

# Belmont County Port Authority

We recognize the challenges facing the employers and workforce in our communities as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As the economic development leaders in Belmont County, we created this newsletter to share the current programs and resources available. Our regional economic development partner, OhioSE (formerly APEG), will be maintaining a continually updated list of resources that can be accessed [here](#).

We are also available to assist with any questions or concerns you may have.

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## **Federal Resources**

- **SBA (Small Business Administration) Disaster Loan Assistance** (because of Governor Mike DeWine's emergency declaration, Ohio businesses will be eligible for **Economic Impact Loans**; application may be possible by March 20th.)
- **Updated Info: SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loan Process** provided by Ohio University SBDC
- **U.S. Chamber of Commerce: Combating the Coronavirus**
- **CDC Resources for Businesses and Employers**
- **Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers from the CDC**
- **Coronavirus: What You Need to Know** provided by the National Governor's Association
- **US Department of Labor Coronavirus Resources**
- **OSHA Guidance for Prepping Workplaces for COVID-19**

## **State of Ohio Resources**

- **Families First Coronavirus Response Act**

- **ODJFS Coronavirus and Unemployment Insurance Benefits**
- **Liquor Buy Back** (for impacted bars & restaurants)

## **Regional Resources**

- **Appalachian Growth Capital (AGC) (small business lending)**

## **Additional Resources**

### **Utilities and Service Providers**

- **Columbia Gas of Ohio** – suspending non-payment shutoffs
- **AEP Ohio** – suspending non-payment shutoffs

### **Public Health Updates**

- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**
- **World Health Organization**
- **Ohio Department of Health**

### **Workforce**

- **ODJFS SharedWork Ohio** (a way to equally cut back worker hours and allow unemployment compensation to fill the gap)
- **SharedWork Ohio PDF Guide**

### **General Information**

- PDF: **Coping with Stress During Infectious Disease Outbreaks** by SAMHSA
- **Trinity Health Systems**