



COVID-19

#FindlayChamber

Driving growth and prosperity in the Findlay and Hancock County region.

March 25, 2020

ALLIANCE OFFICE HOURS

The Alliance offices are closed through April 6th following the order from Governor Mike DeWine. Our staff is working remotely:
For full staff contact information, view the [Staff Directory](#).

COVID-19 Quick Links & Resources

Local Hancock County Resources:

[Chamber of Commerce](#)

[Business 2 Business Offerings & Services](#)

[Support Local: Way to Stay Engaged](#)

[Hancock Helps](#)

[Hancock Public Health](#)

State & National Resources:

[Ohio Department of Health](#)

[Ohio Channel \(Daily Press Briefings\)](#)

[Ohio Chamber Business Resources](#)

[Centers for Disease Control & Prevention \(CDC\)](#)



What Businesses Are Essential?

Governor DeWine has issued an order for Ohioans to stay home and avoid non-essential business. We've outlined the categories listed in the order online. We encourage you to read the full order and use our [Chamber Member Directory](#) to find & support businesses that are still doing business should you need any of these services.

[View the list of categories named "essential."](#)

Chamber Video Library

The Chamber team is working to produce

helpful videos to you and your employees during this time to supplement our typical programming. Here, you can view our chat with Dr. Elkie Burnside, University of Findlay, with some helpful tips for people working from home for the first time.



[Check out our full YouTube playlist & watch for new videos!](#)

Chamber Event Calendar

View the [Chamber of Commerce Event Calendar](#) for all upcoming events. Looking for community events? Check out the [Visit Findlay calendar!](#)

Community Red Cross Blood Drive

Thursday, March 26
7 am – 7 PM
Hancock County Fairgrounds
Call 419-423-5337 for info

As of March 19, the Red Cross has had more than 5,000 drives cancelled and more than 170,000 fewer blood donations, and now the American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage.

Virtual Fresh Brewed Business

Tuesday, April 7
8 – 9 am
Zoom Webinar
[Click Here To Register](#)

For our first ever online edition of Fresh Brewed Business, we'll look at the final stage of the I-75 construction project, a Coronavirus update from Hancock Public Health, and several other community issues.

The following events have been canceled:

Any events that are rescheduled or done virtually will be announced via email and social media.

March 26: Luncheon with CommunityREAD Author Lisa Wingate

April 2: Safety Council (active members will receive a credit to make up for this cancellation)

April 14: Business 2 Business Networking

May 7: Safety Council (active members will receive a credit to make up for this cancellation)

May 14: Business 2 Business Networking



Ohio Approved for Disaster Loans

Ohio applied with U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) to qualify Ohio small businesses and non-profits for the [Economic Injury Disaster Loan program](#). That request has been approved.

These loans can be used to pay for fixed debts, payroll, accounts payable, and other bills. Businesses or non-profits who wish to apply for a disaster loan can do so at www.disasterloan.sba.gov/ela.

Online Employee Training

With teams working remotely, now is an opportune time to take advantage of online



training resources. Lt. Governor Husted has gathered reputable digital training resources for employers to work to up-skill their team.

[View the list of training resources available to you and your employees.](#)



Support Local!

Looking for ways to stay connected and **support small businesses** during this time?

Check out www.VisitFindlay.com/Covid-19! There, you'll find activities you can partake in safely, ways to shop, and restaurants that are offering take-out and delivery services!

Visit Findlay also has a page dedicated to [Partner Resources](#) with help from the Ohio Travel Association and the US Travel Association to help those in the tourism industry.

[Article: Five Easy Ways To Help Support Small Businesses](#)

Member Announcements

**To submit an announcement for this section, email news@FindlayHancockAlliance.com. The Findlay · Hancock County Chamber of Commerce reserves the right to edit any material submitted for publication in its newsletters. These announcements are listed in the order they were received.*

Findlay Hope House Office Closed & Donation Requests

The Findlay Hope House Housing Office at The Family Center is closed. While this physical location is not open for business, we are continuing to assist clients remotely and are asking that those in need of assistance call 419.425.4673. A staff member will be available between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:00 pm. Our transitional shelter location will continue to remain operational. For those wishing to donate items, we are currently accepting cleaning products, personal hygiene products, paper goods and non-perishable food items. At this time donations may be dropped off at our transitional shelter (419 Western Ave).

