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MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis Edition 15

Important resources available

As the COVID-19 crisis continues, the Preble County Chamber of Commerce will continue to provide helpful resources and information as we receive it to ensure our members have the most up-to-date forms, downloads, and webinar opportunities available to help navigate these troubled times. Please email with any questions, and check these updates throughout the week to remain on top of items pertinent to local businesses and our members.

COMMUNITY ENERGY ADVISORS: The small business community has been hit hard by mandatory closures and safety measures required to slow the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19). Many business owners are struggling to cover their bills and are asking for help and wondering what they can do. Don't forget the Preble County Chamber offers the Chamber Energy Program to members to help reduce utility costs, a large expense for many small business owners. You can click [HERE](#) for additional information.

FREE WEBINAR: Join Strategic HR, Inc. and Lee Geiger of Graydon Law for the 4th webinar in their COVID-19 webinar series: "Legal Update on COVID-19 – The Latest" on Tuesday, April 7, at 3 p.m. This webinar invitation to members comes courtesy the Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance. In this webinar, Geiger will address the latest updates surrounding COVID-19, the potential business impacts of recent law changes, and updates from the Department of Labor. You can register [HERE](#).

NEW RESOURCE GUIDES AVAILABLE: Below is a list of the most recently updated guides to the aid and programs being made available to assist businesses during the ongoing pandemic, courtesy the U.S. Chamber.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE: On our website you can find the following documents for your use if necessary: [Guidance on dispute resolutions for essential and non-essential businesses](#) and [guidance on permitted travel in Ohio](#).

During this trying time, you can always visit [HERE](#) for the most complete and up-to-date information about resources available for Ohio businesses, individuals, and families.

Member updates and news to keep you informed

PREBLE COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY: As a public venue, the Preble County Historical Society is closely following the COVID-19 (Coronavirus) recommendations from the Ohio Department of Health and our Governor. The safety and health of our patrons, staff, and volunteers are forefront in our COVID-19 policies. Currently, the Preble County Historical Society is closed through Monday, May 4. Decisions regarding reopening will be made with the best information available and in the interest of the safety and health of our community and staff. This will affect our annual meeting plans and that new date will be shared to the membership at a later date through emails and Facebook posts.

From Preble County Public Health

COVID-19 Update for Preble County, as of April 3

Preble County Public Health (PCPH) continues to work on Coronavirus (COVID-19) response every single day. You should monitor state and local news but rely on PCPH for reliable information on COVID-19 right here in Preble County. Information and guidance for COVID-19 changes daily. PCPH provides weekly Public Information Releases and is updating information daily on the website at preblecountyhealth.org/coronavirus and on social media @PrebleCoHealth.

Here are the latest local facts and advice about COVID-19 in Preble County:

1. **There were three confirmed cases in Preble County as of April 3, 11 a.m.** Preble County had three residents with confirmed positive laboratory tests for COVID-19. There are other individuals awaiting test results and others with mild symptoms who may not be tested due to a lack of testing capability throughout the US. A contact investigation is underway to identify and notify close contacts of the individuals who have tested positive. Those identified as having close contact with the ill individual WILL be notified by Public Health. Public health will not release a listing of locations of the individual unless the contact investigation warrants such an announcement in order to protect the health of the public. **NUMBERS UPDATE: On Sunday, April 5, PCPH social media updated the Preble County cases to 5 confirmed.**

2. **There were 2,902 confirmed cases in Ohio as of April 2, at 2 p.m.** There were 81 deaths and approximately 802 hospitalizations related to COVID-19 in Ohio. Age ranges for infection vary from less than a year old to 99 years old. You can access

the latest numbers, daily at coronavirus.ohio.gov. (NUMBERS UPDATE: As of Sunday, April 5, ODH reported 4,043 confirmed cases, and 119 deaths.)

3. **People in Preble County are being tested for COVID-19.** However, testing for COVID-19 is still very limited throughout Ohio and is being primarily restricted to those showing very severe symptoms. Please CALL your doctor, urgent care or hospital location before going in for treatment.

4. **Ohio's Stay at Home Order was EXTENDED.** Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton amended the previous orders that require all Ohioans to stay in their homes to prevent the further spread of COVID-19 to at least 11:59 p.m. on May 1. Preble County Public Health does not know when, or if, these orders will be rescinded or reduced. Assume they may continue for the next several months and plan accordingly. Visit coronavirus.ohio.gov for more on the amended order.

5. **Mission Masks.** Preble County citizens are doing some great things to help our medical professionals! We have received approximately 525 masks to date. The Preble County Medical Reserve Corps (MRC), a volunteer organization sponsored by Preble County Public Health and the National Association of City and County Health Officials (NACCHO), is teaming up with community members to make these much-needed fabric masks. Masks can continue to be dropped off any time at: Preble County Public Health, 615 Hillcrest Drive, Eaton, OH 45320. A bin is located outside the front door. We ask that you include your name, email, and phone number with the masks.

6. **Symptoms and What You Can Do:** Since there is community spread, it's important we all understand the symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, or shortness of breath). Older adults and people who have severe underlying medical conditions like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. If you or a family member is experiencing these symptoms you should CALL your healthcare provider first so they can evaluate you over the phone. If you do not have a healthcare provider. But if you have an emergency, always call 9-1-1. If you have questions about COVID-19 you can contact the Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 hotline at 833-427-5634 or visit preblecountyhealth.org/coronavirus.

Don't forget to participate!



The graphic features a blue megaphone icon at the top center. Below it, the text reads "WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!". The main title "CHAMBER MEMBER Roll Call" is displayed in a mix of bold blue sans-serif and blue script fonts, enclosed in large blue parentheses. Below the title, it says "WHEN YOU SEE YOUR BUSINESS NAME TAGGED IN THE COMMENTS, PLEASE REPLY & LET US KNOW:". A list of three instructions follows: 1. If you are open/operating, temporarily closed, or other status; 2. A brief description of your business/products/services offered; 3. Additional information (current needs, website, hiring, etc.).

ONLINE CHAMBER MEMBER ROLL CALL: Over the course of the next two weeks, the Preble County Chamber will be conducting a CHAMBER MEMBER ROLL CALL on Facebook to touch base with our membership, gauge their needs, and hopefully allow page followers to learn more about some of the businesses in their community. When you see your company's name tagged/listed in the comments below this image, tell us: if you are open/operating, about your business industry/products /services, and any additional information you'd like to provide.

Find links to additional resources and all our daily COVID-19

Preble County updates at

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