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# MEMBER NEWS

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## PUA pre-registration starts today

Beginning today, Ohioans who are unemployed as a result of the coronavirus pandemic, but who don't qualify for regular unemployment benefits can begin pre-registering for Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA), a new federal program that covers many more categories of workers.

To pre-register for PUA benefits, Ohioans should visit the website [HERE](#) and click on "Get Started Now."

The PUA benefits will be retroactive to the date people qualify, as early as Feb 2. "The program will provide up to 39 weeks of benefits to many who historically have not qualified for unemployment benefits, such as self-employed workers, 1099 tax filers, part-time workers, and those who lack sufficient work history," the state said. "Individuals who have exhausted all regular unemployment and any weekly extensions also may be eligible for the program." The state urged anyone with questions about the new program to call (833) 604-0774.

## Member updates & resources

**Fastlane** reports the CDC has updated its page called "[People Who Need to Take Extra Precautions.](#)"



**The Lampost** is now selling and sending gift cards to those who purchase. For every \$25 spent, they will give you a bonus \$5! To purchase, message the restaurant on Facebook or call 937-437-8151.

**The Preble County Park District** is going ahead with its programs at the Garber Nature Center using PPE (gloves and masks) and social distancing. The next program the public is invited to is Rockin' Robins—Earthworm Detectives, on Saturday, May 9, from 1-3 p.m. The program, sponsored by U.S. Bank, will allow children and families to get outdoors and learn all about robins: recognize their call, find worms like robins, make a booklet about robins, and even take home a "Rockin' Robin." The program is free, but donations are accepted. For more information, email [events@preblecountyparkdistrict.org](mailto:events@preblecountyparkdistrict.org), visit [www.preblecountyparkdistrict.org](http://www.preblecountyparkdistrict.org) online, find the Preble County Park District on Facebook, or call 937-962-5561. Programs are led by children's teacher and naturalist, Bev Holland. \*Children must be accompanied by an adult. Garber Nature Center and its programs are located at 9691 Ohio 503 North, Lewisburg. You can download the PCPD's 2020 programming guide [HERE](#).



**Preble County Public Health** issued its newest update. "We would like to thank the Preble County community for doing an excellent job through all of this. It hasn't been easy for anyone, but we can see how all of your collective actions have helped reduce the spread and limit illness in our community. We must all continue to support one another and our local businesses as we all move forward," Health Commissioner Erik Balster noted. You can download the complete update [HERE](#).

## From the Statehouse



During his press conference yesterday, Governor DeWine invited Mark Weir, Ph.D., an assistant professor of Environmental Health at The Ohio State University, to discuss how health risks change as changes are made to the environment. He explained that minimizing the spread of the disease as Ohio begins the long process of

reopening depends on personal and environmental controls. Personal precautions include interrupting the infection process by practicing good hand hygiene and wearing masks. You can find the slides Dr. Weir referenced on our website [HERE](#).

### CURRENT OHIO DATA:

As of Wednesday, April 22, There are 14,694 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 656 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 2,960 people have been hospitalized, including 900 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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