Is my business 'essential' under Gov. DeWine's stay at home order?

www.news5cleveland.com/news/continuing-coverage/coronavirus/ismy-business-essential-under-gov-dewines-stay-at-home-order

The stay at home order outlines business deemed essential in accordance with the Department of Homeland Security's designation of essential businesses.

Here is a break down:

Businesses and operations deemed essential

- Stores that sell groceries, prescription medicine, over the counter medicine, sanitary and safety products
- Food and beverage manufacturers, producers, processors and cultivators
- Agriculture businesses
- Animal shelters, rescues, kennels and adoption facilities
- Food banks
- Non-profit organizations, social services and shelters
- Religious organizations, facilities, groups and gatherings
- Media
- Gas stations
- Auto supply and repair
- Transportation repair
- B Financial entities and institutions
- Insurance companies
- Hardware and supply stores
- Critical trades -- plumbing, HVAC, extermination, electricians, etc. providing services for residences and other essential business

- Post offices
- Shipping and delivery companies
- Educational institutions-- provided social distancing is being practiced
- Banks
- Laundry services
- Restaurants implementing carry-out or delivery services
- Businesses that supply products needed for people to work from home
- Businesses that supply equipment or materials needed by other essential business
- Transportation -- airlines, taxis, marinas, vehicle rental services, Uber and Lyft
- Home-based care and services-- nannies, meal delivery, care for adults, children, seniors and those with disabilities
- Residential facilities and shelters
- Legal services
- Real estate services
- Accounting services
- Waste pickup
- Petroleum and fuel mining
- National defense
- Labor unions
- Hotels and motels
- Funeral services

Essential infrastructure

Keeping the state operating is crucial during this time and repairs and maintenance are a part of that. Those who work to provide services at or for the following businesses have been deemed essential and can continue to operate:

Construction

- Those working in construction in the following fields:
- Hospital construction
- Long-term care facility construction
- Public works construction

- School construction
- Essential business construction
- Housing construction

<u>Maintenance</u>

- Building management and maintenance
- Utility maintenance, including water, sewage, gas and electrical
- Public transportation, roadways, highways and railroads

Operations

- Airport operations
- Utility operations
- Distribution centers
- Internet, video and telecommunication systems

Healthcare and Public Health Operations

Staying healthy is the entire point of the stay at home order, so naturally, Ohioans need the ability to access medical care and equipment. Ohioans are permitted to leave their homes to work at or obtain services through:

- Hospitals
- Clinics
- Dental offices
- Pharmacies
- Organizations collecting blood, platelets, plasma and other necessary materials
- Licensed medical marijuana dispensaries and cultivation centers
- Obstetricians and gynecologists
- Eye care centers -- including those that sell glasses and contacts
- Home healthcare service providers
- Mental health providers
- Substance abuse providers
- Companies involved in pharmaceutical, medical device and equipment, and biotechnology
- Businesses that compile, model, analyze and communicate public health information

• Manufactures, technicians, logistics and warehouse distributors of medical equipment and supplies

Animal Care

Pets are covered under the order and their health has been deemed essential, allowing Ohioans to leave their homes to work at or obtain services through:

- Veterinary care
- Other healthcare services for animals

Government workers and first responders

Ohioans are counting on the government now more than ever to fight against COVID-19 and restore life back to normal as soon as possible. To do that, employees of these fields have been permitted to work:

- First responders
- Emergency management personnel
- Emergency dispatchers
- Legislators
- Judges
- Court personnel
- Jurors and grand jurors
- Law enforcement and corrections personnel
- Hazardous materials responders
- Child protection and child welfare personnel
- Housing and shelter personnel
- Military
- Government employees working for or to support another business deemed essential

Census 2020 Outreach Ideas – March 26

Only **6** days until Census Day!



Understanding that most of our attention right now is focused on the safety and welfare of our constituents, it's still important that we continue to help encourage Census responses right now. The data that we collect now will be used to assist our State and Federal governments to create response plans as events like COVID-19 impact our communities. Knowing who we have and where they live is crucial to getting resources to where they are needed.

Remember that people can now start filling out their Census responses online at <u>https://my2020census.gov/</u> or call 844-330-2020. People should also have gotten the paper forms mailed to their homes as well. If they don't respond to the Census by late March, Census workers will start to visit homes in early April to collect the necessary information.

