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Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.

Resources

- The U.S. Department of the Treasury and the U.S. Small Business Administration released additional guidance regarding the Paycheck Protection Program Wednesday:
 - [Joint Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Administrator Jovita Carranza on Establishing Dedicated Hours for Small Lender Submissions of PPP Applications](#)
 - [Frequently Asked Questions \(Question 38\)](#)

State Updates

- There are 17,303 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 937 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths.
 - A total of 3,421 people have been hospitalized, including 1,014 admissions to intensive care units.
 - In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Lt. Governor Husted reemphasized that face coverings are required for employers and employees while on the job. Exceptions for employers and employees include when:
 - An employee in a particular position is prohibited by a law or regulation from wearing a face covering while on the job
 - Wearing a face covering on the job is against documented industry best practices
 - Wearing a face covering is not advisable for health purposes
 - If wearing a face covering is a violation of a company's safety policies
 - An employee is sitting alone in an enclosed workspace
 - There is a practical reason a face covering cannot be worn by an employee

If any of these exceptions apply to a business or employee, written justification must be provided upon request.

- Governor DeWine announced that nearly \$16 million in grant funding is now available for local law enforcement agencies, probation and parole offices, local courts, victim service providers, and adult, juvenile, and community corrections agencies.
 - For more information, please visit www.ocjs.ohio.gov.
- The Governor also announced Ohio has shipped 4.1 million pieces of personal protective equipment (PPE) to local emergency management agencies (EMA) across Ohio. This particular shipment includes:
 - 500,000 N95 masks
 - 850,000 face shields
 - 750,000 surgical-type masks
 - 2 million non-medical gloves

- Governor DeWine reminded Ohio educators that they must ensure social distancing during any and all graduation ceremonies. Additional guidance can be found on the [Ohio Department of Education's website](#). The Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Health issued the following suggestions for local schools and health departments:
 - Virtual graduation ceremonies (preferred)
 - Drive-in ceremonies where students drive to a designated location at a designated time to get their diplomas
 - Outdoor ceremonies with 10 people or less who are socially distanced

Additional State Guidance

- A second amended K-12 school closure is [here](#)
- A checklist for healthcare procedures and hospitals is [here](#)
- FAQ's for masks in the workplace is [here](#)
- Contact tracing information is [here](#)
- Five responsible protocols for all businesses is [here](#).

Federal Updates

- The United States possess at least a third of the more than 3 million confirmed cases of COVID-19 worldwide.
- With the U.S. Senate looking to return to Washington on Monday, House Democrats are looking at virtual options for the chamber this week to give committees the ability to conduct hearings remotely.
 - Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer and House Speaker Nancy Pelosi continue to advocate for a package the size of the original CARES Act, with a focus on funding for state and local governments, hazard pay for front-line workers, increased spending on social-safety-net programs, and worker safety protections.
 - Republican leaders are insisting the next package must include liability protection for businesses and that future spending must be restrained. Amid forecasts of increased COVID-19-related litigation, liability protection is emerging as a possible consequential issue.
- Senator Sherrod Brown says he would like the next package federal aid to include a dedicated, flexible source of funding for towns, cities and counties. Senator Rob Portman who also wants the next coronavirus funding package to provide money to state and local governments.
 - Brown has asked Treasury Secretary Steve Mnuchin to immediately release guidance that “makes explicitly clear that funding from the CARES Act Fund is allowed to be used to replace lost revenue.”
 - “I don’t think anybody in Congress would want to see public safety compromised in the middle of this crisis,” said Portman.

Additional Federal Guidance (as of April 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.):

- **HHS** - Secretary Azar Statement on Positive Results from NIH Remdesivir Trial ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Contact Tracing: Part of a Multipronged Approach to Fight the COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **CDC/EPA** - EPA, CDC Release Guidance for Cleaning and Disinfecting Spaces Where Americans Live, Work, and Play ([Click here](#))

- **FDA** - April 28 Daily Roundup ([Click here](#))
- **NIH** - NIH mobilizes national innovation initiative for COVID-19 diagnostics ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/SBA** - Joint Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Administrator Jovita Carranza on the Review Procedure for Paycheck Protection Program Loans ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/SBA** - Joint Statement by Secretary Steven T. Mnuchin and Administrator Jovita Carranza on Establishing Dedicated Hours for Small Lender Submissions of PPP Applications ([Click here](#))
- **Federal Reserve** - Federal Reserve issues FOMC statement ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA To Implement President Trump's Executive Order On Meat and Poultry Processors ([Click here](#))
- **DOT** - U.S. Department of Transportation Issues Notice Regarding Essential Air Service Program, Given the Impact of COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **DOC** - Statement from U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross on Q1 2020 GDP Advance Estimate ([Click here](#))
- **DOC** - USPTO extends certain patent and trademark deadlines to June 1 ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Issues COVID-19 Relief and Guidance for Employee Benefit Plans ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - Statement of Enforcement Policy by Solicitor of Labor Kate O'Scannlain and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for OSHA Loren Sweatt regarding Meat and Poultry Processing Facilities ([Click here](#))
- **DOL** - U.S. Department of Labor Announces that all 50 States and the District of Columbia Are Paying Federal Pandemic Unemployment Compensation Benefits ([Click here](#))
- **DHS/VA** - Joint Statement from DHS and VA on Continued Collaboration Throughout COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))

Local Updates

- Preliminary voting results show Ohioans approved 63 of 99 local school funding issues on the ballot in Ohio's 2020 Primary Election, according to the Ohio School Boards Association's ([OSBA](#)) levy results database.
 - Cuyahoga County had seven such funding requests, with five passing in Brooklyn City, Lakewood City, Olmsted Falls City, Parma City and South Euclid-Lyndhurst school districts; voters rejected a Cleveland Heights-University Heights City Schools current expenses levy and a Euclid City emergency levy.
 - Portage County saw five requests, with success for a construction levy in Kent City Schools, current expenses levy in Aurora City Schools and emergency levy in Rootstown Schools, but losses for a general improvements levy in Windham Exempted Village Schools and current expenses levy in Waterloo Local Schools.