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Tips financieros en tiempos de covid-19

Por: Isabel Flores, corresponsal La Prensa

DETROIT, MI: Recomendaciones financieras para un menor impacto en la economía, prepararse para evitar una situación similar en un futuro, ayudas disponibles y cómo calificar para ellas, fueron algunos de los temas que se abordaron en la plática a través de facebook live: Tips Financieros en Tiempos de Covid-19, impartido por Adrian Salazar a través de la página del Centro Cultural Hispano.

“Es importante compartir esta información con personas desempleadas que no tienen para comer. Es momento de unirnos como hispanos y demostrar nuestra hermandad”, dijo Adrian Salazar de A&D Financial Group, quien además destacó la importancia en este momento de establecer comunicación con bancos, hipotecarias, tiendas departamentales y cualquier institución a la que se le deba, ya que actualmente hay una suspensión de 60 días de todos los desalojos y ejecuciones hipotecarias. “Los bancos están ofreciendo que no se pague nada de interés en las tarjetas de crédito por 60 días, van a recorrer el pago dos meses y el crédito no se verá afectado, pero es indispensable comunicarse con ellos para llegar a un acuerdo”.

“El covid-19 llegó sin avisar y todos estamos siendo afectados. Es indispensable mantener la comunicación con las instituciones a las que se les debe. Si no se les notifica, ellos no sabrán que estas siendo afectado”, agregó. “Los proveedores de agua, luz y teléfono no cortarán el servicio durante la emergencia, pero hay que hablar a la compañía y pedir un periodo de gracia. La orden ejecutiva entra en vigencia de inmediato y permanece vigente hasta el 17 de abril

a las 11:59pm pero puede cambiarse y extenderse hasta finales de abril o principios de mayo”.

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Las personas que no tienen dinero para realizar sus despensas de comida y obtener ayuda con medicinas, se les recomienda estar al pendiente de los horarios de las escuelas e iglesias de su comunidad que están ofreciendo este servicio. Asimismo, se puede visitar el sitio de la guardia nacional: ww.nationalguard.mil para ver cuándo y en dónde están entregando comida, o bien en [Feeding America](http://www.feedingamerica.org) se puede colocar el código postal y ahí aparecen los lugares cercanos en donde se provee este recurso.

En cuanto a los programas de desempleo, Salazar pidió tener mucha paciencia pues son más de 10 millones de solicitudes las que se están procesando para obtener el beneficio de la ley CARES (Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica por Coronavirus), a través de la cual empleados por cuenta propia y trabajadores de empleos temporales reciben beneficio de desempleo e ingreso adicional de \$600 por semana hasta por seis meses.

Otro programa de apoyo es el TANF (Asistencia Temporal para Familias Necesitadas), el cual está basado en las circunstancias de cada familia, está hecho para alimentos, renta, energía eléctrica, cuidado infantil (en caso de tener que ir a trabajar) y capacitación laboral, ya que actualmente algunas empresas están dando

empleo en línea y requieren que los empleados reciban capacitación. Para más y otra información: www.usa.gov/espanol/desempleo / 1877 8725627

También se encuentra el paquete de estímulo fiscal que depende de los ingresos reportados en la declaración de impuestos de los últimos dos años. El IRS otorgará \$1200 dólares por persona para quienes ganan \$75,000 dólares al año y menos de \$150,000 en pareja.

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Adrian Salazar

darán \$500 dólares por cada niño. “Si la persona declaró impuestos a tiempo, no tiene que hacer nada, el dinero se le depositará en dos tiempos, el primero en el transcurso de esta semana y en dos semanas el otro depósito. En caso de que nunca se hayan presentado impuestos, puede entrar a la página del IRS y hacer todo lo necesario para que se envíen su cheque por correo”, señaló el expositor, quien recomendó usar el dinero sabiamente.

De acuerdo con Salazar, en varios Estados ya hay programas de apoyo así como el estímulo fiscal para gente que no tiene documentos por lo que hay que estar pendiente.

El asesor financiero recomendó crear un presupuesto. “Todos tenemos un presupuesto que manejábamos antes de esta situación y ahora es necesario realizar los ajustes necesarios, saber cuáles son los gastos e ingresos mensuales, aunque no se tenga trabajo se están recibiendo beneficios. Hay que ver de dónde podemos hacer recortes, por ejemplo explorar cuánto pagamos del seguro de auto para que continúen con las metas y el crecimiento financiero. Es el momento de construir para lograr nuestras metas y sueños”. Adrian Salazar mvadesigne@gmail.com 914 960 697

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Mexico closes U.S. owned plant for refusal to sell ventilator

TIJUANA, Mexico, 10 IV 20 (AP): The northern Mexico border state of Baja California closed a plant run by the Anglo-American health care firm Smiths Medical Friday for allegedly refusing to sell ventilators to Mexican hospitals.

Baja California Gov. Jaime Bonilla said the firm refused to sell Mexico some of the machines, which are badly needed to treat patients with coronavirus.

Bonilla said the firm had continued to operate its assembly plant under the argument it provided an "essential" service, when most non-essential plants have been ordered closed to

combat the pandemic.

But Bonilla ordered the Smiths Medical factory closed, because he argued it was providing no such essential service to Mexicans, and thus was not obeying health emergency contingency measures.

"We said to them 'if you want us to consider you essential, you have to provide some benefit to the people of Baja California, by selling us ventilators, because we need them,'" Bonilla said.

"They said 'no, we are not going to sell you anything, we are just going to continue to use your labor.'

Bonilla accused the company of contacting Mexico's foreign relations secretary and the U.S.

Ambassador to try to stave off the closure order. But he vowed not to cave in to the pressure.

The company did not immediately respond to requests for comment. Industry sources have argued the factory is an export-only plant that operates under special rules that allow it to import raw materials and parts duty-free, on the condition they be re-exported and not sold on the local market.

Headquartered in Minneapolis, Minnesota, the company is owned by U.K.-based Smiths Group plc.

