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## Business Expo 2020 Canceled

This week, the Board of Directors of the Preble County Chamber of Commerce made the difficult decision that this year's Business Expo, which had been postponed to Friday-Saturday, Oct. 2-3, will not take place as planned due to the uncertainty surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and the risks to public health of a large-scale gathering such as this annual event.

This was not a decision arrived at lightly. We have been in frequent communication with Preble County Public Health and our partners at many other departments and agencies. We tried to hold out hope the current conditions and state mass gathering mandates would improve by fall, but with less than 60 days left to prepare, it is apparent that is not going to be the case.

The health and welfare of the Preble County community is of primary concern. Therefore, in accordance with the guidance of public health officials, the 2020 Preble County Chamber of Commerce Business Expo is now canceled. Organizers will work toward preparing for the 2021 Business Expo, next April.

Many of our exhibitors planned to attend in October. The Business Expo is a signature event for the Preble County Chamber each year, and along with many cancelations which have occurred so far, is one way area businesses and others promote themselves and their services and wares to Preble County and southwest Ohio.

With this in mind, we are shifting Business Expo 2020 to a glossy magazine, which will be distributed by the chamber, be available online at [www.preblecountyohio.com](http://www.preblecountyohio.com), and be provided to participants for their own use.

Currently registered exhibitors will have three options: Hold your current booth space for the April 2021 Business Expo, be included in Expo 2020 Magazine & receive a 10 percent discount for the April 2021 Expo, or request a refund.

Rather than moving to any sort of "virtual" Expo experience, we are offering the Expo 2020 Magazine as a way to spotlight your business and services in a tangible way which will be available all year long, and have considerable shelf life. Ad space and feature content for each exhibitor will be based upon their sponsorship/participation size.

Exhibitors are asked to complete the Business Expo 2020 Option Form and return it with their decision by Monday, Aug. 31. **This form is being emailed to exhibitor contacts this afternoon, and is available [HERE](#).**

Members who were not a participating Expo exhibitor this year can contact [Executive Director Leslie Collins](#) to find out how to be included in the Expo 2020 Magazine.

## Golf Outing registrations still available

**Sign up a team, view safety-related information and modifications, and/or register for a hole sponsorship [HERE](#) For additional information contact the Chamber office at 937-456-4949 or email today. Do you have items to promote your business for the golfers' goodie bags, or door prizes to give away? Let us know, or simply drop items off at our office, 122 W. Decatur St., Eaton, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Monday-Friday!**