

GCP Advocacy: COVID-19 Daily Update



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Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.

Resources

Friday evening, U.S. Treasury released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program:

- [Paycheck Protection Program – Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program – Interim Final Rule on Affiliation](#)

For more information and updates, visit [Treasury.gov/CARES](https://www.treasury.gov/CARES) and [SBA.gov/PayCheckProtection](https://www.sba.gov/PayCheckProtection).

Assistance for Small Businesses

The Paycheck Protection Program prioritizes millions of Americans 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](#)
- [PPP Borrower Application Form \(Updated 4/2/20\)](#)
- [PPP Lender Application Form](#)
- [PPP New Lender Application Form \(Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, Farm Credit System Institutions\)](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program – Interim Final Rule](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program – Interim Final Rule on Affiliation](#)
- [Paycheck Protection Program – Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Find an eligible lender](#)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#)

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

- On Friday, the Ohio Department of Health reported 410 more confirmed cases of coronavirus and 10 more deaths Friday.
- Gov. Mike DeWine announced that his administration is asking local judges to consider the early release of 38 non-violent prisoners due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Lt. Governor Husted announced Battelle and JobsOhio have partnered to provide free N95 mask sanitizing for hospitals for the next two weeks. Ohio still faces a critical shortage of PPE. Those with items to donate can email together@governor.ohio.gov. Manufacturers that may be able to temporarily repurpose to create PPE are asked to visit [repurposingproject.com](https://www.repurposingproject.com).

- JobsOhio's most recent [Economic Impact Report](#) is available now.
- The Ohio Department of Education released a guide to help schools, educators, students, parents, and caregivers as they navigate remote learning. The guide is available on the Ohio Department of Education's website [here](#).
- Governor DeWine announced last week that 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.

- WOSU: [Federal Judge Refuses To Halt Ohio's Extended Primary Election](#)

Federal Updates

- On April 3, the Small Business Administration Paycheck Protection Program [launched](#), offering nearly \$350 billion in loans to small businesses.
 - If an employer maintains their workforce, the SBA will forgive the portion of the loan used to cover the first 8 weeks of payroll and certain other expenses. [Learn more here](#).
 - In addition to its traditional loan programs, the SBA is also providing Economic Injury Disaster Loans and forgiveness for up to six months of new and existing loans. [You can read our blog post on EIDL's here](#).
- Friday, the U.S. Department of Labor [announced more guidance](#) to provide information to workers and employers about how each will be able to take advantage of the protections and relief offered by the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, which went into effect April 1, 2020.
- Senate Democratic Leader Charles Schumer said Friday that Congress "probably will" need to appropriate [even more money for jobless claims](#) after a record 6.6 million Americans filed for unemployment benefits last week.
- Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said Friday that there will be a fourth coronavirus bill and that health care should be a top priority as lawmakers draft the legislation, softening his [initial resistance to further spending](#).
- McConnell's movement toward a fourth bill comes as Speaker Nancy Pelosi [appeared to scale back her ambitions](#) for the next package, saying that things like improvements to drinking water systems and expanded access to broadband may have to wait.
- The IRS has established a [special section on IRS.gov](#) focused on steps to help businesses and other taxpayers affected by the Coronavirus. This page will be updated as new information is available. The Department of Treasury also has a resource page at [Coronavirus: Resources, Updates, and What You Should Know](#).
- Mayors and Governors [looking to get assessments](#) of certain sites that have the potential to temporarily act as medical facilities can look to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for help.
- The President [announced Friday](#) that he has selected a member of the White House Counsel's office to serve as the inspector general overseeing the disbursement of hundreds of billions of dollars in federal funds as part of the coronavirus relief package.
- The Trump administration announced Friday that the federal government will reimburse hospitals treating uninsured patients for the novel coronavirus using funds allocated in the recent relief package passed by Congress. [Read more here](#).
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is recommending that people wear masks or face coverings in public. President Trump stressed that it would be "voluntary". The [new recommendation](#), issued by the CDC, is a reversal for the agency.

- Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland President Loretta Mester said U.S. unemployment could rise as high as 15%.

Local Updates

- Mayor Frank Jackson noted the following on Friday:
 - Cleveland may continue to ban mass gatherings and events over the summer if the coronavirus crisis persists; “the City of Cleveland will continue to follow the direction of the Governor and CDC in regard to mass gatherings.”
 - City Hall offices remain closed, essential workers, such as police, fire and EMS personnel, remain on the job.
 - The Mayor convenes an executive policy group, made up of several members of his cabinet, daily to discuss responses to the COVID-19 outbreak.
 - This week the mayor extended his proclamation of a civil emergency to run through April.
- A coalition of Northeast Ohio philanthropic, corporate and civic partners have joined to create the Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund to deploy resources to nonprofit organizations serving on the frontlines of the pandemic in our region. On Friday, the group announced it will award \$1.18 million to 17 organizations in its second round of weekly grants to support nonprofits.