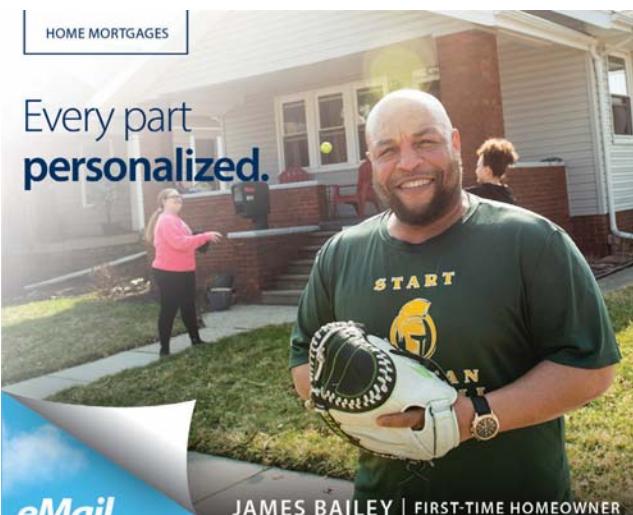
Mexico now has 3,844 case of the new coronavirus, with 233 deaths nationwide.

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Cuba desmiente que EEUU le haya vendido medicinas

Por ANDREA RODRÍGUEZ, Associated Press

LA HABANA, 10 IV 20 (AP): Cuba desmintió el viernes una declaración de Estados Unidos de que ese país le vendió medicinas el año pasado, y una vez más rechazó el embargo que enfrenta mientras establecida por su predecesor, Barack Obama.

"El bloqueo tiene un gran impacto en la vida cotidiana de la población", expresó durante una entrevista con The Associated Press el doctor Lázaro Silva, vicepresidente de Medicuba, el organismo estatal que importa insumos para la sanidad. "Hay un grupo de recursos que nosotros adquirimos y que comprar en Estados Unidos nos favorecería porque es un mercado mucho más cercano".

En años anteriores se hizo contacto con unas 60 firmas de insumos médicos, indicó Silva, pero sólo dos contestaron, entre ellas Bayer, que fue la única con la que se logró un acuerdo en 2019. Sin embargo, tampoco se pudo ejecutar, pues la empresa alegó que se había vencido su permiso del Departamento del Tesoro.

El embargo que Estados Unidos le aplica a Cuba desde hace 60 años tiene ciertas excepciones para las medicinas y los alimentos. En la década

Internacionales del Ministerio de Salud, aseguró que en el último año Cuba perdió 160 millones de dólares por las sanciones estadounidenses en el ámbito de la salud, teniendo que ir a comprar a lugares alejados con fletes caros, por ejemplo.

Durante el gobierno de Trump, el embargo "se ha recrudecido, y con la epidemia ese recrudecimiento es mayor porque necesitamos (medicamentos) de forma urgente, ágil, y tenemos que recurrir a mercados lejanos", denunció.

El objetivo de Trump es asfixiar a la economía isleña para presionar a que haya un cambio político.

"El bloqueo ya de por sí es cruel. Esta crueldad se duplica y se triplica cuando usted no alivia esas medidas para permitir resolver medicamentos y equipos para personas que están sufriendo una epidemia", expresó Marimón.

Algunos países, incluido Argentina, así como la alta comisionada de las Naciones Unidas para los derechos humanos, Michelle Bachelet, y grupos eclesiales, le han solicitado a Estados Unidos que cancele las sanciones a Cuba y Venezuela para facilitar la lucha contra el COVID-19.

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Countries with Universal Health Care

Listed by Country and Start Date of Universal Health Care

Australia	1975	Italy	1978
Austria	1967	Japan	1938
Bahrain	1957	Kuwait	1950
Belgium	1945	Luxembourg	1973
Brunei	1958	Netherlands	1966
Canada	1966	New Zealand	1938
Cyprus	1980	Norway	1912
Denmark	1973	Portugal	1979
Finland	1972	Singapore	1993
France	1974	Slovenia	1972
Germany	1941	South Korea	1988
Greece	1983	Spain	1986
Hong Kong	1993	Sweden	1955
Iceland	1990	Switzerland	1994
Ireland	1977	United Arab Emirates	1971
Israel	1995	United Kingdom	1948

Michigan reports 111 new virus deaths as cases near 24,000

DETROIT, April 11, 2020 (AP): Michigan officials reported 111 new deaths from COVID-19 on Saturday, raising the state's pandemic death toll to nearly 1,400, while its confirmed coronavirus cases approached 24,000.

The state Department of Health and Human Services reported that the new deaths from COVID-19 — the respiratory disease caused by the virus — brought the state's death toll to 1,392. But Michigan's 111 new deaths were a significant drop from the 205 deaths officials reported Friday in the state's highest daily toll since the pandemic began.

Michigan had another 1,210 confirmed coronavirus cases, increasing the statewide total to 23,993, state officials said. Saturday's new cases were a slight dip from the 1,279 new cases reported Friday.

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer also announced plans Saturday to increase the state's daily testing by roughly 40%. The governor said 13 new or expanded COVID-19 drive-thru testing sites would begin operating over next several days around the state, including in Detroit and Flint, to provide residents with greater access to testing.

She said a new commercial laboratory in Grand Rapids that can run upwards of 3,000 tests per day will speed up testing in conjunc-



"There's not even a word created to describe my pain. It's unimaginable," said Brown, whose son and husband were laid to rest Friday. "In three days, I lost my husband and son to an ugly plague. I watched my son go from completely well and whole and happy to being gone in three days."

State health officials reported Saturday that 433 Michigan residents had recovered from COVID-19 — a big increase from the 56 recovered patients the agency had reported a week ago.

Henry Ford Health System, which has five hospitals in southeastern Michigan, reported Saturday it had 648 COVID-19 patients, compared to 743 on Wednesday. It said it has discharged nearly 1,100 patients in the last 30 days.

For most people, the coronavirus causes mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough that clear up in two to three weeks. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia.

Check out more of the AP's coronavirus coverage at <https://apnews.com/VirusOutbreak> and <https://apnews.com/UnderstandingTheOutbreak>

tion with the expanded drive-thru testing. The governor said those steps would increase Michigan's average daily number of COVID-19 tests by about 40% when fully operational.

