

## GCP Advocacy: COVID-19 Update

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*Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.*

### Resources

- The Internal Revenue Service announced Monday that enhancements have been made to the “[Get My Payment](#)” tool for Americans eligible to receive Economic Impact Payments.

### Assistance for Small Businesses

The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with resources.

#### **Program Overview**

- [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
- [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)

#### **For Borrowers**

- [More information](#)
- [Search Tool: Find an Eligible Lender](#)
- [Borrower Application Form](#)
- [Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)

#### **For Lenders**

- [More information](#)
- [Lender Application Form](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Federally Insured Depository Institutions, Federally Insured Credit Unions, and Farm Credit System Institutions](#)
- [Lender Application Form for Non-Bank and Non-Insured Depository Institution Lenders](#)
- [SBA Procedural Guidance on Participation Sales – Updated 4/24](#)
- Lender Assistance Hotline: (833) 572-0502

#### **Program Rules**

- [Frequently Asked Questions – Updated 4/23](#)
- [Interim Final Rule 1](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Applicable Affiliation Rules](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Additional Eligibility Criteria and Requirements for Certain Pledges of Loans](#)
- [Interim Final Rule on Requirements for Promissory Notes, Authorizations, Affiliation, and Eligibility – Updated 4/24](#)

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

### State Updates

- The Ohio Department of Health reported Monday that COVID-19 cases in the state now total 16,325 – an increase of 362 in confirmed coronavirus cases since Sunday.
  - Deaths now total 753 – an increase of 25 since Sunday.
  - Cases have resulted in 3,232 hospitalizations and 978 intensive care unit admissions.

- Governor Mike DeWine offered guidance for his Responsible Restart Ohio to “re-open” Ohio’s economy today.
- The Governor is taking a phased-in approach that will initially focus on five protocols for all businesses when they re-open, including a “no mask, no work, no service, no exception” requirement for employees and clients, and limits on capacity to no more than 50 percent of fire code restrictions.
- He also set the following schedule for beginning to open up the state's economy saying, "We are opening where there is less risk."
  - **Friday, May 1:** Lifting the bar on elective surgeries to allow procedures that do not require an overnight hospital stay.
  - **Monday, May 4:** Re-open manufacturing, distribution and construction.
  - **Monday, May 4:** Re-open general office work.
  - **Tuesday, May 12:** Re-open consumer, retail and services.
- Stay-at-home orders will remain in place, including limits on gatherings, but with modifications to allow additional business operations.
- In connection to the Responsible Restart Ohio plan, the Governor outlined graphics and information that can be found at the Ohio Department of Health’s Coronavirus website [here](#).
- Meanwhile, Economic Recovery Task Force Chairman Representative Paul Zeltwanger, released an "Open Ohio Responsibly Framework" Monday morning.
- Ohio House Democratic leaders Monday outlined their recommendations for Ohio's reopening, promoting 10 focus areas of "testing, tracing, hygiene, child care, vulnerable populations, worker protections, consumer confidence, support for business, general election and public awareness."
- On Friday, Ohio Senate Democrats urged the Governor not re-open Ohio, [in a letter](#), before certain conditions are met.

### Federal Updates

- In case you missed it, the President signed into law additional funding to support those impacted by the coronavirus. [You can read the bill language and summaries here.](#)
  - This legislation provides \$320 billion in additional funding for the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP); the SBA's E-Tran portal was scheduled for submitting loans to reopen on April 27 at 10:30 a.m.
  - The bill also appropriates \$60 billion more for the Small Business Administration’s (SBA) Disaster Loan Program.
  - To aid in coronavirus response efforts, \$75 billion in funding will be provided to hospitals and healthcare providers and \$25 billion will support testing efforts.
- Federal policymakers are discussing what a potential fourth coronavirus relief package might look like.
  - Lawmakers are discussing a potential fifth coronavirus relief bill, raising early questions about how quickly Congress will be able to reach an agreement on more aid.
  - Though the previous four bills have passed with overwhelming bipartisan support, Congressional leaders are very likely in disagreement over the timeline and details of the somewhat confusingly named “phase four” legislation, which would actually be the fifth bill to respond to the crisis.

- Arguments are being made for and against state and local funding, infrastructure support, potential changes to the small business loan program that has received \$660 billion, and a potential increase in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits.
- The Treasury Department and the Internal Revenue Service last week released state-by-state figures for Economic Impact Payments. As of April 17, Ohio has made 3,504,529 payments totaling \$6,258,547,152.

#### Local Updates

- **The post-coronavirus to-do list includes highlighting Cleveland's manufacturing prowess, streamlining government and full broadband access: Joe Roman**
- Cleveland's NASA Glenn Research Center is collaborating with a Kent-based company called Emergency Products + Research (EP+R) to develop a fogging system that can be used to decontaminate rooms and ambulances for the coronavirus, writes cleveland.com's Sabrina Eaton. NASA engineers who specialize in aerosol physics are working through a regional economic development program to revamp an existing product sold by the company for use fighting COVID-19.
- News Release: Pending Council approval, Cuyahoga County is moving its enforcement of the plastic bag ban from July 1, 2020 to January 1, 2021.