# LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

### Important information on the Coronavirus Pandemic

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OHIO CHAMBER

#### LATEST ORDER CLOSES ALL BUT ESSENTIAL BUSINESSES

What we all hoped wouldn't be necessary became necessary Sunday, March 22 when Gov. Mike DeWine announced during his daily briefing that Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton has signed a "stay at home" order requiring all Ohioans to stay at home except under certain conditions.

<u>Click here</u> to learn what this means for your business.



#### OHIO APPROVED FOR SMALL BUSINESS LOANS FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

The state of Ohio's application to the United States Small Business Administration for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) was approved. What does this mean to you as a business owner struggling with the effects of the Coronavirus (COVID-19)?

To continue reading, <u>click here</u>.

#### PRESIDENT SIGNS CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE BILL INTO LAW

On March 19, President Trump signed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. What is the impact to employers in Ohio? There are four major



provisions that directly impact employers.

Read about the major provisions <u>here</u>.



#### NEW BUSINESS RESOURCE FOR THE CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce has launched a Coronavirus Business Resource page on its website that provides businesses with information pertaining to the COVID-19 aka Coronavirus outbreak. The page is updated several times a day as we receive new information.

Learn more about the Coronavirus Business Resource page <u>here</u>.



#### OHIO'S UTILITIES PROVIDE RELIEF FOR RATEPAYERS DURING COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Amidst the COVID-19 pandemic, utility companies are assisting business and residential ratepayers in various ways.

For more information on help from utilities, <u>click</u> <u>here.</u>



#### DEWINE ADMINISTRATION TO MAKE CHANGES TO UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION SYSTEM AS PART OF CORONAVIRUS RESPONSE

At his Sunday, March 15 press conference, Gov. Mike DeWine announced he will soon sign an executive order that will make substantial changes to Ohio's unemployment compensation system.

<u>Click here</u> to read about the changes.



## General Assembly Schedule for Week of March 23

As of March 23, the Ohio House has scheduled session for Tuesday, March 24 at 1:00 p.m. They also have session scheduled for 1:00 p.m. on March 25 and 1:00 p.m. on March 26.

On March 25, the Ohio Senate has Rules & Reference Committee scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and Senate Session scheduled for 1:30 p.m. On March 26 the Senate has Rules & Reference scheduled if necessary at 10:30 a.m. and session scheduled if necessary at 1:30 p.m.

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