"Better access to testing and quicker results are critical to our public health officials who are fighting coronavirus and to our residents who have symptoms of COVID-19 and need answers, treatment and peace of mind. More testing will save lives," Whitmer said in a news release.

The expanded testing is being made available through a partnership involving the Michigan Department of Health and Human Service, the Michigan Primary Care Association, 11 health centers and NxGen MDX Laboratory. Those being tested must have coronavirus symptoms.

The ongoing pandemic has left one Flint-area woman devastated after the deaths of both her husband and son from COVID-19.

Sandy Brown of Grand Blanc lost her 59-year-old husband, Freddie Lee Brown Jr., and her 20-year-old son, Freddie Lee Brown III, within days of each other in late March, The Detroit News reported.

The younger Freddie, who was a student at Mott Community College and Brown's only child, died March 29 — three days after his father.

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SEVERAL DETROIT GROCERY STORES ADOPT SENIOR SHOPPING HOURS

Detroit seniors can now shop at a number of Detroit grocery stores during special hours, thanks in part to the efforts of City Councilmember Scott Benson and several City agencies — the Department of Neighborhoods, Health Department, and Office of Contracting and Procurement. "Seniors are often at higher risk of experiencing life threatening symptoms from COVID-19," said Chief Public Health Officer Denise Fair, Detroit Health Department. "I applaud Councilman Scott Benson in spearheading this important effort in partnership with grocery store owners, to prioritize the health of older adults in our community and accommodate their needs particularly in these uncertain times."

The stores, mostly on Detroit's east side in District 3, have designated senior-only shopping hours to support and protect senior citizens during the COVID-19 pandemic. The list of participating stores includes seven eastside locations and four westside locations including Meijer.

Sam Shina, owner of Imperial Markets, said "Our grocery family of employees are proud to be able to support our customers during these tough times."

To ensure the grocery stores in the program can keep their staff and senior shoppers safe, the Detroit Bus Company is providing a donation of hand sanitizer for store employees.

"This is an important way to keep some of our most vulnerable residents safe while doing a

basic household errand that we typically take for granted," said Benson, who represents District 3.

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Kayana Sessoms, District 3 Deputy District Manager for the Department of Neighborhoods, said, "We are always looking for ways to improve the quality of life for our residents."

The following stores have committed to supporting senior only shopping hours during the hours and days listed below. Contact the stores directly if you have any questions.

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Apollo Market Place,
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8 - 9 a.m.
Meijer,
21431 Grand River,
(313) 778-7700
7 - 8 a.m. (Tuesday & Thursday)

Imperial Fresh Market,
1301 W. 8 Mile Road,
(313) 369-5200
7 - 8 a.m. (Tuesday & Thursday)

TLCHD COVID-19 case process

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- fever, dry cough, or shortness of breath following contact with a confirmed COVID-19 patient
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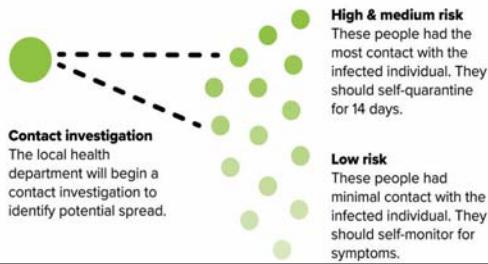
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2. Test sent to the lab.
3. Test results delivered.



USDA Approval for Ohio Disaster Household Distribution Program Safe Food Distribution to Families in Time of Emergency

LORAIN: Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio received notice that the USDA Food and Nutrition Service (FNS) has approved a request from the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for a Disaster Household Distribution Program. This will allow Ohio regional food banks to distribute emergency food boxes to residents impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak under disaster status.

This program will allow Second Harvest to serve the large number of first-time clients seeking help during this crisis without putting workers or recipients at risk. During standard distributions, food banks are required to register all first-time users requiring close person-to-person contact to collect items like name, address and household demographics and more.

The response has been elevated to disaster status across the state. This will give food banks the tools and flexibility to carry out their vital mission safely and effectively. By shifting to no-touch services like



mass drive-through distributions, foodbanks are using every disaster response tool available to respond to the need for help with emergency food and supplies, while mitigating community spread and protecting the health of limited and essential workforce.

Julie Chase-Morefield, President & CEO, "We want to thank the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services for its leadership in seeking this flexibility for Ohio's hunger relief network. With so many people out of work, lack of food is a new reality for them. We are here to provide that emergency help, and now we can offer help without putting these families or our staff, site volunteers and the National Guard at risk."

Second Harvest distributed a record 1.1M LBS of food during the month of March which was up 67% from March 2019. No-touch food distribution events are planned through the end of April throughout the four-county area that is served.

Greater Toledo Community Foundation working to help during COVID-19 Pandemic

\$424,000 Committed to the Fund for Distribution to Local Nonprofit Organizations

GTCF today approved a third round of grants totaling \$61,450 from the COVID-19 Response Fund bringing total approved to \$200,142.

See total list of grants approved to date at www.toledocf.org/gtcf-covid-19-response-fund.

TOLEDO, April 10, 2020: Greater Toledo Community Foundation has announced that local philanthropists, family foundations, corporations and businesses continue to add to the COVID-19 Response Fund of the Greater Toledo Community Foundation.

The Cocoon: to provide crisis support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence by increasing staff time, providing communication devices and basic needs items.

Heartbeat of Toledo: to support additional costs for formula and diapers for clients.

Ohio Living: to support additional staff hours and personal protective equipment to continue to support elderly residents living in its northwest Ohio locations.

southeast Michigan nonprofit organizations, bringing the total distributed in three weeks to more than \$200,000. Another \$18,000 in grants has been recommended and are in the approval process.

The following seven grants totaling \$61,450 were recently approved through the fund:

Bittersweet Farms: to purchase personal protective equipment and cleaning supplies to support services for residents with intellectual disabilities.

The Cocoon: to provide crisis support services to survivors of domestic and sexual violence by increasing staff time, providing communication devices and basic needs items.

Heartbeat of Toledo: to support additional costs for formula and diapers for clients.

