Pandemic Protocol for Occupied Residential Inspections

What the public can expect from Kettering Inspectors:

- The inspector will make telephone contact with the person requesting an inspection to ask some questions and familiarize themselves with the means of gaining access to interior spaces.

- Inspectors will take their temperature before start of work in the morning. They will inform occupants that they are monitoring their temperatures and do not have any symptoms.

- Inspectors will wear gloves and mask per CDC and ODH protocol.

- The inspectors will practice sanitation after each inspection per our current protocol.

- Inspectors may refuse the inspection or terminate the inspection at any point if he/she feels that the safety of the inspector or occupants is being compromised, at the discretion of the inspector.

- The Inspector will inform the occupant of the inspection results by leaving an inspection tag. A failed inspection tag will list the items to be corrected prior to re-inspection. There is no fee for a single re-inspection.

What Kettering Inspectors need from contractors and occupants:

- Occupants will verify that no occupants have been diagnosed with, or shown symptoms of, COVID 19 within the last 14 days.

- Note that all inspections, regardless of location, will be essentially hands-free. Occupants/contractor will open all doors, turn on all lights, and maintain a clear path to the area to be inspected to minimize contact with surfaces by the inspector.

- Occupants and pets shall stay in a remote area while the inspection is taking place. An occupant or contractor may accompany the inspector at the inspector’s discretion. The occupant or contractor shall wear a mask and maintain social distancing.

- For the safety of inspectors and the public, WHEN POSSIBLE, inspections inside enclosed or partially enclosed buildings may be conducted virtually by live video, recorded video or digital photography. This will be managed on a case by case basis at the discretion of the inspector.

- Safe distancing is essential and job sites may have to be temporarily vacated during inspection. Inspection results are updated daily on www.ketteringoh.org.