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MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis Edition 17

Important resources available

Information we all hear/receive continues to change daily, but we'll continue to make sure you receive the most up-to-date materials as we receive them.

HERE you can download a new COVID-19 "Common Myths Versus Facts" document.

LegalShield has been receiving numerous calls daily from both employers and employees concerning their rights regarding the Coronavirus. In an effort to provide information to clients, the company has created a FREE informational website which is an FAQ, from more than 6900 attorneys nationwide. The website has two different buttons, one for families, and one for businesses. This website is updated daily with new FAQ LegalShield receives from its clients, according to local representative Kathleen McCreary. You can access the website **HERE.**

The Small Business Administration (SBA), in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, intends to provide timely additional guidance to address borrower and lender questions concerning the implementation of the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP), established by the CARES Act. **HERE is a new FAQ document.**

Lt. Governor John Husted yesterday announced the creation of the Office of Small Business Relief to better coordinate efforts to identify and provide support for Ohio's nearly 950,000 small businesses. This office will be housed within the Ohio Development Services Agency (DSA). **You can visit the Office of Small Business Relief website HERE.**

Lt. Governor Husted also announced the Governor's **Office of Workforce Transformation** has developed a website specifically geared toward matching essential businesses with Ohioans who are able and willing to work as an essential employee during the COVID-19 crisis. Both essential businesses and current job seekers can visit **JobSearch.ohio.gov** to post and search.

"If you are an employer who performs a critical service, please go to **JobSearch.ohio.gov** to post your open positions so we can help you fill them," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "If you are a person who can work, please know that there are many who need you to help keep essential services running and we encourage you to do so, even if its only part time." The site features a highly-streamlined interface with only two main links – one for essential businesses, and one for job seekers. Applicants can search through jobs in their area, their region, and the entire state.

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. You can also find all of the Small Business Administration's resources **HERE.**

Member updates and news to keep you informed

It's time to be counted! It is more important than ever right now that we all complete the 2020 Census. To learn how, visit **https://2020census.gov/en.html.** The apportionment goes to the President in December, and we all need to ensure we are represented so our communities receive their fair share.

From Commercial Printing Service: "Commercial Printing is open and able to serve you with all your printing needs during this COVID-19 time period should you need support. As an "essential" business serving the medical field, we are able to be open and support our surrounding communities as well. If you would like to submit something for a quote, please call 765-825-2164 or email **cailes@cpsprints.com.** Stay safe, stay healthy and stay positive."

From United Way: The Foodbank, Inc. will be hosting a mass distribution this Friday, April 10, from 10 a.m.-noon, at Henny Penny. This will be open to ALL Preble County residents in need of food. Please share and get the word out!

From the Statehouse
Here's the news from yesterday:

In Ohio there are 4,782 confirmed cases, 417 ICU admissions, 1,354 hospitalizations, and 167 deaths as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. **More data is available on the COVID-19 Dashboard HERE.**

- Governor DeWine announced the Ohio Liquor Control Commission passed an

emergency rule to allow establishments with an existing on-premises liquor permit to sell and deliver alcohol, including high-proof liquor in limited quantity for off-premises consumption. Under the rule, patrons can purchase two unpackaged drinks per meal. All drinks must be closed and remain closed during transport as per open container law.

• Governor DeWine is asking the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee (CIIC) to consider early-release for approximately 141 inmates from minimal security facilities to help limit the spread of COVID-19. Eligible inmates have a pending release date on or before July 13, 2020 and were not convicted of violent offenses. These inmates also did not have prior incarcerations in Ohio, inter-state offenses, warrants or detainers, serious prison rule violations in the last five years, nor were they denied judicial release in the past.

• Governor DeWine is also asking the CIIC to consider early-release for 26 inmates who are 60 years or older and have one or more chronic health condition that makes them more vulnerable to COVID 19. Inmates were screened with the same criteria listed above. They also eliminated habitual offenders with two or more prior convictions.

• The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) announced today that Ohioans enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) who did not already receive the maximum monthly allotment for their household size in March, will be issued an additional payment beginning this week. SNAP-eligible households will also be able to pick up a pre-packaged box of food at their local foodbank. This came after Ohio received federal approval to waive certain administrative verifications.

Ohioans can apply for unemployment benefits online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at **unemployment.ohio.gov**. It is also possible to file by phone at **877-644-6562** or TTY at **888- 642-8203, Monday through Friday 7 am to 7 pm and 9 am to 1 pm on Saturdays**. Employers with questions should email **UCTech@jfs.ohio.gov**.

As always, **Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov** and the Department of Health hotline, **1-833-4-ASK-ODH** are great resources for those who have questions

PREBLE COUNTY UPDATE: Yesterday afternoon, Preble County Public Health reported the county's 7th confirmed case of COVID-19.

Has your name been called?

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

CHAMBER MEMBER
Roll Call

WHEN YOU SEE YOUR BUSINESS NAME TAGGED IN THE COMMENTS, PLEASE REPLY & LET US KNOW:

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 Preble County updates at

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