Ohio Living: to support additional staff hours and personal protective equipment to continue to support elderly residents living in its northwest Ohio locations.

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The Claver House: to support transitioning an in-person feeding program that serves the homeless, veterans and other adults to a grab-and-go system.

Sunshine Foundation: to purchase medical supplies and personal protective equipment.

United Way of Greater Toledo: to increase the hours of staff who operate the 211 service and manage data collection.

Greater Toledo Community Foundation created the COVID-19 Response Fund to support northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan nonprofits and will not be giving money directly to individuals. GTCF is distributing 100 percent of funds raised.

Donations can be made online at <https://toledocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list>

SUMMARY:

GTCF will continue to make grants from the COVID-19 Response Fund as long as donations are received. GTCF will provide grants to northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan nonprofits and will not be giving money directly to individuals. GTCF is distributing 100 percent of funds raised.

Questions?

See our website for additional information at www.toledocf.org

Regarding making a donation to the fund, you can donate online at <https://toledocf.fcsuite.com/erp/donate/list>, or contact Mike George at 419-241-5049 or Mike@toledocf.org

Regarding applying for a grant (local nonprofit organizations), visit our Grants page at www.toledocf.org/grants, or contact Patrick Johnston at 419-241-5049 or Patrick@toledocf.org

COVID-19 Confirmed Case Contact Directives



What to do

The Toledo Lucas County Health Department has confirmed through the Ohio Department of Health, a positive test of COVID-19.



Direct contact

- less than 6 feet apart



Prolonged contact



Symptoms

- Dry cough
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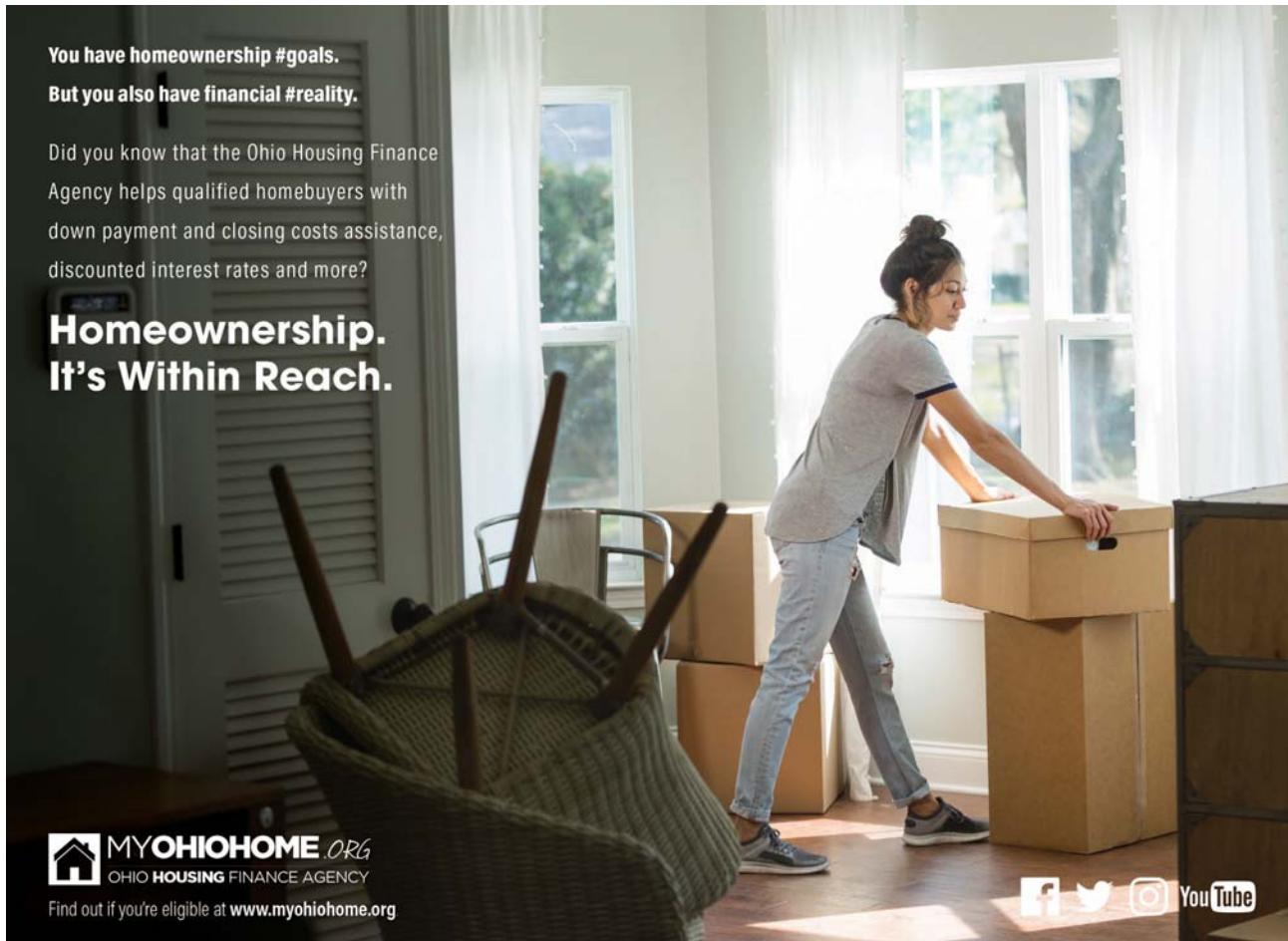
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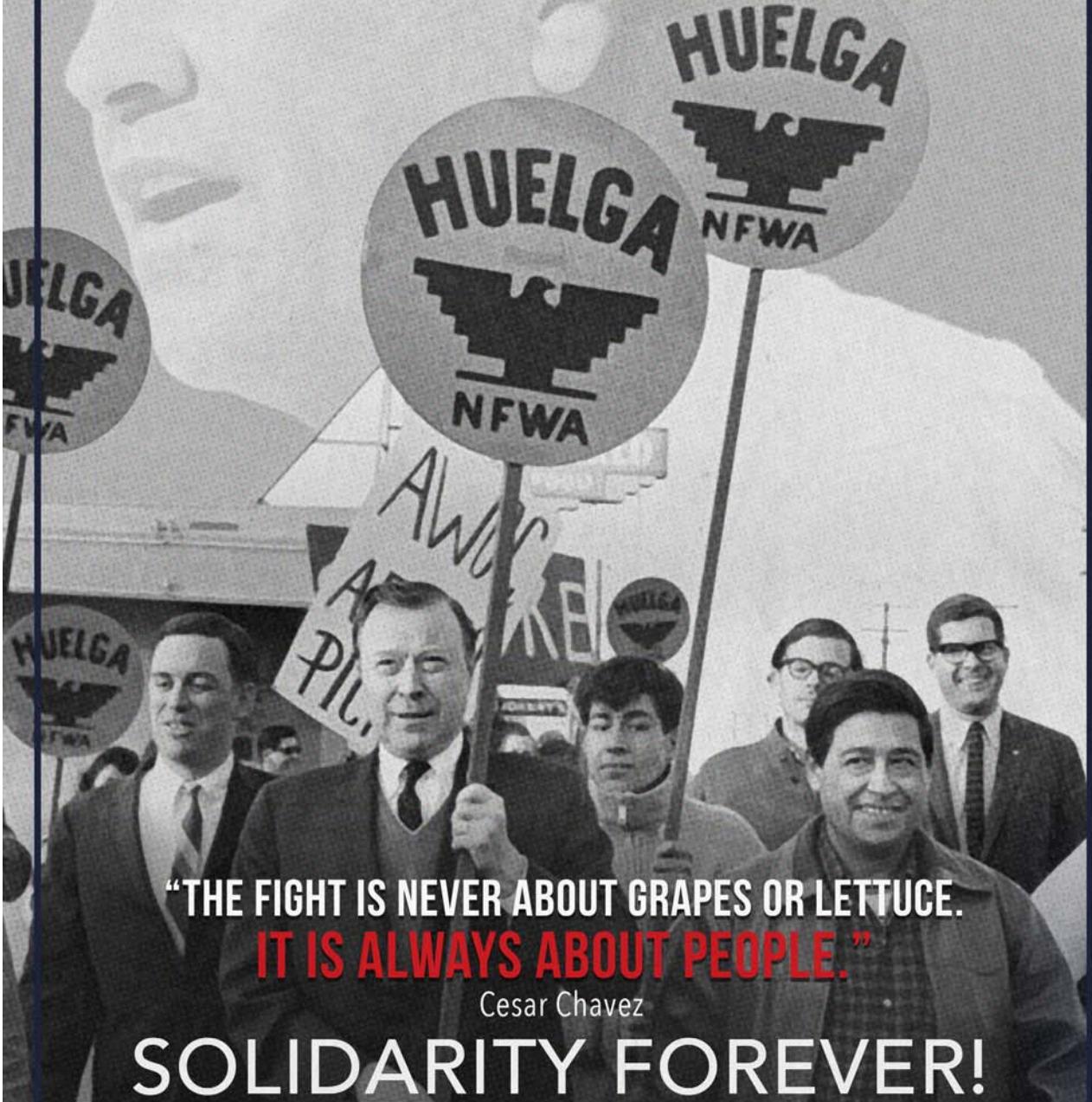
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LCCC student Dulce Cintron named Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar

