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# MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Recovery Edition 43

## Learn more: special webinar opportunities

**Chamber Energy Program:** 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%. Learn how to reduce your costs so you can immediately put money back into your business. **Join us from the comfort of your own home to learn more about this program, today from 11 a.m.-noon. You can still register to attend [HERE](#).**

**Make your business sustainable:** In partnership with JobsOhio and the Dayton Development Coalition, the London Stock Exchange Group's ELITE, an international business training program, will host a **free interactive webinar on Monday, May 18, to provide attendees with practical tools and strategies to help them build a sustainable business as they move from crisis into recovery.** Strategy experts will share their advice on how to reevaluate your business plan in light of the disruption caused by COVID-19, how to plan for growth following the crisis, scenario planning and best practice for revising forecasts as both supply and demand shift considerably. Experts will focus on building resilient business models and structuring the business for growth. The content will draw on both international and regional partners for their insight and expertise. This 3-hour session will be delivered by our strategic consultant partners and cover key elements of business strategy in a post-crisis environment. You can register [HERE](#).

**Safety training:** BWC is hosting a **Reducing Amputation Hazards webinar** on Thursday, May 21 (1:30 to 2:30 p.m.). The webinar will outline the safe operation, servicing, and/or maintenance of machinery and equipment. This webinar will be instructed by Laura Mattimoe, a Safety & Health Consultant with BWC's OSHA On-Site Program. Additional information, including registration instructions, can be found in the flyer [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)

## Member news & other resources

**Harris-Maggard Memorials** is up and running doing business as usual, "the super clean and disinfecting every 30 seconds type of new usual," according to the Maggards. Hours are Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., and after-hours appointments as needed. They can take call ahead appointments, but welcome anyone to stop by whenever is best for their schedule. Call 513-282-6969 for more information.



**MEMBERS: Help us, help you! If your business is open and you would like us to help share your information, please reach out to our Chamber office by emailing your information to [leslie.collins@preblecountyohio.com](mailto:leslie.collins@preblecountyohio.com).**

## More reopening dates announced

On Thursday, Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided the following sector opening dates established as part of the Responsible Restart Ohio plan.

**CHILD CARE: MAY 31** -- Beginning Sunday, May 31, childcare providers in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these providers can meet required safety protocols.

To ensure that these establishments operate in the safest manner possible, Governor DeWine's Early Childhood Advisory Council created a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for childcare centers to follow. The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices can be found [HERE](#). A guide regarding what parents should know can be found [HERE](#).

"Our goal is to have the safest child care system in the nation - one that nurtures the health and continued growth and development of our children and one that protects the health and safety of our child care workers and teachers," said Governor DeWine. "Moving forward, childcare is going to look different for children, parents, and teachers. But we must get this right, or we run the risk of exposing more people to COVID-19."

To assist in the reopening of childcare centers, Ohio will use more than \$60 million in federal CARES Act funding to provide reopening grants to all of Ohio's childcare

providers, including family childcare, childcare centers, and both publicly-funded and private providers. More information on how to apply will be posted to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services' website soon. Governor DeWine also announced that Ohio will fund a research project to study best practices for controlling the spread of COVID-19 in childcare settings. Information gathered from the study will continue to inform childcare regulations moving forward.

The reopening date of May 31 also applies to day camps that can meet required safety protocols. A detailed list of guidelines and best practices for day camps will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**CAMPGROUNDS: MAY 21** -- Beginning Thursday, May 21, campgrounds in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.

To ensure that campgrounds operate in the safest manner possible, Governor DeWine's Outdoor Recreation Advisory Group created a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for day camps to follow. The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices for both campgrounds and campers is available [HERE](#).

**OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES (CERTAIN SERVICES): MAY 26** -- Beginning Tuesday, May 26, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) locations in Ohio will be permitted to reopen for certain services if these facilities can meet required safety protocols. Services that can be accomplished online should still be done online. More details on online BMV services can be found at [oplates.com](https://oplates.com). To ensure that each deputy registrar location operates in the safest manner possible, the BMV is creating a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for deputy registrars to follow. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**GYMS, FITNESS CENTERS: MAY 26** -- Beginning Tuesday, May 26, gyms and fitness centers in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols. To ensure that these establishments operate in the safest manner possible, Governor DeWine's Gyms Advisory Group is creating a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for gyms and fitness centers to follow. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**SPORTS LEAGUES (NON-CONTACT, LIMITED CONTACT): MAY 26** -- Beginning Tuesday, May 26, sports leagues in Ohio will be permitted to operate if these leagues can meet required safety protocols. This applies only to non-contact and limited-contact sports. To ensure that non-contact and limited-contact sports leagues operate in the safest manner possible, Governor DeWine's Large Venue Advisory Group is creating a detailed list of guidelines and best practices for sports leagues to follow. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov). Safety protocols for high-contact sports are in development.

**PUBLIC/CLUB POOLS: MAY 26** -- Beginning Tuesday, May 26, public pools and club pools that are regulated by local health departments in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas. Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov). This does not apply to water parks or amusement parks. Safety protocols for these venues are in development.

**HORSE RACING (NO SPECTATORS): MAY 22** -- Beginning Friday, May 22, horse racing in Ohio will be permitted if these operations can meet required safety protocols. Spectators will not be permitted. A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon. This does not apply to casinos and racinos. Safety protocols for these venues are in development.

**CURRENT OHIO DATA:** There are 26,357 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 1,534 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 4,718 people have been hospitalized, including 1,268 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

**Don't forget... if the weather permits: Chamber member Safari Junction's mobile zoo in coordination with the Preble County District Library and with the help of the Preble County Chamber of Commerce and the City of Eaton, will hold a "Social Distancing Drive-Thru Zoo" event this Sunday, May 17, from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at Fort St. Clair park in Eaton — weather permitting. All visitors must remain in their vehicles. This is a free event, but donations will be accepted. In the event inclement weather prohibits the drive thru activity, a rain date of Sunday, May 24, has been selected.**



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