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Five-year-old Everett Dawson of Brecksville knows how to have fun while staying home. He takes a ride on his bike going as fast as he can down the sidewalk. More photos on page 4. Photo by Terrence Salvi



The Easter Bunny was happy to visit the children in Independence as a unique Drive-Thru was created by the City so all the children could see him and receive Easter Candy. See page 4. Photo by Ryan Grzybowski

Police change procedures during COVID-19, disinfect police cruisers

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INDEPENDENCE - According to Independence Police Chief Michael Kilbane, several protocols have been established to stop the spread of COVID-19 in the police department. Every police officer while on duty is wearing personal protective equipment such as face shields, masks, and gloves.

In addition to officers wearing personal protective equipment, the force

is attempting to limit contact with the public by taking statements over the phone or by email. After each shift, fifteen minutes are dedicated to disinfecting each police cruiser with an antiseptic mist that kills the COVID-19 virus on surfaces in a minute.

The Independence Police Chief believes that the cooperation from Independence residents has been excellent and that the majority of Independence residents have maintained social dis-

tance guidelines in the city's parks. During this time of social distancing the Independence Police Department has placed several signs in public areas warning the public to maintain social distancing.

During this time of quarantine, police activity, according to Chief Kilbane, has become a "double edged sword" as car accidents have fallen off dramatically, but break-ins across the

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