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Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.

Resources

- **Assistance for Small Businesses**

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes those employed by small businesses by authorizing up to \$349 billion toward job retention and certain other expenses. Small businesses and eligible nonprofit organizations, veterans' organizations, and tribal businesses described in the Small Business Act, as well as individuals who are self-employed or are independent contractors, are eligible if they also meet program size standards.

- For a top-line overview of the program [CLICK HERE](#)
- If you're a lender, more information can be found [HERE](#)
- If you're a borrower, more information can be found [HERE](#)
- [Final Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Lender Electronic Data Form](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program – Interim Final Rule](#)

- **Paycheck Protection Program Resources**

- SBA Paycheck Protection Program [website](#)
- Department of the Treasury CARES Act [website](#)

- **Assistance for American Workers and Families**

In the weeks immediately after the passage of the CARES Act, Americans will see relief in the form of Economic Impact Payments. For more information, [CLICK HERE](#).

State Updates

- There are 2,902 confirmed cases, 260 ICU admissions, 802 hospitalizations, and 81 deaths in Ohio as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. More data is available [HERE](#).
- Governor DeWine announced Ohio's Stay at Home order has been extended until 11:59 PM on May 1, 2020. Updates included in the new order can be found [here](#) or on coronavirus.ohio.gov. **It is GCP's recommendation that you review the new order.** Some of the highlights of the new order include:
 - The creation of a dispute resolution process that is effective on Monday (see below for more, developing, information) for situations where two local health departments have come to a different conclusion on what is or is not an essential business.
 - The requirement that essential businesses determine and enforce a maximum number of customers allowed in a store at one time. These businesses must ensure that people waiting to enter the stores maintain safe social distancing.
 - Direction that travelers arriving to Ohio should self-quarantine for 14 days. Exceptions include persons who live and work in trans-border areas, health care workers, public health workers, public safety workers, transportation workers and designated essential workers. Visitors are instructed not to travel to Ohio if they are displaying symptoms, excepting in certain circumstances for medical care.
 - The mandate that wedding receptions be limited to no more than 10 people.

- A clarification to close campgrounds with the exception where a camper or recreational vehicle in a campground serves as a citizen's permanent residence and they are unable to secure safe alternative housing.
 - The requirement that public swimming pools and swimming pools at private clubs or housing complexes close to prevent transmission of COVID-19. This does not apply to private residential pools.
 - The clarification that retail garden centers can remain open but should determine and enforce a reduced capacity to keep customers and employees safe.
 - The closure of day camps for children.
 - The prohibition of organized youth and adult sports.
 - The clarification that fishing is permitted if proper social distancing is practiced.
- The new Ohio dispute resolution panel will consist of Ohio Department of Commerce Director Sheryl Maxfield, Ohio Development Services Agency Director Lydia Mihalik and Public Utilities Commission of Ohio Chairman Sam Randazzo, for cases when “very similar” businesses are treated differently regarding essential status in separate health department jurisdictions; more information will be forthcoming on the dispute resolution board.
 - The Governor said the panel’s decisions will carry the force of law and will not be subject to appeal, as they must resolve matters quickly.
 - Deliberations will be accessible to the public and the underlying rationale for decisions will be given, though hearings will not be held in person.
 - Lt. Governor Husted said the new order contained revised federal guidance on what is an essential business in the e-commerce industry.
- Governor DeWine announced the creation of his Economic Advisory Board that will help the administration work through economic issues facing Ohio. A list of the advisory board members can be found [HERE](#). Several GCP members are on the Board, and the group will be led by Frank Sullivan, Chairman and CEO of RPM International.
- Lt. Governor Husted announced that the Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation has developed a website specifically geared toward matching essential businesses with Ohioans who are able and willing to work as an essential employee during the COVID-19 crisis. Both essential businesses and current job seekers can visit [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov/JobSearch](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/JobSearch) to post and search.
- New guidance and updates were issued by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio Department of Higher Education to previously existing statutes and rules for the College Credit Plus (CCP) program in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Federal Updates

- The U.S. lost 701,000 jobs in March, ending more than a decade of uninterrupted employment growth, according to data released Friday by the U.S. Labor Department.
- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the Internal Revenue Service announced that Social Security beneficiaries who are not typically required to file tax returns will not need to file an abbreviated tax return to receive an Economic Impact Payment. Instead, payments will be automatically deposited into their bank accounts.

- The IRS urges taxpayers to be on the lookout for a surge of calls and email phishing attempts about the Coronavirus, or COVID-19. These contacts can lead to tax-related fraud and identity theft.
- [This fact sheet](#) provides guidance for determining the eligibility of private non-profit applicants that may be eligible to apply for funding through FEMA's Public Assistance program.
- The United States Patent & Trademark Office [announced extensions](#) to the time allowed to file certain patent and trademark-related documents and to pay certain required fees.

Additional Federal Guidance (as of April 2, 2020 at 6:00pm):

- **WH** - Memorandum on Order Under the Defense Production Act Regarding the Purchase of Ventilators ([Click here](#))
- **HHS** - OCR Announces Notification of Enforcement Discretion to Allow Uses and Disclosures of Protected Health Information by Business Associates for Public Health and Health Oversight Activities During The COVID-19 Nationwide Public Health Emergency ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Decontamination and Reuse of Filtering Facepiece Respirators using Contingency and Crisis Capacity Strategies ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - FAQs for Event Organizers & Individuals ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Public Service Announcements ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Healthcare Infection Prevention and Control FAQs for COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - How COVID-19 Spreads ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - COVID-19, Pregnancy & Breastfeeding ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - 4/1 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - Food Access and COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA Provides Updated Guidance to Address the Urgent Need for Blood During the Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **FEMA** - 4/1 Photos of the Whole-of-America Response to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **FEMA** - Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic: Private Nonprofit Organizations Fact Sheet ([Click here](#))
- **DOT** - U.S. Transportation Secretary Elaine L. Chao Announces \$25 Billion to Help Nation's Public Transportation Systems Respond to COVID-19 ([Click here](#)) and FAQs ([Click here](#))
- **DOT** - FMCSA Statement on State and Local Shelter in Place and Other Restrictions on Movement Relating to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - Statement by Secretary of Labor Eugene Scalia on Unemployment Insurance Claims ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - HUD Moves Quickly to Make \$3 Billion of COVID-19 Relief Funding Available to Communities Across the Nation ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - HUD Issues Availability of Regulatory Waivers for CoC, ESG, and HOPWA Programs to Help Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 and Mitigate Economic Impacts ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - HUD Issues New CARES Act Mortgage Payment Relief For FHA Single Family Homeowners ([Click here](#))
- **DOC** - USPTO announces extension of certain patent and trademark-related timing deadlines under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ([Click here](#))
- **DOC-Census** - U.S. Census Bureau Statement on 2020 Census Call Centers ([Click here](#))
- **DOE** - U.S. Department of Energy to Make Strategic Petroleum Reserve Storage Capacity Available to Struggling U.S. Oil Producers ([Click here](#))