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MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis/Recovery Edition 27

Special opportunities available

Don't miss out: Real Roots Radio is inviting local businesses to spread the word about themselves for free, during the station's Shop Local Showcase, again today, 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 FASTLANE: Today, April 22, at 1 p.m. (ET), the NAM and the Manufacturing Leadership Council will host a [free webinar](#) (click to register) on best practices for preparing operations for a return to work, and ensuring employees are confident that facilities are safe.

Here is a [recording](#) of NAM's recent webinar on the importance of mental and financial wellness to your employees' performance, and how to communicate with employees during the outbreak.

Member updates & resources

OSHA has issued an alert with safety tips that manufacturers can follow to help protect workers from exposure to coronavirus. The new alert is available in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).

You can download this ODH [checklist for essential workers who have potentially been exposed to COVID-19](#) and this [checklist for visiting parks](#) here or from our website.

Alexis Hill with Edward Jones shared handy resources [FOR BUSINESSES](#) and [FOR INDIVIDUALS](#) regarding the Care Act. You can reach out to her with any questions at 937-687-6079.

BWC: This week, the Ohio Bureau of Worker' Compensation (BWC) will begin sending up to \$1.6 billion in dividends to Ohio employers to ease the impact of COVID-19 on Ohio's business community and economy. The dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018.

Approximately \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and nearly \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts. **For a county breakdown of the dividend, [visit this link on BWC's website](#). Dividends for specific public employers are public record and [can be found at this link](#).**

From the Statehouse

Governor DeWine announced the creation of a new Testing Strike Force team lead by former Governors Richard Celeste and Bob Taft that will work with leaders from business, academia, and public health to be part of the effort to help Ohio source critical testing items such as reagents. Governor DeWine also announced that the FDA has approved the use of a new reagent for testing developed by Thermo Fisher which will help with the state's testing capabilities.

The FDA has authorized the first diagnostic test with a home collection option for COVID-19. Specifically, the FDA [re-issued the emergency use authorization](#) (EUA) for the Laboratory Corporation of America (LabCorp) COVID-19 RT-PCR Test to permit testing of samples self-collected by patients at home using LabCorp's Pixel by LabCorp COVID-19 Test home collection kit. **The entire announcement can be found [HERE](#).**

Governor DeWine announced yesterday that the Ohio Department of Agriculture has waived the required \$50,000 local match for the Agricultural Society Facilities Grant Program. Ohio's operating budget set aside this grant funding to help fairs make necessary facilities and grounds improvements. Fairs could apply for the \$50,000 grant with a required \$50,000 from local governments and businesses. **Fair managers have until May 30 to apply via the [Ohio Department of Agriculture's website](#).**

CURRENT OHIO DATA:

There are 13,725 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 557 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 2,779 people have been hospitalized, including 838 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 Monday, April 20, PCPH still reported a total of 26 cases — 13 confirmed and 13 probable. Preble County has one confirmed death. New updates are released Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons.

WAYS TO SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESS DURING CORONAVIRUS

GIVE THE GIFT OF BUSINESS

If you usually frequent a business, buy a gift card that covers your usual patronage. Then spread out the use of those gift cards over time while you continue to support them as normal or give them away as gifts to people who might not normally go there.



KEEP YOUR SUBSCRIPTION

If you have a subscription or membership to a gym, exercise class, painting class, music lessons, dance academy, etc, keep it going. Many small businesses rely on that support to keep their doors open and pay their bills. It's only a few weeks and your continued support can literally save their business.



BUY NOW, PICKUP LATER

If you planned on buying a manufactured product like say a guitar, piece of clothing, whatever, give that business a call. Pay for it and have them set it aside for you to pick up later.



ASK HOW YOU CAN HELP

If you know the owners or employees personally, drop them a line and ask how you can help. They might have ideas for you to help that are specific to their business.

Find additional information and resources at

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