Census Officials have adjusted their Action Plan due to the COVID-19 situation. Their staff have been following the Governor's Orders to Stay in place for now, but they are looking to how they can move forward. Go to https://www.census.gov/content/dam/Census/library/factsheets/2020/dec/2020-census-operational-adjustments-short-version.pdf to learn more.

Here is this week's Census Information for you:

- <u>PSA</u> Every Moment Counts <u>https://2020census.gov/en/partners/psa-toolkit/moment.html</u>
- Web Article Census 2020 Kicks Off on April 1, 2020!

The Census counts every person living in the United States and five U.S. territories. Census results are the basis for congressional representation and determine how \$675+ billion in federal funds are distributed each year to support vital programs in communities across the country.

These funds shape local health care, housing, education, transportation, employment, and public policy. The per person impact of responding to the Census is about \$1,800 in funds that come directly to your community. Be counted!

Your household should have received a census invitation letter to let you know how to respond to the 2020 Census. You can submit your information electronically, answer by phone (call 844-330-2020) or request a written form. It only takes 10 minutes to complete.

Visit <u>www.2020CENSUS.GOV</u> for questions and the latest census news.

You Count! Make your presence heard! Be Counted!

- <u>3 Social Media Posts</u>
 - Looking for something to do while COVID-19 has you social distancing at home? Visit www.2020census.gov and be counted! #2020Census
 - Looking for a way to support your community? Go to <u>www.2020census.gov</u> and be counted! #2020Census
 - Census 2020 Kicks Off on April 1. Go to <u>www.2020census.gov</u> and be counted! #2020Census

One final piece to share is that the benefit of an online census is that you can get a quick understanding of how people are responding to the Census. Montgomery County (30.3%) is doing a little better than the State in terms of responses, and Preble County is close behind at 29.1%. If you want to track how you County/City/Township/Census Tract are doing, go to https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html.

If you have ideas or enhancements, let us know at eberlyg@mcohio.org!



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DRMA Coronavirus (COVID-19) Resource List for Members

Business Continuity Banking/Loans

- <u>SBA to Provide Economic Injury Disaster Loans for Coronavirus Related</u> <u>Economic Disruptions</u>, from Huntington Bank - 3/18 CPA
- <u>Insight during uncertainty: Coronavirus weekly webcast series</u>; 1 p.m. on Wednesdays, beginning 3/17 through 4/8, from RSM - 3/17 Employer Considerations
- <u>Employer Dos and Don'ts COVID-19/Coronavirus: Legally Speaking</u>, from Taft/Law 3/11
- Employer Dos and Don'ts COVID-19/Coronavirus Webinar, from Taft/Law- 3/18. For a copy of this presentation, please email <u>Shay</u>.
- <u>Unemployment Q&As for employers and employees</u>, from CareWorks Comp - 3/19
- <u>Workers' Comp Temporary policy changes</u>, from CareWorks Comp 3/19
- <u>Coronavirus Response for Employers Next Steps and New Questions</u>, from Auman, Mahan & Furry 3/19
- <u>Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Legally Speaking</u>, from Taft/Law 3/19
- <u>Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions</u>, from BWC 3/19
- Avoid Layoffs by Reducing Hours Using Unemployment Benefits with SharedWork Ohio: Legally Speaking, from Taft/Law - 3/20 Economy
- <u>Brian Beaulieu Webinar: Probable Impact of COVID-19 on ITR Economics'</u> <u>Outlook.</u> There is a fee to download this recorded webinar, from ITR Economics - 3/17

Meet Up - <u>CEO Roundtable</u>, Friday, March 27, 9 - 10 a.m.

This online Meet Up will provide CEOs and top company officials the opportunity to share experiences surrounding COVID-19 with fellow members, give an outlet to share their current business concerns, and share past best practices in overcoming times of crisis and uncertainty.

Early Risers Academy will move online

As our community collectively works to halt the spread of COVID-19, we will run our upcoming Early Risers Academy pre-accelerator programs virtually.

If you can't spend time working in your business, we want to help you work on your business.

Our 10-week Early Risers Academy program is completely free. The program is designed to take aspiring entrepreneurs from idea to launch, or to help newer small business owners plan & train to successfully scale. Entrepreneurs of all genders, colors & creeds are welcome.

The next general cohort will launch April 7 and run through June 9, and a tech cohort will launch April 8 & run through June 10. If there is enough interest, we will launch additional cohorts in April to meet the need.

