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We are truly grateful for our members and the community for your ability to stay focused during the COVID-19 pandemic. We sent you a plethora of emails only because we wanted you to stay abreast of what we received from the U.S. Chamber, State Chamber and other entities regarding the Coronavirus. We are hopeful the virus is slowing down and we will not have to send you as many emails.

Several of our planned events were cancelled because of the Coronavirus; however, our plans are to have the Business Showcase "Let's Get Connected" event in July and our golf outing in September. More information will be available shortly.

We have been working remotely for the past two months with limited access to our files. We hope to be back in our office by June. If there is anything we can do to assist you, please email mbattle@trotwoodchamber.org or mbattle@woh.rr.com. Thank you for your understanding during this pandemic.

As you know, there is so much information on the reopening of businesses, your chamber is devoting most of this newsletter to keeping members and the community updated on what is being provided to chambers on stay-at-home and the reopening of businesses.

Don't forget to use the benefits provided to chamber members by Southern Ohio Chamber Alliance (SOCA). Visit www.joinsoa.com for more information.
Marie Battle, CAP, Executive Director

Real ID Deadline

The U.S. Department of Homeland Security extended the deadline for Real ID a year as a result of the Coronavirus Pandemic. The new deadline is October 1, 2021.

IRS Tax Extension

The deadline to file income tax returns has been extended from April 15, 2020, to **July 15, 2020**. Payment relief for individuals and corporations: Income tax payment deadlines for individual and corporate income returns with a due date of April 15, 2020, are extended until July 15, 2020.

Tuesday, March 17th, 2020 for the Primary Election ([03/17/2020](https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/)) **NOTE: DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, THIS ELECTION HAS BEEN EXTENDED**

Tuesday, August 4th, 2020 for the Special Election ([08/04/2020](https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/)) - Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 for the General Election ([11/03/2020](https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/)). For more information visit [www https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/](https://www.sos.state.oh.us/elections/)

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LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

IMPORTANT BUSINESS INFORMATION

With the state's "Stay at Home" order set to expire at midnight tonight, Gov. Mike DeWine announced today that it would be replaced by a new order, which is being called the "[Stay Safe Ohio](#)" order. The new order incorporates the [phased-in reopening](#) of Ohio businesses set to begin on Monday, May 4. It also instructs all Ohioans to continue to stay at home in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. While the new order remains in force until midnight on May 29, Lt. Gov. Jon Husted noted that many things could change before that date, leaving the door open to the possibility it could be rescinded sooner.

Gone are the distinctions between "essential" and "non-essential" businesses created in the original "Stay at Home" order. Now, all businesses – with certain significant exceptions – are permitted to reopen, as per this past Monday's announcement. Starting on Monday, manufacturing, distribution, construction, and general office environments can reopen, followed by most consumer, retail and service-oriented businesses on Tuesday, May 12.

Many key industries, however, will remain closed. Per the "Stay Safe Ohio" order, these include:

- Dine-in restaurants and bars (carry out and delivery still permitted)
- Hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, tanning facilities, massage therapy locations and like businesses
- Entertainment/recreation/gymnasiums

A decision as to when these industries will be allowed to reopen is expected next week. Recognizing that these industries – among those suffering the most – cannot be left behind, the Governor is also forming two separate advisory groups to develop best practices for reopening restaurants, barbershops, and salons.

The goal of these two new groups is to develop recommendations for how best to protect the health of their employees and customers as they reopen. Individual business owners recommended by the Ohio Chamber have been chosen to serve on both panels: Mike LaRosa, CEO of LaRosa's, a Cincinnati-based family pizzeria and Italian restaurant, will be on the restaurant advisory group and Clara Osterhage, owner of several Great Clips franchises in the Dayton area, will be on the barbershop and salon group.

Also still closed are childcare services and adult day care services and senior centers.

The social distancing requirements are being carried over from the "Stay at Home" order to the "Stay Safe Ohio" order, but the new order also contains industry sector specific requirements for manufacturing, distribution & construction, for consumer, retail & services, and for general office environments. Employers must follow these in order to remain open. You can see these [sector specific operating requirements here](#). Many businesses – especially small businesses – are facing irreversible devastation, and the need to re-open businesses is urgent. No one expects that things are going to return to pre-COVID-19 "normal" anytime soon. However, the sooner we bring our state's economy back to full force, the sooner businesses will be ready to meet new demands and expectations in the post-COVID-19 environment.

By Keith Lake on May 1, 2020



COVID-19 FAQs Stay Safe Ohio Order

Q: What is the Stay Safe Ohio order? A: The Stay Safe Ohio order is a mandate from Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D. MPH, that modifies the previous Stay at Home order, reopens

businesses with exceptions, and details COVID-19 prevention requirements for operating businesses.

