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# MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Crisis Edition 11

## Important resources available

In our ongoing efforts to ensure you have the most up-to-date resources available during this trying time, we aim to share with you everything we can each day. Today's resource is important to those employers deemed "essential."

Click [HERE](#) to download the Guidelines for Essential Businesses and Operations Employers.

## Member updates and news to keep you informed

**LCNB National Bank:** According to Mark Founds, VP/Marketing Director of LCNB National Bank, LCNB National Bank is open for business, serving clients primarily through its drive-through facilities, online banking and our Client Care Center (800-344-2265.) Additional help and resources for LCNB clients, including information on deferring loan payments, can be found at [www.lcnb.com/safety-and-service](http://www.lcnb.com/safety-and-service).

**Premier Health:** All April 2020 Mobile Clinic events have been canceled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. (Events were scheduled in Gratis, West Elkton, the Preble County Business Expo, and at Preble Shawnee Jr./Sr. High School.) Those of you having Premier Health as your provider network can download an important COVID-19 services message for businesses from Premier Health [HERE](#).

**The HIT Foundation:** Due to the extension on social distancing regulations through April 30, the HIT Foundation continues to need lunch donations. Call Ginger Roth to schedule donation, 937-472-0500 ext. 408 or email [ginger@hitfoundation.org](mailto:ginger@hitfoundation.org).

**Women in Business Networking:** Due to the Covid-19 pandemic and the Stay at Home enforcements, the Preble County Koffee Talk is canceled until further notice. Look for future announcements when WiBN gives the go-ahead for meetings. Anyone interested in starting a conversation with the monthly Koffee Talk questions on a private Facebook page, can contact Stefanie Price at [stefanie@bisonandboar.com](mailto:stefanie@bisonandboar.com).

**The Preble County Sanitary Landfill** is still open and still accepting residential drop offs. However, due to the Covid-19 outbreak and social distancing requirements only credit card and debit card payments are being accepted at this time.

## Governor DeWine Extends School Closure Order

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced on Monday the Ohio Department of Health will extend its order to keep schools closed through the end of April. Ohio's previous order was set to expire on April 3. The new order will extend the closure through May 1.

"There is the real possibility that our schools could stay closed longer than this, but we want to give parents and teachers as much notice and flexibility as we can," said Governor DeWine. "Schools should continue to do what they're doing now -- providing the best remote learning that they can, serving meals to students in new ways, and planning for what the rest of the year may look like."

### HOMELESSNESS TEAM:

Governor DeWine also announced yesterday he has formed a "Homelessness Team" to help people who may rely on homeless shelters, domestic shelters, group homes, and recovery housing - all of which pose challenges for social distancing.

The Coalition on Housing and Homelessness in Ohio, the Ohio Chapter of the National Alliance on Mental Illness, and Ohio Recovery Housing are working as part of this team to provide localized guidelines for these shelters. They will also work to incorporate these populations into the state's ongoing planning for access to healthcare through community health centers and planning for quarantine or isolation.

In addition, the Ohio Housing Financing Agency Board has approved \$5 million in unrestricted Agency General Fund Reserves to be used for Homelessness Prevention and Rapid Rehousing funds and Emergency Rental Assistance which will be distributed through the state's nine Continua of Care.

The Ohio Development Services Agency has also established a \$1 million Emergency Shelter Gap Funding Program to support emergency shelter providers during the COVID-19 state of emergency. The Development Services Agency will reallocate Community Development Block Grant dollars to emergency shelter providers to meet immediate needs for homeless individuals and households.

Further, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services is directing

some federal opioid response funding to help people living in recovery housing or engaged in treatment to maintain their current housing and prevent homelessness. Federal funds will be deployed to cover additional expenses that adult care facilities are taking on because of COVID-19.

The CDC guidelines and information about all of these funding opportunities are available on [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov), and anyone with questions can email [COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov](mailto:COVID19Housing@mha.ohio.gov)

#### **BUSINESS ADVISORY GROUP:**

Governor DeWine also announced today that he will develop a business advisory group to convene over the phone to: Ensure businesses are doing everything they can to keep their employees safe; Provide recommendations (to the greatest extent possible) to mitigate the negative impact the COVID-19 crisis is having on our economy in Ohio; Provide recommendations on building a platform for economic recovery. More details on this group will be released in the near future.

#### **PRISONS AND PPE:**

Due to the shortage of PPE in Ohio, the inmates incarcerated at Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction prisons have begun making some of these necessary healthcare supplies.

So far, inmates have made 500 hospital gowns and will make 44,000 more when they get additional fabric. Inmates will also begin making cough masks – similar to surgical masks -- and will be able to make 5,000 a day up to a total of 2 million. They will also make hand sanitizer, and face shields. Each prison with its own workshop will also make masks for the people in those prisons.

#### **CURRENT OHIO DATA (As of Tuesday, March 30):**

There are 1,933 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 39 deaths. A total of 475 people have been hospitalized, including 163 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov). For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.



**Send your GOOD news to us to share as well!**

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**[WWW.PREBLECOUNTYOHIO.COM](https://www.preblecountyohio.com)**



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