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Preble County Recovery Edition 60

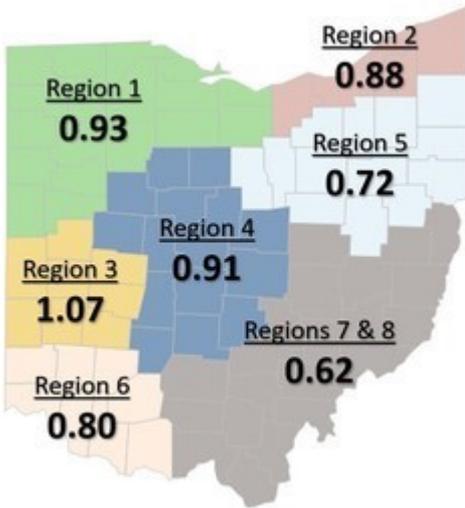
Member updates & resources



Mask Up Preble County: Preble County Public Health is offering free cloth masks via drive-thru pickup today, Friday, June 12, from 1-3 p.m. at the PCPH facility at 615 Hillcrest Drive in Eaton.

From the Statehouse

TESTING EXPANSION: Governor DeWine announced yesterday Ohio is expanding testing and encouraged those who want a COVID-19 test, including those who are low-risk or asymptomatic, to talk with their health care provider or contact a testing location to arrange a test. Governor DeWine also announced a series of "pop-up" testing locations, beginning with six locations in Columbus. These temporary testing sites will be available all over the state, including in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Portsmouth, Dayton, Xenia, Columbiana, Akron, and other locations. Testing locations in Ohio can be found [HERE](#).



BASIC REPRODUCTION NUMBER: Governor DeWine also released the latest basic reproduction number or R0 (pronounced "R naught") for eight regions of Ohio. The R0 represents the number of people, on average, that a person will spread a disease to. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention estimate that COVID-19's R0, without interventions, to be 2.5. With Ohio's interventions, the R0 for the state measured slightly lower than 1.0 on June 1. Ohio is beginning to see a slight increase in the R0 measurements, more so in certain parts of Ohio such as the Dayton region.

BEST PRACTICES FOR PLACES OF WORSHIP: Governor DeWine also sent a letter to the ministerial community in Ohio to update them on the status of COVID-19 and provide suggested best practices for resuming in-person services.

"Although Ohio never closed churches, synagogues, mosques, or other places of worship during this pandemic, we know that most of them stopped holding their traditional in-person services and found other ways to worship to protect their members and the communities where they serve," said Governor DeWine. "Just as we did with industry, outdoor activities, and entertainment, we have put together some suggested best practices for places of worship to keep in mind as they reopen." This guidance can be found at [HERE](#).

NEW ROLE FOR DR. AMY ACTON: Governor DeWine announced Dr. Amy Acton will step down as director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and begin serving as his chief health advisor effective at the end of business today. Lance Himes, who previously served as ODH's director, was named interim-director. In her new role, Dr. Acton will take a comprehensive and holistic approach to addressing health and well-being for all Ohioans. In addition to advising on health issues, she will continue to focus on the COVID-19 crisis.

ODJFS EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING GRANT: Lt. Governor Husted announced the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) will receive an \$8.5 million federal Employment Recovery National Dislocated Worker Grant to help reemploy individuals who lost their jobs as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and to help employers rebuild their workforces. ODJFS will work with the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to facilitate the grant program through local OhioMeansJobs centers and will distribute the funding to Ohio's local workforce areas. ODJFS will also provide outreach to employers and services to individuals who were laid off, either permanently or temporarily, as a result of the pandemic.

MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES TO JOIN ELITE USA: JobsOhio today announced that minority-owned Stark County businesses will participate in ELITE, London Stock Exchange Group's business support and development program. In collaboration with JobsOhio and the Stark County Minority Business Association, ELITE USA announced that 13 minority-owned businesses will make up its new cohort. JobsOhio will fund the one-year program, which includes expert consultation regarding strategy, innovation, operations, marketing, governance and risk management, talent management, and leadership. This will be the second group of U.S. businesses to benefit from the ELITE program, which supports growth

aspirations, promotes global partnerships, and facilitates access to international capital.

CURRENT OHIO DATA: As of Thursday, June 11, there have been 40,004 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 reported in Ohio and 2,490 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 6,753 people have been hospitalized, including 1,732 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

CURRENT PREBLE COUNTY DATA: Preble County Public Health reported yesterday there have been a total of 40 confirmed and probably cases of COVID-19 reported in Preble County. Thirty-eight have reportedly recovered and there has been one death. There is currently one active case.

Virtual events next week: Register today!

Virtual Business After Hours, Wednesday, June 17, from 5-7 p.m. via Zoom: [Legislative Update with U.S. Congressman Warren Davidson](#). Join us for a member-only update from Congressman Davidson, and more during this special virtual Business After Hours. Watch for additional details. Register to attend online [HERE](#).

Virtual Business Over Breakfast, Thursday, June 18, 8:30-9:30 a.m.: In today's uncertain and changing times, do you find yourself confused by the hundreds of executive orders and legal changes surrounding the events of the past weeks? Join fellow members Kathleen McCreary and Wendell Beculheimer to learn what this new landscape might look like and how a LegalShield business membership can help keep an entire law firm in your pocket as you reopen business and make those necessary new adjustments and changes. Join us for this breakfast-time webinar on Thursday, June 18, at 8:30 am. We look forward to sharing information with you. This virtual event will be held via Zoom. Zoom registration information will be emailed to all registrants prior to the webinar. [REGISTER ONLINE HERE](#).

The SOCA self-funded medical plan. A big opportunity for small employers.

The Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA) teamed up with Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield to create a health program that can lead to more rate stability – and it could offer potential savings for groups with 50 or fewer employees. This self-funded multiple employer welfare arrangement (MEWA) lets smaller employers join together to share in the overall claims risk. By being part of a larger, self-funded pool, employers have financial protection backed by Anthem's stop loss coverage.

In addition to financial protection, this innovative alternative offers:

- Competitive rates
- Fixed, predictable monthly payments
- A variety of plan designs
- Anthem's broad Blue Access PPO provider network and Essential Rx formulary
- Coverage for claims run-out/terminal liability coverage
- Expanded wellness offerings
- Specially discounted rates on SOCA-exclusive specialty products including dental, vision, life, optional life, and disability insurance

Learn more about the SOCA Benefit Plan. Call 1-844-MED-OHIO or visit 844MedOhio.com, or ask your Chamber of Commerce for a referral to a participating broker.



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