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MEMBER NEWS

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COVID-19 Crisis/Recovery Edition 26

Special opportunities available

As a Grow with Google Partner, the Preble County Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to tune in to a special livestream for small businesses: **Manage Your Business Remotely in Times of Uncertainty.**

Discover tools, tips and resources to help you manage your business remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Learn how to update critical business information online to keep customers informed, and how to host virtual meetings and events. They'll also share the latest resources from Google and other partners to help support small businesses.

The Grow with Google team will be hosting this live, virtual event on **May 6, at noon (12 p.m.)**

Interested in learning about tools like Google My Business, Google Ads, Google Meet, and YouTube? RSVP to tune in today: g.co/grow/smallbizlivestream. In the "how did you hear about this livestream event" you can let the Google team know that you heard from the Preble County Chamber of Commerce! You can ask questions live during the event on Twitter by using [#smallbizlivestream](https://twitter.com/smallbizlivestream).

SHOP LOCAL SHOWCASE
TUESDAY, APRIL 21ST: 8AM - 1PM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22ND: 12PM - 5PM
SPREAD THE WORD ABOUT YOUR BUSINESS AND ENCOURAGING WORDS TO THE COMMUNITY FOR FREE! CALL IN LIVE FOR A BRIEF INFOMERCIAL TO HIGHLIGHT YOUR CURRENT BUSINESS ACTIVITIES.
1-888-740-9444 EXT 4
REAL ROOTS RADIO WEDNESDAY 12PM-5PM W BZL

Today and tomorrow: 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.

Member updates & resources

From FASTLANE: To assist members who are preparing to reopen, as well as those continuing essential operations, the OMA has assembled a compilation of resources titled ["Safety Guidance for Reopening & Maintaining Manufacturing Facilities During COVID-19."](#)

The CDC has updated its [COVID-19 resources page for businesses and employers](#).

A note from Preble County United Way Director Alexa Joyce: [Preble County Council on Aging](#) has increased the number of clients receiving Home Delivered Meals immensely in response to the current health crisis. Not only have they increased the number of clients they are serving, they have increased what they deliver; providing a lunch and dinner daily, seven breakfast items delivered on Wednesdays, The Register-Herald and anything else their clients may need such as puzzles, books, walkers, adult diapers, etc. They are currently looking for volunteers to drive behind regular meal drivers as a support, transporting the extra items that the driver is unable to fit into their vehicle. **Volunteers are needed Monday-Friday at 10 a.m. and can expect to be finished between 1-2 p.m.** Additionally, if you are able to commit to volunteering weekly, PCCOA is looking to create an additional route to serve more individuals, but needs 5 committed people to deliver meals once a week (or more if you are able). If you are interested in volunteering, contact Shelley Ratliff at SRatliff@prebleseniorcenter.org or call 937-456-4947.



From the Statehouse

K-12 SCHOOLS to remain closed:

Governor DeWine announced yesterday K-12 schools in Ohio will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 academic year. "We balanced many issues in arriving at this decision. In the end, I believe this is what is best to protect the health of our children, our teachers, and our administrators," said Governor DeWine during his daily briefing. "While our buildings are closed, we know that students continue to learn in new and innovative ways. I thank all of our teachers, administrators, support staff, and parents for all they have done and will continue to do in these challenging times." At this time, no decisions have been made regarding whether or not schools will reopen in the fall.

Minority Health Strike Force

Because COVID-19 is disproportionately impacting minority groups in Ohio and across the country, Governor DeWine announced today that he has formed a new Minority Health Strike Force. According to data from the Ohio Department of Health, 21 percent of individuals who have tested positive for COVID-19 in Ohio are African American, although they only make up approximately 14 percent of Ohio's population.

Nursing Home/Hospital data collection

In addition to comprehensive data already published on coronavirus.ohio.gov, Governor DeWine announced he has directed the Ohio Department of Health to collect more specific information regarding cases of COVID-19 in Ohio nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals.

In regard to nursing homes and assisted living facilities, this data will include COVID-19 cases broken down by the number of residents and staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 at nursing homes and assisted living facilities listed by facility and county. Data will be posted to coronavirus.ohio.gov every Wednesday.

While balancing transparency and individual privacy rights, Ohio will also begin reporting aggregate death data for nursing homes and assisted living facilities at the county level. Because Ohio's reporting module must be modified to accurately collect this information, this data will likely begin to be reported next week. Additionally, because Ohioans are concerned about how COVID-19 is impacting hospitals and other healthcare facilities, DeWine directed ODH to modify the Ohio Disease Reporting System to accurately collect case information for direct care providers at hospitals who have tested positive for COVID-19. The data, which will be available soon on coronavirus.ohio.gov, will be listed by each hospital.

CURRENT OHIO DATA:

There are 12,919 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 509 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 2,653 people have been hospitalized, including 798 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

PREBLE COUNTY UPDATE: Preble County Public Health data has not been updated yet today. As of Wednesday, April 15, PCPH reported a total of 26 cases — 13 confirmed and 13 probable. Preble County has one confirmed death.

PCCOC COVID-19 Impact Survey: Please participate

How has the COVID-19 pandemic affected you and your business? The Preble County Chamber of Commerce is seeking your responses to enable us to check in on our members, and likewise, allow us to better plan for future programming and resources. If you haven't already, please visit www.preblecountyohio.com and click on "Take our COVID-19 Impact Survey" to provide us with your responses to 10 questions. We've received responses from approximately 12 percent of our members. We'll share some of the data in coming newsletters.

Find links to additional resources

and all our daily Preble County updates at

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