

April 14, 2020



PREBLE  
COUNTY

CHAMBER of COMMERCE

PROMOTE. ENGAGE. ADVANCE. LEAD.

# MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis Edition 21

## Updated 2020 Business Expo information from the Executive Director

The Preble County Chamber of Commerce, in collaboration with the Preble County Fairgrounds, has identified Friday-Saturday, October 2-3, as the new intended dates to host the 2020 Business Expo.

We will share more details in the weeks and months to come, remaining focused on adhering to the mandated COVID-19 precautions set out by the CDC and the Ohio Department of Health. The tentatively scheduled postponement to early May is obviously not plausible under the current directives, and the PC Chamber Executive Committee hopes holding this year's Expo in the fall gives the Preble County community, our chamber members, and all participating businesses a chance to celebrate, recover from this devastating spring, and say "We're still here. Come see us." Additional information will be provided as it becomes available.

### Important resources available

You can download and print a helpful **Rural Resource Guide** from the U.S. Department of Agriculture with information on programs which can be used to provide immediate and long-term assistance to rural communities affected by the COVID-19 pandemic [HERE](#). This 8-page guide includes links and contact information for lots of resources available to communities and businesses alike.

The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has postponed this year's biennial open-enrollment period for employers to select a managed care organization (MCO) to medically manage workplace injuries. Today, April 14, from 1:30 p.m. to 1:55 p.m. (ET), the BWC will host a free employer webinar to cover updates on COVID-19, exposure claims, and other matters. You can register to attend this, and other free BWC employer webinars and access additional information [HERE](#).

**Courtesy FASTLANE:** Bricker & Eckler has published a guidance document titled, "COVID-19 and unemployment insurance: How to manage employees who decline to return to work." You can access and download it [HERE](#).

### Member updates and news to keep you informed

**A note from FASTLANE:** Hold onto your empty hand sanitizer containers! There are concerns about a lack of container supplies. Refilling old containers might be the best option.

**IN CASE YOU MISSED IT: Radio "infomercial" opportunity** — Real Roots Radio is inviting local businesses to spread the word about themselves for free, during the station's Shop Local Showcase, Tuesday, April 21, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m., and Wednesday, April 22, from noon-5 p.m. You can download a flyer with all the information [HERE](#). The Preble County Chamber of Commerce is proud to partner with Real Roots Radio in this important endeavor to help promote our members during this trying time.

### From the Statehouse

Governor DeWine has asked the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to issue an order that requires long-term care facilities to notify residents and families within 24 hours of a resident or staff member becoming infected. The state will be providing a list of long-term care facilities where an associated individual has tested positive on the [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](#) website as information becomes available.

Governor DeWine has signed an Executive Order to provide nearly \$5 million in emergency funding from the Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to support Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and the statewide hunger relief network. Of this funding, \$1 million is earmarked for the Agricultural Clearance Program, where the Ohio Association of Food Banks will purchase Ohio-made commodities, such as milk, to distribute to foodbanks across the state. An additional \$1 million has been granted to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio to help homeless shelters purchase needed cleaning supplies and provide homelessness prevention and housing services.

Governor DeWine cautioned companies in Ohio that are purchasing rapid antibody tests to ensure that they are purchasing tests that are approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). Without the FDA Emergency Use Authorization approval, there is no way to know if the tests are valid. To date, the FDA has granted 30 Emergency Use Authorizations of commercially available diagnostic tests, including one antibody test to be used in hospital laboratories.

Lt. Governor Husted announced there are over 40,000 job postings on the [JobSearch.Ohio.Gov](#) website from 642 unique companies. We encourage

individuals or employers who have been affected by COVID-19 to visit the website and apply for a position or post their job opportunities.

**CURRENT OHIO DATA:** Prior to the Governor's Monday, April 14, update, the ODH reported 6,881 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 94 probable cases, 2033 hospitalizations, 268 confirmed deaths, 6 probable deaths, and 613 admissions to ICU. For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

**PREBLE COUNTY UPDATE:** Preble County Public Health, under the new CDC reporting guidance, reported 10 confirmed cases and 12 probable cases of COVID-19 on Monday.

**STAY CONNECTED**  
**COMMUNICATING**  
**RECOVERY PLAN 101**

- BUSINESS INFO & HOURS**  
Keep your customers informed of whether you are open or closed.  
Shortened hours?  
Ensure your contact info is accessible on everything.
- NEW PROCEDURES**  
Share what your procedures are in regards to sterilization and social distancing.  
Are you providing delivery?  
Digital office hours?  
Curbside pick up?
- DIGITAL VISIBILITY**  
Update your website.  
- offer gift cards  
- specials & promotions  
Use social media for real time updates and sharing unique content.
- THINK OUTSIDE THE BOX**  
Create virtual experiences for customers:  
- tutorials/classes  
- virtual tours  
- games  
- tips & tricks  
- happy hours
- HOW ARE YOU HELPING?**  
Share with your customers how you are helping the community and other businesses during this time.  
Partnering with a non-profit? School?
- CHECK IN**  
Whether you are open or closed, check in with your staff and regular customers.  
Just reach out and see how they are doing and remind them that you look forward to seeing them again SOON.

Find links to additional resources

and all our daily Preble County updates at

[WWW.PREBLECOUNTYOHIO.COM](http://WWW.PREBLECOUNTYOHIO.COM)



Find us on:  
**facebook®**