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In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, medical facilities and essential businesses may find the need to erect tents or like temporary structures to maintain or support their operations. OHIO811, and our utility partners, would like everyone to remember that the driving of stakes or pins for the installation of tents meets the definition of an excavation under ORC. 3781.25 (I) and requires that the person or entity performing the excavation notify OHIO811 at least 48 hours but not more than 10 working days prior to starting. OHIO811 will then notify the utility operators in the planned area so they can indicate the location of their underground utility facilities prior to excavation taking place.

However, we recognize that during this extraordinary time, conditions may prevent the essential businesses erecting these types of temporary structures, from providing a full 48 hour advance notice. In such cases, still notify OHIO811 and indicate that this notice is for a Temporary Emergency Medical Worksite and we will provide the member utility operators with an “Emergency” locate notification.

**To place a utility locate request Dial 811 or use our online service at [www.OHIO811.org](http://www.OHIO811.org)**

OHIO811 encourages all utility and excavation partners and the general public to exercise the utmost in caution, cooperation and patience as you plan and perform excavation work in Ohio. Please visit [www.OHIO811.org](http://www.OHIO811.org) for additional information.

*The OHIO811 mission is to serve the customers' needs by providing a quality one call process to: protect the public; protect the underground infrastructure; protect the environment.*

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