Participants will spend those 10 weeks moving from idea to founding a business through coursework from the Kauffman Foundation, the country's preeminent entrepreneurship-building organization. Aspiring founders will receive pitch coaching and hands-on mentoring, weekly discussions with successful entrepreneurs and experts, access to Dayton's entrepreneurial ecosystem, & alumni support after graduating the academy.

The tech cohort will be run by reps from Converge Technologies, an engineering and business advisory firm that helps companies with development and commercialization of novel technologies. This focused cohort will offer additional experts on topics such as prototype development and how to design to appeal to end users and for large-scale manufacturing.

Applicants should be able to commit at least 4-6 hours per week to coursework for the duration of the academy.

Each program will conclude with a pitch event in which one graduate from each cohort will win \$1,000 to infuse into their business. Pitch events will be organized with Launch Dayton, a collaborative effort to connect entrepreneurs to peers, resources, and supporters, and to tell the stories of our region's thriving startup community.

"We are intentionally carving out space for minority founders and business owners to access resources that help build solid foundations and provide handson support in order to create successful businesses," program manager KeAnna Daniels said. "We are committed to reaching non-tech and historically underrepresented founders who haven't always felt seen in Dayton's entrepreneurial ecosystem."

Apply here.

This pre-accelerator is supported by The Entrepreneurs Center & Wright State Research Institute, collaborators on the region's Entrepreneurial Services Provider (ESP) grant which is funded by Ohio Third Frontier.

For more information, contact KeAnna at <u>keanna.daniels@wright.edu</u>.



Resources for Economic Support COVID-19

Liquor buyback

The Ohio Department of Commerce will immediately begin offering a liquor buyback option to support bars and restaurants. This is intended to aid those establishments that have stocked up on high proof liquor, but now are facing closure to in-house patrons. Bars and restaurants can return unopened, high proof liquor products (obtained within the past 30 days) to the agency where they purchased the product. This opportunity is also extended to those with temporary (F2) permits for events scheduled between March 12 and April 6, 2020. Questions about this program should be directed to the Liquor Enterprise Service Center at 1-877-812-0013 or OhioLiquorInfo@Com.Ohio.gov.

Small Business Administration's (SBA) Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program ٠

Ohio small businesses and nonprofits are now eligible to apply for up to a \$2 million, lowinterest loan through the SBA. Apply online at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/, which is recommended, or call (800) 659-2955 to have an application mailed to you.

Publicly-Funded Daycares •

An executive order issued last week increased the number of children allowed to be supervised by child care staff, depending on the type of program and ages of the children. The order also increased from 10 to 20 the number of paid absent days for providers serving children in the Publicly Funded Child Care program, and it provides child care programs with 21 paid pandemic days if they must close their programs because of the pandemic. Read the Executive Order: ttps://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2020/03/13/file attachments/140 0790/Executive%20Order%202020-02D.pdf

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) is modifying the process for haulers carrying heavy loads of essential goods. Generally, Ohio requires haulers with loads classified as "oversized" to seek advanced permission from ODOT before they are legally allowed to travel in the state. Haulers carrying these essential goods can download and print the permit at transportation.ohio.gov.

Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC)

Ohio's Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) system is the exclusive provider of workers' compensation insurance in Ohio and serves 249,000 public and private employers. To help businesses facing difficulties due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ohio BWC is announcing

insurance premium installment payments. For more information, visit <u>bwc.ohio.gov</u>.

• Grace Period for Health Insurance Premiums

All health insurers are required to provide the option of deferring premium payments, interest free, for up to 60 calendar days from each original premium due date. This means that employers can defer their premium payments up to two months, giving them some relief on costs, while keeping their employees insured.



March 26, 2020 Latest updates for manufacturers regarding the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak:

OMA Actions

 The OMA has created <u>a list of frequently asked questions</u> that we have received from members regarding state and federal actions taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreak. The answers provided in this FAQ document are not legal advice, but are intended to serve only as guidance and general reference for manufacturers. For specific questions relating exclusively to your operations, make sure you work with your internal experts and legal counsel.

