, as the State's response is in its early days and we hope to be able to hold the event in August as originally planned.

Vendors who have already registered are encouraged to continue to plan to attend the event, though we understand that there may be financial impacts that lead you to request a refund. Our vendor coordinator will work with you to ensure your ability to attend is not impacted if you have an immediate need for the funds securing your reservation.

Similarly, we understand that families and individuals planning to attend museum events or D-Day Conneaut 2020 may be impacted by the State's Directive and course of the virus. We encourage you to follow our social media sites for updates to help you with your trip planning.

At this time we plan to hold our rummage sale on April 24 & 25, and in person volunteer meeting on May 9, but this is also is subject to change.

D-Day Ohio is a private nonprofit educational and cultural organization that relies on a variety of revenue streams — including income from our PX, special programs, event donations, and general support donations— we ask our donors to consider continuing their support to help maintain our non-event programming during this period of uncertainty.

Regardless of the State Directive, the health and safety of our visitors, staff and volunteers is our first priority and we are adjusting our plans and protocols accordingly. We will continue to follow developments during this critical public health situation. As more information is released about this emerging infectious disease, D-Day Ohio will respond accordingly and provide updates on our social media sites and web site.

Please note that the above is subject to change or may be extended as deemed necessary by the D-Day Ohio Board of Directors .

Thank you for your continued support of D-Day Ohio and D-Day Conneaut.

Sincerely,

Betsy Bashore, CEO