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MEMBER NEWS

COVID-19 Recovery Edition 36

Special Zoom meeting for chamber members: Reopening My Business — Today at 11 a.m.

There's still time to register! Join us as we host Preble County Public Health officials, who will present information for Preble County Chamber members regarding reopening businesses under the guidance of the Responsible Restart Ohio plan, and answer related questions. [REGISTER HERE](#) to attend.

Member news & other resources

Yesterday, the U.S. Chamber and MetLife released the monthly Small Business Coronavirus Impact Poll—which surveys how small businesses nationwide are adapting their operations in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic. You can read the full report [HERE](#). If you haven't taken our local Coronavirus Impact Poll, please visit [our website](#), click on "Take Our COVID-19 Impact Survey" and do so today.



The Once Around Shop/Common Good in Eaton is re-opening Tuesday, May 12. Shopping hours will be Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, 9:30 a.m.-5 p.m., and Thursday, 9:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Kierston's Coffee Stop in West Alexandria is open! They will be serving their breakfast menu all day with daily lunch specials. They also now have a selection of beer and wine. Kierston's is located at 12 S. Main St. in the village.



From the Statehouse

STATE BUDGET IMPACT: Due to the economic impact of COVID-19, Governor DeWine yesterday announced \$775 million in reductions to Ohio's General Revenue Fund for the remainder of Fiscal Year 2020 which ends on June 30. At the end of February and prior to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, state revenues for the fiscal year were ahead of estimates by over \$200 million. As of the end of April, Ohio's revenues were below the budgeted estimates by \$776.9 million.

Because Ohio is mandated to balance its budget each year, and in addition to identifying areas of savings, the following budget reductions will be made for the next two months: Medicaid: \$210 million; K12 Foundation Payment Reduction: \$300 million; Other Education Budget Line Items: \$55 million; Higher Education: \$110 million; All Other Agencies: \$100 million.

"Decisions like these are extremely difficult, but they are decisions that are part of my responsibility, as your governor, to make," Governor DeWine said. "We believe that instituting these cuts now will provide the most stability moving forward, however I am greatly concerned about the cuts we must make in education. We have an obligation to our schools to give them as much predictability as we can, but if we don't make these cuts now, future cuts would be more dramatic."

The budget reductions are in addition to Governor DeWine's March 23 directive to freeze hiring, new contracts, pay increases, and promotions at all state agencies, boards, and commissions. The new budget reductions will not apply to critical services available to Ohioans or COVID-19 pandemic services. Money to balance the Fiscal Year 2020 budget will not be drawn from Ohio's Budget Stabilization Fund, otherwise known as the "rainy-day fund."

Guidelines and other information regarding reopening dine-in restaurants and personal services like salons are expected in coming days.

CURRENT OHIO DATA: As of Tuesday, May 5, there are 20,969 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 1,135 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 3,956 people have been hospitalized, including 1,090 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

CURRENT PREBLE COUNTY DATA: As of Tuesday, May 5, Preble County Public Health reported local numbers remained the same: a total of 28 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19. 25 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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