State Actions

- During today's media briefing, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted again encouraged essential businesses to document their rationale for remaining open, as well as the steps they are taking to comply with <u>Section 18</u> of Ohio's stay-at-home order. He said most employers are following the order's requirements to maintain a safe workplace, but added that those who are not "will be reported by employees, local health officials, or competitors."
- The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) has clarified its recent announcement that unpaid insurance premiums due for March, April, and May can be deferred until June 1, 2020. The BWC says the <u>deferral is automatic</u> -- no application is necessary.
- The state's COVID-19 website for business support contains a reminder that all health insurers are required to provide the option of deferring premium payments, interest free, for up to 60 days from each original premium due date. This means employers can defer their premium payments for up to two months while keeping their employees insured.

• Ohio has <u>reported</u> 187,780 initial unemployment claims from last week (March 15-21). That's compared to 7,042 claims the previous week. Nationwide, more than 3 million Americans applied for unemployment benefits last week.

Federal

- The OMA has heard from several members with concerns regarding the expansion of unemployment benefits as proposed in the federal "Phase 3" emergency bill, already approved by the U.S. Senate. Among <u>other things</u>, the roughly \$2 trillion package would temporarily grant an extra \$600 a week to unemployed individuals. Many businesses have noted that earning more than \$20 an hour would be a huge disincentive to working -- and that this provision will pit small business against their own employees.
 - The OMA encourages members to immediately <u>contact their member</u> of <u>Congress</u>, as well as the <u>White House</u> with their concerns regarding this unemployment benefit expansion. Time is precious -the House is expected to vote on the bill tomorrow (Friday, March 27).
- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is looking for businesses that can sell medical supplies or equipment to the federal government, have medical supplies or equipment to donate, or want to produce a product related to the COVID-19 response. For contact information, visit <u>this FEMA page</u> and click "How to Help - Private Sector."
- The CDC has updated its <u>"What to Do if You Are Sick" page</u>.

National Association of Manufacturers

- The NAM continues working with the White House to provide coordination between manufacturers and the government to match urgent needs with manufacturers' capacity to produce and distribute supplies. If you can help produce vital supplies and component parts, please <u>fill out this form</u>.
- During a virtual press briefing today, NAM President and CEO Jay Timmons -- an Ohio native -- thanked state manufacturing association partners for leading the charge to work with governors to help contain the spread of COVID-19, while keeping manufacturers and their supply chains operational. He specifically noted the OMA's work. Thanks, Jay.

OMA Connections Partners

• Plante Moran has published a COVID-19 resource page for manufacturers.

- Roetzel has provided <u>this easy-to-understand overview</u> of Ohio's emergency COVID-19 legislation (HB 197) passed yesterday.
- For those needing more analysis of the federal "Families First Coronavirus Response Act," <u>this is a good summary</u> by RSM -- with a breakdown of the employer tax credits.

Ohio Cases of COVID-19

- At <u>last check</u>, Ohio had 867 confirmed cases, with 223 individuals hospitalized (91 in ICU), and 15 deaths. Median age is 51. More than 17,300 have been tested.
- Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton said hospitals are working to build out additional capacity as quickly as possible because Ohio could soon see a surge of 6,000 to 8,000 new COVID-19 cases a day.
- <u>Ohio's COVID-19 Dashboard</u> displays the most recent preliminary data reported to the Ohio Department of Health.

For health-related questions regarding COVID-19, contact the Ohio Department of Health's call center at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). We urge members to visit the websites of the <u>CDC</u> and the <u>Ohio Department of Health</u>, as well as the <u>OMA's</u> <u>COVID-19 Resources Page</u>.

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Ohio Small Business Development Centers

SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL)

To prepare for applying for the SBA's EIDL, here are forms you will need to complete:

- Electronic Loan Application (Form 5) <u>PDF</u> <u>LINK</u> •
- Electronic Loan Application (Form 5C) Sole Proprietorship Only PDF LINK
- Personal Financial Statement (Form 413) PDF LINK
- Schedule of Liabilities (Form 2202) PDF LINK
- EIDL Supporting Information (Form P-019) PDF
- Tax Authorization (Form 4506-T) PDF LINK
- Most recent Business Tax Return •



Wright-Patterson forms Incident Command Center for COVID-19 response And

Listing of Services and Operational Status

By Bryan Ripple , 88th Air Base Wing Public Affairs / Published March 25, 2020

https://www.wpafb.af.mil/

Airman 1st Class Luis Cintron, a dental technician at the Wright-Patterson AFB Medical Center, takes a temperature reading from Capt. Kelsey Pruitt, a nurse practitioner with the Women's Health Center as she arrives for duty March 25. All medical center staff members are now having their temperatures checked upon arriving for duty at the medical center at one specified location.