Lorain County Community College student Dulce Cintron has been named one of the top 100 community college students in the country, and one of the top 10 community college students in Ohio.

Cintron, 17, of Lorain, is a senior at Lorain County Early College High School, a combined high school and college experience on the LCCC campus. Cintron is enrolled in Lorain County Early College High School through a partnership between LCCC and Elyria City Schools. Lorain City Schools are also a partner with Early College. In May, Cintron will graduate with two LCCC associate degrees at the same time she graduates high school.

Cintron has been named a 2020 Coca-Cola Academic Team Silver Scholar and will receive a \$1,250 scholarship. The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with

nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion. She has also been named to the Ohio First Team Top 10, and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship and medallion.

"Dulce dedicated herself to advanced academic achievement at a very young age by making the decision to attend LCCC's Early College High School. She has flourished in her classes, as well as taking on challenging extra-curricular opportunities, such as a high-level research. There is no doubt that she will go far in life," LCCC President Marcia J. Ballinger, Ph.D., said.

Cintron is a member of LCCC's chapter of the American Society of Microbiology and a leader in an on-campus research group that investigates toxic algae blooms in the Sandusky Bay of Lake Erie. She is also a supplemental instructor for biology and a member of Phi Theta Kappa honor society, and a varsity athlete in cross country and

track for Elyria High School.

"Dulce is truly an amazing individual," said LCCC biology professor Kathy Durham, Ph.D., who oversees the research group. "She was only a freshman in high school when she asked to join my research group. I said yes, and it was the best decision I ever made. Dulce is reliable, enthusiastic and a very positive leader."

Cintron plans to transfer to a four-year university to earn a bachelor's degree in animal science or a related field. Her ultimate goal is to become a large animal veterinarian and to conduct veterinary research.

"I'm honored to be recognized with these awards," Cintron said. "Attending Early College at LCCC, I have been inspired to work harder by my teachers and I cannot thank them enough. I am beyond grateful for the opportunities I've had because of the LCCC community.

Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.

"The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation has a long history of providing financial assistance to outstanding students at community colleges," said Jane Hale Hopkins, President of the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation.

"We are proud to partner with Phi Theta Kappa and make it possible for deserving students to achieve their educational goals."

"We thank the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation for recognizing these student leaders and

for investing in their futures," said Dr. Lynn Tincher-Ladner, President and CEO of Phi Theta Kappa.

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- Money Management/Representative Payee services for 236 individuals with severe mental health illness and physical disabilities
- Spanish informational and referral phone line 211
- Mental Health Navigator Line
- Medical and Mental Health Interpretation (via telephone)
- Disseminating information to community on COVID-19
- Census 2020

April 16 - El Centro Mobile Food Pantry in collaboration with Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, starts at 12:00 p.m. until the food runs out. Income eligible households (below 200% of the poverty level) are given one box of food and multiple bags of fresh vegetables on a first-come, first-served basis - FREE. Photo ID and proof of residency required. This event occurs every third Thursday of each month at the same time.

