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Save Small Business Fund



Small businesses are the foundation of our communities and our economy. Employing nearly half the American workforce, they keep our neighborhoods running and make them feel like home. The impacts of the coronavirus pandemic have wrought unprecedented financial uncertainty. These businesses need resources and relief — and they need it now.

That's why the Save Small Business Fund, a grantmaking initiative funded by contributions from corporate and philanthropic partners, is providing \$5,000 in short-term relief to employers across the United States. These one-time supplemental cash grants are for businesses which have between three and 20 employees and operate in an economically vulnerable community.

The grant application will go live on Monday, April 20, at 3 p.m. To learn more about the Save Small Business Fund and to apply for a grant, visit savesmallbusiness.com.

We're in this together.

[Find out more about the Save Small Business Fund HERE.](#)

Other important updates

CARES Act/Self Employed update: Lt. Governor Husted announced yesterday that by the end of next week, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will be able to begin processing the additional \$600-a-week payments authorized by the federal CARES Act.

ODJFS also plans to launch an online tool that will allow self-employed, 1099 workers to get in line early, so that as soon as they have the technological ability to process their claims, they will already have their paperwork in and be in line for review. The department expects to be able to begin processing those claims by May 15.

Protecting first responders: To protect first responders and to ensure consistency across the state, Dr. Amy Acton announced this week a new order has been issued that requires local health departments to provide to their jurisdictions' dispatch agency or agencies the names and addresses of COVID-19-positive individuals. Dispatch agencies are required to keep this information confidential. By knowing in advance if they will be interacting with someone who has tested positive, first responders will be better prepared when they arrive at a scene with appropriate protective gear.

The U.S. Postal Service was left out of the recent COVID-19 CARES Act., and some of you are worried this eventually will lead to closures of small rural post offices like the one in Camden, and eventually the larger one in Eaton. Everyone is encouraged to buy postage in advance to help prevent this. Call your local post office if you prefer using checks and ask for the "orange envelope" which has the amounts and the process for ordering stamps. Then order a roll. You can also go online if you prefer to <https://store.usps.com/store/results/stamps/?N=9y93lv>.

CURRENT OHIO DATA: According to yesterday's update, there are 7,791 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 361 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 2,237 people have been hospitalized, including 677 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

PREBLE COUNTY UPDATE: Preble County Public Health data as of Wednesday, April 15, reported a total of 25 cases — 12 confirmed and 13 probable. Preble County has one confirmed death.

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