Q: Why is the Stay at Home order being changed? Why are certain closed businesses permitted to reopen? A: Due to the actions of Ohioans to stay home and limit COVID-19 exposure, it is possible to begin to lift the restrictions that were put in place to slow the spread of the disease and preserve critical healthcare resources in the event of a surge in cases. If the situation continues to improve additional restrictions may be lifted. If the situation deteriorates, new restrictions will have to be imposed.

Q: What businesses are opening? A: Businesses in the manufacturing, distribution, and construction industries are authorized to open May 4; general office environments are authorized to open May 4. Consumer, retail, and service locations are authorized to open May 12; however, retailers who limit operations to curbside pickup, delivery, or appointment only (limited to 10 customers at a time) are currently permitted to open (effective May 1). Healthcare providers are now able to resume non-essential procedures, and essential businesses currently operating are permitted to remain open.

Q: What remains closed? A: Establishments in the following categories remain closed except for minimum basic operations: K-12 schools; childcare; restaurants and bars (except for carry-out and delivery services); personal appearance/beauty; older adult day care and senior centers; adult day support or vocational habilitation services in group settings; and entertainment/recreation/gymnasiums. A more detailed list can be found here.

Q: What's the situation with facemasks? A: People with COVID-19 can transmit it even if they have no symptoms and are unaware they have the disease. Because of this, customers, clients, visitors, and other guests are strongly encouraged (but not required) to wear face coverings in retail locations and other workplaces. Employees at all workplaces For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov must wear face coverings unless they are prohibited by law or regulation; in violation of documented industry standards; not advisable for health reasons; in violation of the business's documented safety policies; or there is a functional/practical reason not to wear one. They also are not required for employees who work alone in an assigned work area. Find additional information here and here.

Q: Will I be safe when I go to work or go shopping? A: Employers are being held to several protocols intended to protect workers, customers, clients, and other visitors from COVID-19. Some examples are remote working requirements, sanitation rules, social distancing requirements, rules for hand-sanitizer, and requirements to offer separate hours for the most at risk. When you go out, wear a cloth face covering and stay at least 6 feet from all others. If you are 65 or

older, have an underlying medical condition, such as asthma or lung disease, a heart condition, obesity, diabetes, kidney disease, liver disease, or are immunocompromised, stay home as much as possible, except for medical care.

Q: Can I move forward with my postponed elective procedure? A: Yes. Healthcare providers, including dentists, can resume non-essential surgeries and procedures, which typically do not require overnight or inpatient stays and use minimal personal protective equipment (PPE) for healthcare workers. These may proceed as long as providers abide by certain requirements, including those for using telehealth whenever possible; controlling infection; preserving protective equipment for healthcare workers; testing for COVID-19; and informing patients of COVID-19 risk. Other healthcare care services also can continue.

Q: Do I still have to stay home? A: Ohioans must stay home except for work or other needs. The new order balances the need to revive the economy with the need to keep residents safe from COVID-19 illness and death. The easing of some restrictions has been made possible by the sacrifice and effort of Ohioans, and additional stabilization or improvement will allow for the lifting of additional restrictions. It is important to continue staying home to protect one another and to prevent a reversal of progress. People who have COVID-19, sometimes without showing any symptoms, can pass the disease on to two or three other people without knowing it. A spike in cases will not only lead to more COVID-19 deaths but could overwhelm the healthcare system, leaving workers unprotected and unable to provide the best care possible to all patients.

Q: Can I resume parties, play dates, and gatherings and visits? A: No. Public and private gatherings outside a single household or family unit are prohibited. Gatherings of more than 10 people are prohibited. Weddings and funerals are excepted from this requirement, but receptions are not. Other exceptions are gatherings to exert First Amendment rights, religious facilities, and members of the news media.

Q: Are there restrictions for visitors? For more information, visit: coronavirus.ohio.gov A: Yes. People diagnosed with COVID-19 are not permitted to enter the state except for medical care, unless they are a permanent resident of Ohio. Other people entering the state are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days upon arrival, unless they are entering for critical infrastructure or healthcare work. This does not apply to people who live in Ohio and work or deliver services in another state.

Q: What can I do to protect myself if I go to work? A: Wear a face covering. Whenever possible stay at least 6 feet from other people. Wash your hands often, try not to touch your face, and frequently disinfect work areas and high-touch items in your workplace with disinfecting cleanser. Don't share work materials or equipment, especially equipment used near the face. Don't congregate with others in breakrooms or other areas. Avoid public or shared transportation if possible. Monitor yourself for COVID-19 symptoms and stay home if you experience any or otherwise feel sick. Created May 1, 2020. For additional information, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. For answers to your COVID-19 questions.



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