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – In an effort to minimize the spread of the Coronavirus disease 2019 and to prioritize the health and safety of all base personnel and members of our communities, base officials formed a COVID-19 Incident Command Center (ICC) March 23 at the Wright-Patterson Medical Center.

Led by Lt. Col. (Dr.) Hui Ling Li, base Public Health Officer, as the incident commander, and advised by base Fire Chief Jacob King, the ICC is comprised of subject matter experts from other areas of responsibility such as Public Health, Operations, Planning, Logistics, Security Forces, Finance, and Administration.

The ICC coordinates information and requests with the base Emergency Operations Center, Crisis Action Team, installation leadership, first responders, and medical officials as they continue to work closely with the Ohio Department of Health to coordinate prevention and response efforts in the local area.

"The Incident Command Center will enable our installation to be more effective in managing this public health emergency through a unified command and control structure," said Dr. Li. "It will help us better coordinate efforts and manage resources among all base organizations, local, state, and national partners. Installation leadership and I are confident that having the ICC will enable our base to weather this public health emergency," she said.

Although the organizational response structure is foundationally the same as previously used for incident response actions, this event requires a larger team of personnel to manage the incident that could potentially last months versus hours.

"There has never been an incident of this magnitude at this installation," said Chief King. "Our training has prepared us for this type of event, and we are able to effectively manage this event as a unified, multifunctional team."

Col. Thomas Sherman, 88th Air Base Wing and installation commander visited the ICC March 24 to provide his leadership perspective and let the ICC know the great respect he has for the people stepping forward to support the team and their actions the ICC will need to take going forward.

"We oftentimes will say that hope is not a course of action. And albeit, that is true," Sherman told the ICC. "If the only thing you build your plan on is the hope that it would get completed, that's a tough thing to put all of your stock in. However, hope is a force multiplier. In any situation, what hope does can be making the difference between despair and failure and anticipation and drive to get to success."

There are many people that call Wright-Patterson home in one way, shape or form, whether they are connected by work, by affiliation, or by family.

"The one thing that is going through all of their minds right now is angst and fear. What this structure does and what every single one of you in this room are doing right now is adding hope as a force multiplier into the aspect that we can, and will get through this, because of what you're doing," said Sherman. "It's going to bring stability, it's going to bring a process, and it's going to mean that when the wave hits us, we are already anchored in a strong foundation that our collective knowledge and calm is going to make sure that the rest of this installation will have that collective knowledge and calm, and hope, in that case, will see us through. Thank you for having the courage to lean forward to say, 'This is what we need to do.'"

With three confirmed cases of Coronavirus among base personnel and dependents identified as of March 21, the ICC continues working hard to ensure that solid foundation is in place to see the installation and its people through the "We re dealing with a complex problem that requires new support and sustainment to effectively mitigate this large-scale event, with our community safety as our number one priority," said Chief King.





Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation

Mike DeWine, Governor

Jon Husted, Lt. Governor and Director

Training Resources | Workforce Transformation

The State of Ohio has released a list of job training resources workers can use to 'upskill' themselves while they are at home due to the coronavirus pandemic.

In addition to the resources available through <u>www.OhioMeansJobs.com</u> and Linkedin Learning, <u>https://www.linkedin.com/learning/me</u> there are a number of other online education and training providers through which part or all of their course content can be accessed for free. A few examples of the many great online resources include: <u>Code.org</u>, <u>Coursera</u>, <u>edX</u>, <u>Udacity</u>, and <u>Khan Academy</u>.

eBASEDACADEMY:

The eBasedAcademy is an online learning platform hosted by OhioMHAS. From behavioral sciences to the science of addiction, eBasedAcademy offers classes from Ohio's top educators, professors and professionals. Through the eBasedAcademy you can earn Continuing Education Credits in a variety of fields including psychology, nursing and social work.

SHAREDWORK OHIO:

SharedWork Ohio is a voluntary layoff aversion program. It allows workers to remain employed and employers to retain trained staff during times of reduced business activity. Under a SharedWork Ohio plan, the participating employer reduces affected employees' hours in a uniform manner. The participating employee works the reduced hours each week, and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) provides eligible individuals an unemployment insurance benefit proportionate to their reduced hours. You can visit <u>JFS.Ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio</u> for more information.

For more information visit

https://workforce.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/workforce/news/news-site/03192020