Join the 2020 Census team. The U.S Census Bureau is now taking applications for temporary positions. You can earn \$17/hour in Lorain County to help collect information that determines how funds are spent on things like roads, schools and hospitals. Apply online today at 2020census.gov/jobs.

Don't forget to complete the 2020 Census online, by phone or by mail. The Census helps shape many different aspects of your community. 2020census.gov.

Debido a la pandemia de COVID-19, las oficinas de El Centro están ofreciendo servicios por teléfono a la comunidad con una cantidad limitada de personal. Si necesitas servicios y necesitas venir a la oficina, le recomendamos que llame primero a la oficina (440-277-8235) para recibir instrucciones del nuevo procedimiento para visitas. Los siguientes son servicios que aún estamos ofreciendo:

- Servicios de administración de dinero / representante del beneficiario para 236 personas con enfermedades de salud mental severa y discapacidades físicas
- Línea telefónica de información y de referidos en español 211
- Línea de navegación de salud mental
- Interpretación médica y de salud mental (por teléfono)
- Difundir información a la comunidad sobre COVID-19
- Censo 2020

16 de abril - La Distribución de Comida gratis de El Centro en colaboración con Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio, comienza a las 12:00 p.m. hasta que se acaben los alimentos. Para ser elegibles el ingreso de la familia debe estar por debajo del 200% del nivel de pobreza. Participantes reciben una caja de comida y varias bolsas de verduras (vegetales) frescas, GRATIS siguiendo el sistema de servicios ofrecidos en el orden de llegada. Se requiere identificación con foto y prueba de residencia. Este evento está disponible cada tercer jueves del mes al mismo horario.

Únase al equipo del Censo 2020. La Oficina del Censo de los Estados Unidos ahora está aceptando solicitudes para puestos temporales. Puede ganar \$ 17 / hora en el condado de Lorain para ayudar a recopilar información que determine cómo se gastan los fondos en cosas como carreteras, escuelas y hospitales. Solicite en línea hoy en 2020census.gov/jobs (folleto adjunto).

No olvide completar el Censo 2020 en línea, por teléfono o por correo. El Censo ayuda a dar forma a muchos aspectos diferentes de su comunidad 2020census.gov.

CIFF, another Coronavirus Casualty

By La Prensa Staff

The coronavirus pandemic has caused hundreds of event cancellations across Ohio in March and April, but one of the more devastating may be the *Cleveland International Film Festival*. The 44th in-person version of the annual event had to take a drastic new form because of *social distancing* and the avoidance of large crowds to slow the spread of *COVID-19*.

The film festival was supposed to run March 25 through April 7, 2020 at Playhouse Square in downtown Cleveland. Instead, CIFF44 will be a virtual experience. Festival goers are being encouraged to visit clevelandfilm.org/alums for a listing of past CIFF film alums that are now available for streaming.

"In an attempt to help these days stuck at home go by faster, we've compiled a list of films from past CIFFs that are currently available to stream through various platforms, like Netflix, Hulu, and iTunes," a message on the film festival website reads. "Take a trip down CIFF memory lane, re-watch your favorites, and catch up on the ones you missed."

Festival organizers will launch a new program April 15 called *CIFF Streams*, an in-home service that gives subscribers access to many of the feature and short films that were slated to be part of this year's Cleveland International Film Festival line-up. The streaming service will run until Tuesday night, April 28. Individual films can be screened online for \$8, while an all-access pass to view all of the films will cost \$75.

CIFF Streams will be available on clevelandfilm.org/ciffstreams. About 100 feature films and 200 short films will be hosted on the platform, with new films added during the two-weeks run.

"We knew it was going to be a lot of work to go into it," said Bill Guentzler, CIFF artistic director. "We had to essentially take apart the festival that never happened."

Festival organizers released the trailer promoting the film festival last month, which originally would have marked opening night. The film trailer was created by Fusion Filmworks and features a signature song Miles to Go from Cleve-

land-area musicians Astronomer and Jul Big Green. The trailer can be found at clevelandfilm.org.

The virtual film festival will also feature new podcast episodes of a series called CIFF Speaks. The hosts will talk film, do some prize giveaways and interview special guests to explain the film selections. The pod casts can be found at clevelandfilm.org/ciffspeaks or podcast providers.

The streaming service may help CIFF offset what will be the organization's biggest deficit in its history, having already paid for the entire 2020 edition of the film festival when it was canceled March 11. Even next year's move to Playhouse Square in downtown Cleveland likely will have some coronavirus-related considerations to it when planning begins in May.

CIFF organizers admit those plans will remain tentative, because as COVID-19 concerns extend beyond the current "new normal," there could be a changing face to what modern cinema and movie-going could look like.

Lorain Big Brothers-Big Sisters seeks New Leadership

By La Prensa Staff

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County is seeking a new president and chief executive officer, despite the ongoing coronavirus pandemic. That is possible, because the nonprofit organization's board engaged the services of HR On Call, Inc., an executive search firm to seek candidates interested in assuming the leadership post going forward.

"Their preference is to find someone in the Lorain County area," said Tom Herlevi of HR On Call. "They're also interested in, given the makeup of the community, they also want to be sure to consider any candidates from the Latino community."

Long-time president and CEO Orlando Grant left the organization last year to pursue an opportunity elsewhere, according to Herlevi. Since then, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County has operated under the temporary leadership of interim co-executive directors.

"You'd be running an organization committed to the children in the community, so you'd have to understand the community needs; be somebody who likes working with programs for children," said Herlevi. "They also have to be a leader who has a strong financial

background, interested in getting involved in the community, and good from a leadership perspective."

Whomever assumes the mantel of leadership will have to guide Big Brothers Big Sisters of Lorain County out of the troubled waters of the coronavirus. The nonprofit last week moved its mentoring programs to web-based activities and suspend face-to-face mentorship activities. Instead, mentorship is taking place virtually by telephone, smartphone, social platforms and video conferencing.

