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COVID-19 Recovery Edition 33



## Project Rebound: Are You Ready to Open?

The closing of non-essential businesses coupled with shelter in place orders for most citizens has created a crisis environment for our economic well-being. **You must decide now how your business will be able to survive this crisis and remain in business.** This is

different than a simple business continuity plan as the factors which have caused this crisis were out of your control. Take another look at our Project Rebound suggestions as staggered openings begin this month. Will you be ready when it's time? Project Rebound info can be found [HERE](#).

## ODH releases new Stay Safe Ohio order

Early this morning, Preble County Public Health Commissioner released information pertaining to ODH Director Amy Acton's newest Stay Safe Ohio Order, which was released late last evening. He provided the following quick overview and highlight the main points. You can download the full document, [HERE](#).

- This order **was** effective at 11:59 p.m. last night and remains in full force and effect until 11:59 p.m. on May 29, unless the director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies this order at a sooner time and date.
- **Stay at home or place of residence is still in place.** Exceptions to this include the activities, businesses, and operations as permitted in the order.
- Any **gathering of 10 or more** continues to be prohibited unless exempted by the order.
- Facial coverings (masks) - Businesses **must allow** all customers, patrons, visitors, contractors, vendors and similar individuals to use facial coverings except for specifically documented legal, life, health or safety considerations and limited documented safety considerations.
- **Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings**, but there are exceptions (full order.)
- **Medical providers, including dentists and veterinarians may resume** non-essential procedures effective **April 30, 2020 at 11:59 p.m.**
- **Manufacturing, distribution, and construction business** as well as **general office environments may reopen May 4, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.**
- **Retail establishments and facilities may reopen May 12, 2020 at 12:01 a.m.**
- The following businesses are to remain closed until the order is amended or rescinded: Schools (with the exception of staff involved in meals, distance learning, etc.); restaurants and bars; personal appearance and beauty; adult day support and congregate living; senior centers; daycare services; entertainment/recreation/gymnasiums; any activity, business or operation is still permitted to maintain basic minimum operations (see the full order)
- Pursuant to revised code 3701.352 "No person shall violate any rule the director of health or department of health adopts or any order the director or department of health issues under this chapter to prevent a threat to the public caused by a pandemic, epidemic, or bioterrorism event." In other words these orders are law during a pandemic.

## Member news & other resources

**From BWC:** Need to learn about something non-COVID-19 related? The BWC is hosting a **Trenching Overview webinar** on Monday, May 4 (3:30 to 5 p.m.). It will highlight a 'Focus Four Imperative' to identify risk factors related to trenching and excavation sites. This webinar will be instructed by BWC's Mona Weiss, an industrial safety consultant with 32 years' experience in the field of safety and health. Additional information, including registration instructions, can be found [HERE](#). For more information or assistance when registering, contact BWC's Kaylee Blevings at [Kaylee.b.1@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:Kaylee.b.1@bwc.state.oh.us).

**From The Register-Herald:** Have a college or high school graduate to honor? With virtual commencements already planned by colleges and university and high school graduation ceremonies uncertain, you can honor your seniors in a special way with a yard sign. AIM Media, parent company of The Register-Herald is offering special yard signs made in your graduate's school colors for \$30. You can find additional information and an order form [HERE](#).

**School closure extended:** The Ohio grades K-12 school closure order was extended to June 30, at 11:59 p.m. You can read the full text of the order [HERE](#).

**Mandated masks & face coverings:** Have questions about masks and face coverings in the workplace? You can download the most recent FAQs [HERE](#).



**Learn how the Chamber Energy Program can help you, Friday, May 15** -- Our 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. Along with over 200 Chambers of Commerce in the State of Ohio, we offer the Chamber Energy Program to our members to help reduce their utility costs. On average, members are saving 15-20 percent. Learn how to reduce your costs so you can immediately put money back into your business. Join other Preble County Chamber members from the comfort of your own home or office, via Zoom, to learn more about this program on Friday, May 15 at 11 a.m. [REGISTER HERE](#).

