



Agency Changes Due to COVID-19

As of March 16th, 2020

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

- **Enhanced unemployment aid for Ohioans:** The Governor will issue an executive order, which will grant the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services with the authority to accept and grant requests for unemployment compensation **suspending the normal 1-week waiting period**. This order will also **give relief to applicants who are not offered paid leave through their job**, as well as those who have been quarantined by a medical professional, their employer, or **whose employers must temporarily close**. Those who apply for unemployment under these circumstances will be exempt from the requirement that they be actively seeking work.
- www.unemployment.ohio.gov

Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

- All incarcerated individuals will receive: **2 free 5 minute calls per week, free eBooks** through GTL, and **1 free 15 minute video call per week** through JPAY
- **Visiting will be suspended** indefinitely
- **Volunteers entering our facilities will be suspended** indefinitely
- Only mission critical contractors (construction, medical, food service, etc.) will be permitted to enter the facilities; mission critical will be determined by the managing officer
- Staff, mission critical contractors, and attorney **health screenings will begin upon entry** into the facilities
- No outside inmate workers will be in the community; inmate workers will only be permitted on state grounds
- Only mission critical transfers will take place; reception, medical, and security are mission critical
- In-service training will be changed to mission critical only
- CTA trainings will only be mission critical and those necessary for staff to maintain their positions/certificates/licensures

Ohio Department of Education

- **K-12 schools will be closed for at least 3 weeks** (until April 6th)



- School districts' separately are deciding how to offer food to students while schools are closed

Ohio Department of Commerce

- Division of Liquor Control will allow a **bar or restaurant to return unopened high proof products purchased within the past 30 days** as a way to provide economic assistance to bar and restaurant owners during coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. This courtesy also extends to those who may have **obtained a temporary permit (F2) for an event, scheduled between March 12, 2020 and April 6, 2020 and that event is now cancelled.** Additional consideration will be given closer to April 6th, 2020 if needed. All a bar/restaurant or F2 permit holder needs to do is bring unopened high proof liquor product back to the Contract Liquor Agency they purchased the product. The Agency will call the Liquor Enterprise Center (LESC) for approval. Approval is immediate, but awareness of the return is necessary. For questions or more information regarding the one-time high proof liquor buy-back, please feel free to contact the LESL at 877-812-0013 or OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov

Ohio Secretary of State Office

- Governor DeWine filing lawsuit for voting extension until June 2nd; **no in person voting until June 2nd**, but continued absentee voting.

Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Veterans Services

- **Regarding Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities in the State of Ohio:**
- Restrict access to all Homes only to those personnel who are absolutely necessary for the operation of the Homes. People who are **“absolutely necessary for the operations of the Homes”** include, but may not be limited to, home staff, contracted and emergency healthcare providers, contractors conducting critical on-site maintenance, and governmental representatives and regulators and their contractors. Included are also **no more than one (1) visitor per resident per day, except for end-of-life situations**
- **Restrict access to all Homes only to those personnel who have been screened for COVID-19 each time they enter the Homes.** Screening guidance is available from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, as well as from the Ohio Department of Health. Screening should include questions about exposure to COVID-19 and assessing visitors and personnel for cough, shortness of breath, and body temperatures of 100.4 degrees and higher



- Restrict access to all Homes to as few points of entry as is possible, with the **Ohio Department of Health recommending one (1) point of entry**. This does not apply to emergency ingress or egress of facilities.
- Restrict access to all Homes only to those persons who produce legal federal- or state-issued identification and provide the Homes with business telephone numbers and addresses. It is the responsibility of the Homes to log such information, maintaining it for at least six (6) months.
- Allow residents to **discharge from Homes at any time** and in accordance with applicable state and federal law, understanding that residents that then return to the Homes while this Order is in effect are subject to the directives above.
- Comply with infection control precautions located in Ohio Administrative Code 3701-17-11(D) and 3701-16-12(C)

Ohio Development Services Agency

- Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan program will enable small business owners to **apply for low-interest loans to help overcome temporary loss of revenue** due to the COVID-19 outbreak; for more info contact BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov

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