In addition, Big Brothers Big Sisters staff has worked hard to reach out to every student, mentor, and guardian "to provide emotional support, to provide guidance for building match relationships in new ways, and to connect families in need with resources like rent assistance and food delivery," according to a message on the nonprofit's website.

"In addition, COVID-19 is now threatening important upcoming fundraisers that are vital to supporting the mission," read the online statement.

Restarting the school-based, afterschool, and community programs, as well as making up for possible lost funding will be the responsibility of that new president/CEO. The

nonprofit's board hopes to have a list of candidates by the end of April to begin interviewing via technology if the coronavirus pandemic persists, according to Herlevi.

"It could be a fit for someone who has run another community organization like this," he said. "It could be somebody who is wanting to get that kind of an opportunity and hasn't so far in their career. It could also be an excellent opportunity for somebody later in their career."

Big Brothers Big Sisters matches adult role models with youth for fun and friendship in enduring one-to-one mentoring relationships. The Lorain County chapter serves more than 300 children ages 6 to 18 and their families. The organization last year celebrated its 25th anniversary, starting in 1994 as an outgrowth of a Leadership Lorain County class.

The chapter served 326 children last year, with 145 in the community-based and 181 in the school-based programs. In total, the chapter has impacted over 6,000 children in Lorain County.

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Covid-19: PACT cancels 2020 Northwest Ohio Polish American Festival

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The festival is a significant fund raiser for the on-going efforts to build a Polish Cultural Center in land donated by the Northwest Ohio Building Trades Council near their building along Front St. near I-280 across from the National Museum of the Great Lakes.

"We have been monitoring the whole Covid-19 situation and had built-in two go / no-go dates of



Celebration in September. Newlyweds are encouraged to enter into a sweepstakes and PACT presents the winner with an all-expense paid traditional Polish wedding reception. Rules and information will be posted on PACT's website PolishCommunity.org and on Facebook.

For additional information on PACT or to become a PACT member, visit PolishCommunity.org or call 419-836-0556. Those interested in corporate sponsorship opportunities or to volunteer at PACT events should contact Tom Pruss at 419-540-8667 E-mail: info@polish-community.org.



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Notice of Civil Service Examination Firefighter City of Fremont

The Fremont Civil Service Commission will be holding an entrance exam for the position of Firefighter on Sunday April 19, 2020 at 7 am. This will be held at the Fremont Community Recreation Complex at 600 Saint Joseph St. Fremont, Ohio 43420. Applications for the test can be completed by visiting www.fremontohio.org and clicking on the job postings tab. Applications are due by Friday, April 10, 2020 at noon. For questions, please contact the Office of the Safety Service Director at 419-334-2687 or e-mail Amanda Sears at asears@fremontohio.org.



March 23, 2020: Two Lucas County Auto Title offices to remain closed indefinitely and procedures put in place at remaining two offices. U.S. Passport Application processes suspended indefinitely.

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The offices that are closed and will remain closed are as follows: Lucas County Auto Title, 1600 Madison Ave., Toledo, OH 43604 and Lucas County Auto Title, 4456 Heatherdowns Blvd., Toledo, OH 43614. Our two remaining Auto Title offices located at 4900 N. McCord Rd., Sylvania, OH 43560 and Lucas County Auto Title, 3034 Navarre Ave., Oregon, OH 43616 will be open at regular business hours, 8:30 am to 5:00 pm.

However, we will not be processing person to person title transactions. Individuals needing title work should mail their information to either the Sylvania office or the Oregon office for processing. Should individuals have questions they can contact those offices by phone at either 419-213-2400 or 419-213-8580. All dealer work shall be dropped off for processing at either office and a staff member will contact dealers for a scheduled pick up. We understand the inconvenience this may cause, but it is necessary to limit person to person contact.

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Top 4 Ways for Older Adults to Stay Healthy During the Coronavirus Crisis

While some of the ways on this list may come as no surprise, there are some new resources that have been developed to help older adults to stay healthy in the following top 4 ways to stay healthy during the Coronavirus Crisis list:

1. Another Reason to Remain at Home – Those age 60 and better needing groceries and meals but wanting to abide by the Governor's Remain at Home order have a new, quick easy and low-cost way to have groceries and meals brought right to their homes. The Area Office on Aging and senior centers have stepped up to help make sure older adults get their groceries and meals delivered. The Area Office on Aging and its provider network have delivered groceries or meals to over 6,000 older northwest Ohioans during the last week. Older adults simply call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 to place your order and before they know it their groceries and/or meals will be on their doorstep.

2. Well-Check Calls – Recent studies show that loneliness has a negative impact on the health of older adults equivalent to smoking 15 cigarettes a day. While this time of remaining at home can be lonely for many, the Area Office on Aging and its volunteers have been and continue to call thousands of older adults at least weekly to check in on them to make sure they are okay and to provide them with an opportunity to socialize.

3. Continue to Get Essential Medical Care – The Area Office on Aging is continuing its partnership with Black & White Transportation so that those older adults who still need a way to get to the doctor's office or hospital for essential medical care can get to the essential care they need. For more information on this free medical transportation service, contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624.

4. Wash hands – Washing hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds and/or using hand sanitizer frequently throughout the day are some of the best ways to stop the spread of the Coronavirus.

The vast majority of these services supported by the Area Office on Aging are available for any Lucas County resident age 60 and over. The demand for these services has also increased as more older adults are staying home due to people age 65+ being more susceptible to the Coronavirus and have a higher mortality rate, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

Those interested in receiving these services can call the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or via e-mail at admin@areaofficeonaging.com. Those who are interested in volunteering to help with delivery of home-delivered meals or with grocery delivery can contact the Area Office on Aging at 419-382-0624 or e-mail volunteers@areaofficeonaging.com. The Area Office on Aging is vetting volunteers to help ensure they have no history of criminal behavior.

