The Area Development Foundation, Chamber of Commerce and Main Street Mount Vernon are working with their state and federal partners to ensure that local small businesses continue to play their vital role in the local and state economy. If your inbox is like ours, it is filled daily with emails from different entities explaining what their response to Covid-19 is. Our hope is to compile all that information into one informative and user friendly location. Through, at least, weekly conference calls, we are staying updated on the available resources for small businesses. Please check the Chamber social media pages or your email for updates.

**OHIO’S RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

Official state website regarding the situation and response to covid-19: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

**ECONOMIC INJURY DISASTER LOANS**

Governor DeWine and others are working to facilitate a disaster declaration from the SBA for businesses to be eligible for Economic Disaster loans. These loans can provide up to $2 million to small businesses and non-profits to help meet financial needs that exist had a disaster not occurred. While this declaration has not yet happened, the governor’s office is asking that each affected business complete an application and email it to james.laipply@development.ohio.gov.

See the below links for program information:

* Disaster Preparedness Factsheet ([English](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/Disaster-Preparedness-Factsheet.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/Disaster-Preparedness-Factsheet-sp.pdf))
* Disaster Mitigation Factsheet ([English](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/disaster-mitigation-factsheet.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/disaster-mitigation-factsheet-sp.pdf))
* Disaster Assistance Loans: Businesses & Nonprofits ([English](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Businesses-Nonprofits.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Businesses-Nonprofits-sp.pdf))
* Disaster Assistance Loans: Homeowners & Renters ([English](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Homeowners-Renters.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Homeowners-Renters-sp.pdf))
* Disaster Assistance Loans: Community Impact ([English](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Community-Impact.pdf) | [Spanish](https://www.sba.gov/brand/assets/sba/resource-partners/SBA-Disaster-Assistance-Loans-Community-Impact-sp.pdf))
* SBA corona virus site: [www.sba.gov/coronavirus](http://www.sba.gov/coronavirus)

**UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE**

Gov. DeWine will be issuing an executive order granting the authority to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to approve requests to suspend the normal one week waiting period for unemployment insurance.

Department of Labor announces guidance outlining flexibility states have in administering unemployment insurance. - [https://www.dol.gov/newsroom/releases/eta/eta20200312-0](https://gcc01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.dol.gov%2Fnewsroom%2Freleases%2Feta%2Feta20200312-0&data=02%7C01%7CKelly.Carey%40jfs.ohio.gov%7Cf006713575924f2ed9c808d7c6b8dcd0%7C50f8fcc494d84f0784eb36ed57c7c8a2%7C0%7C0%7C637196369597652591&sdata=oDxq%2FYvSZYJCL0ws673E6tBW2sNr9FS%2B20lLLNfY06s%3D&reserved=0)

ODJFS FAQ sheet about unemployment insurance - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

**LIQUOR BUY BACK**

Bar restaurant owners can return high proof liquor products purchased within the last 30 days. This courtesy also extends to those who may have obtained a temporary permit for an event scheduled between March 12 and April 16 and that event is now cancelled. For questions regarding this one time buy back, contact the Liquor Enterprise Center at ohioliquorinfo@com.ohio.gov.

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