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Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.

Resources

- On Friday, the Small Business Administration, in consultation with the Department of the Treasury, released the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) Loan Forgiveness Application and detailed instructions for the application.
 - [Click here](#) to view the application and instructions.
- The Paycheck Protection Program is providing small businesses with the resources. As a reminder, here are additional PPP links:
 - [Top-line Overview of PPP](#)
 - [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report](#)
 - [SBA Paycheck Protection Program Loan Report Round 2 – Updated 5/3](#)
 - [Summary of Paycheck Protection Program Round 2 Data – Updated 5/15](#)
- Last week, Governor DeWine announced a one-time rebate to defray the cost of restocking high-proof liquor.
 - Beginning in mid-May, JobsOhio will provide a \$500 rebate for eligible purchases made through Ohio Liquor Contract Agencies.
 - For more rebate information and program registration, visit wholesale.ohlq.com.

State Updates

- By Sunday, [Ohio reported](#) 27,923 cases of the coronavirus, and 1,625 deaths.
- The DeWine administration is not yet ordering cuts to General Revenue Fund budgets for FY21, as it did for the current fiscal year, but wants agencies to keep a share of their budgeted spending in reserve in anticipation of further revenue shortfalls.
- Governor Mike DeWine will likely have an announcement about health-access measures for African-American Ohioans at his daily briefing this week; it's been approximately one month since the Governor's Minority Health Strike Force began meeting to discuss strategies to combat the coronavirus' impact on black communities.
- The Ohio Director of Health orders for reopening personal services and restaurants and bars is [here](#).
- On May 21, campgrounds in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.
 - The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices for both campgrounds and campers is [here](#).
- On May 22, horse racing in Ohio will be permitted if these operations can meet required safety protocols; spectators will not be permitted.

- On May 26, gyms and fitness centers in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.
 - A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- On May 26, sports leagues in Ohio will be permitted to operate if these leagues can meet required safety protocols.
 - This applies only to non-contact and limited-contact sports.
 - A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
 - Note that safety protocols for high-contact sports are in development.
- On May 26, public pools and club pools that are regulated by local health departments in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if these facilities can meet required safety protocols.
 - According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there is no evidence that the virus that causes COVID-19 can be spread to people through the water in pools, hot tubs, spas, or water play areas.
 - Proper operation and maintenance (including disinfection with chlorine and bromine) of these facilities should inactivate the virus in the water.
 - A full list of mandatory and recommended best practices will be available soon at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- On May 31, childcare providers in Ohio will be permitted to reopen if they can meet required safety protocols.
 - The full list of mandatory and recommended best practices is [here](#).
 - To assist in the reopening of child care centers, Ohio will seek to use more than \$60 million in federal CARES Act funding to provide reopening grants to all of Ohio's childcare providers, including family childcare, childcare centers, and both publicly-funded and private providers.
- Senator Matt Dolan shared during Senate Finance Committee that the Senate intends to pass a re-appropriations bill before the end of June with an emergency clause.
 - The inclusion of an emergency clause would eliminate the 90-day wait period for the law to go into effect following the Governor's signature.
 - The Ohio House has not announced whether it shares the Senate's interest in passing a re-appropriations bill on this timeline. The Chairman shared that the passage of a re-appropriations bill would be introduced and passed out of Senate Finance Committee over the next several meetings in order to stimulate commerce.
- The Ohio House Economic Recovery Task Force, Ohio 2020, will hold their next meeting today.
- State civil immunity legislation in the Ohio House, HB 606, and Ohio Senate, SB 308, will receive their next hearings on Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - HB 606 will receive its third hearing for all testimony in House Civil Justice Committee on May 19 at 3:00 p.m.
 - SB 308 will receive its third hearing for all testimony, with amendments and a vote possible, in Senate Judiciary Committee on May 20 at 9:15 a.m.

- Secretary of State Frank LaRose proposed several changes to November's election.
 - The plan includes in-person voting options and changes to improve voting by mail and he is working with the legislature on a plan to put forward.
 - Meanwhile, members of the House Democratic Caucus outlined their ideas Friday for reforming voting in Ohio before the November election, including mailing a ballot to all registered voters.