Gov. Mike DeWine's COVID-19 Update: Nursing Home Order, Liquor Sales, TANF Funding, Rapid Testing, Prison Update

April 12, 2020: *Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Dr. Amy Acton, MD, MPH, provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.*

NURSING HOME ORDER: Governor DeWine announced today that the Ohio Department of Health issued an order requiring long-term care facilities to notify residents and families within 24 hours of a resident or staff member testing positive for COVID-19.

"The Ohio Department of Health had been strongly encouraging facilities to notify families all along, but this order makes this notification mandatory," said Governor DeWine. "Families of long-term care residents have a right to know if individuals at these facilities are sick."

Governor DeWine also announced that a list of long-term care facilities with positive COVID-19 cases will be listed on coronavirus.ohio.gov as the information becomes available.

LIQUOR SALES: On March 16, 2020, the State of Pennsylvania closed its state-owned liquor stores in an attempt to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In addition, multiple border counties in West

Virginia have recently prohibited sales of liquor to persons who do not have West Virginia identification. This has pushed people into Ohio's border counties to purchase liquor and creates an unacceptable public health issue.

In compliance with Ohio Department of Health orders designed to prevent the further spread of COVID-19, the in-person sale of liquor in the following counties is now restricted only to Ohio residents: Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Jefferson, and Belmont.

For an individual to purchase liquor in the aforementioned counties, that person must present a valid Ohio photo identification or a valid military photo ID for a person on active duty status.

Sale of liquor to a person with a valid non-Ohio photo ID may only occur with additional information showing that the person resides in Ohio, including mail with the person's name and Ohio address on it, a bill with the person's name and Ohio address on it, or a letter from an employer placing the person in Ohio as an essential employee.

TANF FUNDING TO OHIO FOODBANKS: Today, Lt. Governor Husted highlighted an executive order, signed by Governor DeWine on Friday, that provides nearly \$5 million in emergency funding from the Temp-

rary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) block grant to support Ohio's 12 Feeding America foodbanks and the statewide hunger relief network.

According to the Ohio Association of Foodbanks, the funding will be used to purchase available items such as canned fruits and vegetables; canned meats; cereals, pastas and rice; boxed dinners; locally grown produce; locally produced milk, butter, cheese and dairy products through partnerships with the Ohio

Dairy Producers Association, Dairy Farmers of America – Mideast Area and the National Farmers Organization; fresh meat and eggs; and essential household cleaning and personal hygiene items.

Of this funding, \$1 million is earmarked for the Agricultural Clearance Program, where the Ohio Association of Food Banks will purchase Ohio-made commodities, such as milk, to distribute to foodbanks across the state.

An additional \$1 million has been granted to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio to help Ohio's homeless shelters purchase needed cleaning supplies and provide homelessness prevention and housing services.

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ACTUALIZACIÓN DE LA JUNTA DE ELECTORAL DEL CONDADO DE CUYAHOGA ACERCA DE LA ELECCIÓN PRIMARIA PRESIDENCIAL 17 DE MARZO DE 2020

Las elecciones primarias presidenciales del 17 de marzo de 2020 se extienden hasta el 28 de abril del 2020 y ahora son sólo por correo. Esto se debe a los esfuerzos para prevenir la propagación de la enfermedad por Coronavirus (COVID-19).

Las personas que aún no han votado en esta elección pueden solicitar una papeleta de voto por correo. Existen cuatro métodos para obtener una solicitud de papeleta de voto por correo:

- Vaya al sitio web de la Junta, www.443VOTE.us, para completar un formulario de Solicitud de Papeleta ingresando su nombre y fecha de nacimiento. Imprima y complete la Solicitud de Papeleta y envíela por correo.

• Llame a la Junta al 216-443-VOTE (8683) y solicite a la Junta que le envíe una Solicitud de Papeleta de Voto por Correo.

• Visite el Edificio de

correo a la Junta Electoral. *Este es el método recomendado porque crea una aplicación de papeleta personalizada que incluye un código de barras. El código de barras permite a la Junta minimizar el tiempo que lleva procesar la Solicitud de Papeleta y enviar una papeleta al votante.*

- Vaya al sitio web de la Junta, www.443VOTE.us, ingrese su nombre y fecha de nacimiento y solicite a la Junta que le envíe una Solicitud de Papeleta de Voto por correo.

- Escriba claramente

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Fecha de nacimiento <i>Obligatoria</i>	2	Fecha de nacimiento (no escriba la fecha de hoy) _____	MM/DD/YYYY
Dirección en que está registrado para votar <i>Obligatoria</i>	3	Dirección (o Apartado Postal) _____ Ciudad / Pueblo _____	Condado _____ Código Postal _____
Dirección Postal <i>Obligatoria</i>	4	Dirección (o Apartado Postal) _____ Ciudad/Pueblo _____ Estado _____	Código Postal _____
Forma de Identificación <i>Obligatoria</i>	5	<input type="checkbox"/> Número de su licencia de conducir de Ohio (2 letras seguidas de 6 números) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Los últimos cuatro dígitos de su número de Seguro Social _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Copia de actual y válida identificación con fotografía, identificación militar o un recibo o factura actual (no más de 12 meses de antigüedad) de servicios básicos, estado de cuentas bancarias, nómina, cheque del gobierno, u otro documento del gobierno (con excepción de una notificación de registro de votante enviada por la junta electoral) que muestre su nombre y domicilio actual.	MM/DD/YYYY
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Debe completar una solicitud por separado para cada elección.			
Afirmación <i>Obligatoria</i>	7	• Deseo recibir una papeleta por correo en la dirección indicada arriba. • Entiendo que la junta electoral de mi condado debe recibir esta solicitud por correo antes del mediodía del tercer día antes de las elecciones o antes de los 2 de la tarde el día antes de las elecciones si es persona. • Entiendo que si recibo una papeleta por correo y después cambio de opinión y me presento en el centro de votación para votar el Día de las Elecciones, estaré obligado a votar mediante una papeleta provisional que no se puede contar hasta los 11 días después del Día de las Elecciones. • Entiendo que si no facilito la información obligatoria, mi solicitud no se puede procesar. • Declaro, bajo pena de fraude electoral, que cumplío los requisitos para ser votante y que las declaraciones anteriores son verdaderas.	
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