**From Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance:** Monday Member Benefit Webinar – Elavon. Many businesses were not set up to operate under the conditions the current crisis has brought on. Elavon is not just a credit card processor. Elavon works with merchants in order to set them up with streamlined programs that allow them to run their business in a variety of different ways. Elavon can provide you with the tools to efficiently operate today under the restricted guidelines as well as into the future when things are back to normal. We invite you to join us and learn how Elavon can have an immediate positive impact in running your business **This webinar will be held on Monday, May 4 at 1 p.m.** Join in from the comfort of your own home to learn more about this program. Participation is limited to 100 so register [HERE](#) now!

**What You Need To Know About COVID-19:** FASTLANE will host Dr. Steven Burdette to discuss the Coronavirus during a webinar on Monday, May 4, at 4 p.m. The webinar will focus on: what we know and what we don't know; how you can best help to protect your employees (and their families) as they return to work; and what we can expect to see in the near (and distant) future. Dr. Burdette is the Professor of Medicine, Wright State University Boonshoft School of Medicine Infectious Diseases Fellowship Director, Medical Director of Infection Prevention at Miami Valley Hospital, and Medical Director of Antimicrobial Stewardship Miami Valley Hospital and Premier Health. You can register for the webinar [HERE](#).



**Grow With Google: Manage Your Business Remotely session:** As a Grow with Google Partner, the Preble County Chamber of Commerce would like to invite you to tune in to a special livestream for small businesses: Manage Your Business Remotely in Times of Uncertainty.

Discover tools, tips and resources to help you manage your business remotely during the COVID-19 crisis. Learn how to update critical business information online to keep customers informed, and how to host virtual meetings and events. They'll also share the latest resources from Google and other partners to help support small businesses.

The Grow with Google team will be hosting this live, virtual event on May 6, at noon.

Interested in learning about tools like Google My Business, Google Ads, Google Meet, and YouTube? RSVP to tune in [HERE](#). In the "how did you hear about this livestream event" you can let the Google team know that you heard from the Preble County Chamber of Commerce! You can ask questions live during the event on Twitter by using [#smallbizlivestream](#).

## From the Statehouse

On Thursday, Governor Mike DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**PRISON PPE:** Governor DeWine announced Ohio has provided more than 1.1 million items of personal protective equipment (PPE) to Ohio's state prisons.

This included:

- 108,000 N95 masks;
- 256,000 gloves;
- 684,000 procedure masks;



- 10,000 provider gowns
- 100,000 cloth masks for inmates

"This equipment is vital to the safety of our corrections staff and the inmates who they guard," said Governor DeWine. "Our goal is to keep a 90-day supply of the most critical equipment."

**ODRC UPDATE:** Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction (ODRC) Director Annette Chambers Smith participated in today's daily briefing to provide an overview of the steps taken within Ohio's state correction facilities to protect inmates and staff, as well as to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in their facilities.

ODRC has implemented several safeguards for inmates including increasing hygiene products and sanitation materials, offering cloth face coverings, and preventing intermingling between inmate cohorts.

Although ODRC's inmate population is the lowest it has been since 2006, social distancing measures have also been implemented by expanding housing units into prison chapels and gyms. Additionally, the Ohio National Guard has constructed tents at two facilities to further separate inmates. Members of the Ohio National Guard are also assisting with staffing and health care.

Mass testing at the Marion Correctional Institution revealed that approximately 96 percent of inmates who tested positive for COVID-19 were asymptomatic, further demonstrating that individuals can spread the virus without knowing that they are infected.

Mass testing also took place at the Pickaway Correctional Institution and the prison medical center in Columbus. ODRC plans to test inmates in all state prison facilities who are symptomatic, as well as those who are being released early or at the conclusion of their full sentences.

Any inmates who have been granted early release and test positive for COVID-19 will not be released until medically cleared. ODRC has surged an ample amount of PPE to facility staff, and staff members at high-risk locations have also been offered the use of hotel rooms instead of going home or for showering before returning to their families.

**CURRENT OHIO DATA:** As of Thursday, April 30, there are 18,027 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 975 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 3,533 people have been hospitalized, including 1,035 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**CURRENT PREBLE COUNTY DATA:** As of Thursday, April 30, Preble County Public Health reported a total of 27 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. 24 cases were reported as having "recovered." There have been 5 COVID-19-related hospitalizations and one confirmed COVID-19-related death.

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