

ABOUT OPMCA

The Ohio Petroleum Marketers and Convenience Store Association (OPMCA) works around the clock to keep companies energized and open for business and to supply the fuel to move commerce and motorists across the state. For nearly a century, OPMCA has worked to support its more than 500 members including independent, small businesses in the petroleum and convenience industry.

**FUEL**

It is critical to keep the flow of fuel moving during this time. Fuel accessibility is critical to support:

- Essential, often life-saving, Ohioans who must work regardless of the current circumstances
- Hospitals and other emergency centers that need fuel to keep generators running around the clock to treat patients outside of the main hospital, mobile testing sites and other treatment centers
- The availability of essential petroleum products – including gasoline, diesel, heating oil and propane – to consumers and businesses throughout the state 24 hours a day, which is especially vital during a time of statewide crisis
- Deliveries by trucking, transportation and logistics companies of crucial personal protective equipment and food to the front-line workers

JOBS

These businesses support more than 90,000 jobs for Ohioans.

**RETAIL**

OPMCA members own and operate the majority of Ohio's nearly 6,000 convenience stores. These businesses provide:

- Needed services and products in many communities, including critical fuel availability for essential and emergency workers, and vital grocery and drug store needs in communities considered "food deserts"
- Reliable, around-the-clock food, fuel, medicine and other necessities for customers in need
- Smaller, convenient locations

ACCESSIBILITY

93% of Americans live within 10 minutes of a convenience store, including 86% of rural Americans.

**ESSENTIAL ITEMS**

Convenience stores provide critical items and services to consumers including:

- Fuel service - 80 % of all fuel purchased
- Quick access to cash – nearly one-third of all bank ATMs reside in convenience stores
- Electronic Benefits Transfer – most convenience stores are authorized to redeem SNAP benefits, comprising 45% of all SNAP-eligible stores
- Milk, infant formula, bottled water and other essential food items
- Over-the-counter medications

**SAFETY**

- Convenience stores are essential at this time and can be cleaned easily to provide a safe environment – the average store is 2,951 square feet, which is a manageable size to be cleaned thoroughly and regularly
- Ohio's convenience stores are complying fully with all directives from Ohio Governor Mike DeWine to assure stores are disinfected and to allow for in-store customer distancing
- Convenience stores are designed to get consumers in and out in less than four minutes so there is minimal time in store and interaction with staff required