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Middle-Brook Health Officer Attends Briefing at White House on COVID-19

Kevin G. Sumner, MPH, our Health Officer and the Director of the Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission, was invited to attend a White House briefing last week for an update on federal plans to combat the COVID-19 virus. Kevin is the immediate past President of the National Association of County and City Health Officials (NACCHO) and was in Washington to attend the Association’s annual leadership meeting, and to meet with federal legislators to advocate for public health. At the White House meeting, Administration Officials briefed the attendees on what was being done, and sought input from them on how they could help. The meeting offered an opportunity for Mr. Sumner and other state and local public health officials to explain their needs to prevent the spread of Coronavirus, including additional funding to support these activities. As a result, Congress is expected to act this week on an 8+ billion dollar funding package to support public health activities addressing coronavirus that the President will hopefully sign.

The Middle-Brook Regional Health Commission is an association of the local Boards of Health of Watchung, Warren, Green Brook, and South Bound Brook, formed pursuant to statute to provide state mandated public health services to member communities. Operation of the Commission permits the delivery of high quality public health services on a shared basis for a reduced overall cost to the members. The Commission is grateful for the leadership provided by Mr. Sumner, as well as the daily work performed by our dedicated staff to protect the public’s health.

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