Federal Updates

- According to the U.S. Department of Labor, more than 11 million Americans were laid off in March.
- The U.S. House on Friday approved a \$3 trillion coronavirus package that supporters hoped would open negotiations for more COVID-19 relief; the text of the HEROES Act, H.R. 6800, is [here](#).
 - A one pager on the legislation is [here](#).
 - A section-by-section summary is [here](#).
 - A resource on the state and local relief provisions is [here](#).
 - The House Small Business Committee circulated factsheets on the small business provisions in The Heroes Act, click [here](#) and [here](#).
 - The White House released a statement yesterday on H.R. 6800, the HEROES Act, indicating the President would be advised to veto the legislation in its current form.
- The House also passed a rule change temporarily allowing for remote voting during the COVID-19 crisis.
 - Proxy voting and remote committee business would only be allowed for a 45-day period, but it could be renewed.
 - The authority to enact a period of proxy voting ends at the close of the 116th Congress.
- U.S. House Appropriations Chairwoman Nita Lowey shared that there is no timetable yet for when the appropriations subcommittees will mark up the fiscal 2021 spending bills.
 - June was the original deadline provided by House Majority Leader Steny Hoyer, however that may be unlikely as all attention will be focused on a potential fourth stimulus package in June.
- On May 11, HUD Secretary Ben Carson [announced](#) the allocation of \$1 billion through the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program to States and insular areas in response to COVID-19.
 - Every state and insular area will receive a portion of the relief funds. More is [here](#).
 - To date, HUD has provided over \$3 billion in CDBG funding nationwide to help communities acutely combat coronavirus and alleviate economic hardship.
- On May 14, FHA announced an extension of its [foreclosure and eviction moratorium](#) through June 30, 2020, for homeowners with FHA-insured Single Family mortgages, while also supporting new FHA-insured mortgage originations through an extension of [temporary policy flexibilities](#) for lenders and appraisers.
 - More from HUD Secretary Ben Carson on actions taken to safeguard the American renter and homeowner against impacts of coronavirus [here](#).

- On May 14, the Department of Labor's Employment and Training Administration (ETA) announced the publication of updated guidance, including FAQs, regarding the Pandemic Emergency Unemployment Compensation (PEUC) program authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act.
- On May 15, Vice Mike President Pence announced five new individuals joining the White House Coronavirus Task Force. The five new members are: Sonny Perdue (Secretary of Agriculture), Gene Scalia (Secretary of Labor), Dr. Francis Collins (Director of the National Institutes of Health), Dr. Peter Marks (FDA Director of the Center for Biologics Evaluation and Research), and Thomas Engels (Administrator of the Health Resources and Services Administration).

Additional Federal Guidance (as of May 17 at 6:00 p.m.):

- **CDC** - Laboratory Capacity ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Resources for Institutes of Higher Education ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Interim Guidance for Administrators of U.S. Institutions of Higher Education ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury/IRS** - IRS expands partner materials for Economic Impact Payments; continues effort to share details in multiple languages ([Click here](#))
- **Federal Reserve** - Regulators temporarily change the supplementary leverage ratio to increase banking organizations' ability to support credit to households and businesses in light of the coronavirus response ([Click here](#))

Local Updates

- On May 14, City of Cleveland employees began a door-to-door education campaign throughout the City to help reduce the spread of coronavirus as part of the Restart CLE plan's Community Education and Awareness Campaign.
 - Trained employees will educate, inform and distribute printed materials in neighborhoods that have a high number of confirmed coronavirus cases to ensure that Clevelanders have equal access to crucial coronavirus prevention tips.
 - This week, employees are canvassing the Collinwood, Slavic Village and Lee-Harvard neighborhoods.
 - Next week, the teams will move through different neighborhoods beginning with Detroit-Shoreway.
 - [Click here](#) to view the materials distributed by the outreach workers.