Red Cross Volunteers & Blood Donors Needed

The Red Cross has an urgent need for blood donations throughout the country. There has been an unprecedented number of cancellations of local blood drives. Please visit www.redcrossblood.org to find local blood drives and to make appointments to donate. The Red Cross is also currently in need of additional Blood Drive volunteers, Disaster Service responders, and "Volunteer from Home" volunteers. For anyone interested in volunteering for any of these positions, you can visit www.redcross.org/volunteer. For more information, please send email at Michael.vance@redcross.org.

First Federal Bank Offering Drive-Up, Appointment Only and Online Banking

First Federal Bank will serve customers at drive up teller windows starting Friday, March 20 and through appointments as needed. All drive-thru locations will remain open normal business hours to assist customers. Online Banking, Mobile Banking and ATMs are suggested alternative options.

Huntington Bank Offering Special Programs to Alleviate Financial Distress

Huntington Bank is offering several programs to consumers and businesses, effective immediately, to alleviate economic injury experiences by all during this time. For a full list of the programs, visit www.Huntington.com/Coronavirus.

Virtual Experiences with the Hancock Park District

The Hancock Park District is launching a new opportunity to experience nature- and history-based programs and events from the comfort of your own home. "Virtual Experiences with the Hancock Park District" via Facebook Live at www.facebook.com/HancockParkDistrict. The virtual program will be offered every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 1 p.m. with a different focus for each two-to-three-minute segment. Following the live event, each video will be archived on Facebook and at www.HancockParks.com.

AAA Findlay Office Closed to Walk-In Traffic

The AAA Findlay office will be closed to walk in traffic only but AAA Associates will be in the building doing business as usual and can assist you by phone with memberships, travel arrangements or cancellations or home and auto insurance. We can also work on TripTiks and arrange for outdoor pickup of maps, tour books, brochures and world travel destination books. Emergency Road Service is still available. AAA Findlay can be contacted at 419-422-4961 Monday thru Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and Saturday - 9:00am to Noon.

Blanchard Valley Health System Establishes Second "Triage & Testing Center"

Blanchard Valley Health System has established a second COVID-19 "Triage & Testing Center" on the campus of Bluffton Hospital, located at 139 Garau Street, Bluffton. If a patient believes they are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 they should call the 24-hour, seven days a week, triage line at 419.369.2399 to initiate pre-screening efforts.

Flag City Clothing "Findlay Has Heart" Proceeds to Benefit Local Businesses

Flag City Clothing created a t-shirt that can ship to your door for \$24. You can select a Findlay Business of your choice that is involved to donate \$10 of the sale to. This is an excellent way to help us, help another business in Findlay and will provide you with a super soft t-shirt to show your support / boost community morale. Get one now at www.flagcityclothing.com

Gladine Cleaners Open For Business

Gladine Cleaners located in Findlay is open for business, as Laundry Services are deemed an Essential Business according to DeWine's order. Call (419) 422-9268 for info.

Blanchard Valley Health System Limits Visitation

Due to community concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and to ensure that every precaution is being taken to prioritize the safety of our patients, Blanchard Valley Health System will no longer allow visitors effective March 25, 2020. This policy applies to all BVHS facilities including hospitals and outpatient clinics. [View the full release of visitor specifications.](#)

The Family Resource Center in Need of PPE

The Family Resource Center in need of masks and other PPE - if any businesses have any supplies they would be willing to sell, please call 419.425.5050

Superior Cleaners & Furriers Open For Business

Superior Cleaners & Furriers located in Findlay is open for business, as Laundry Services are deemed an Essential Business according to DeWine's order. Call (419) 423-0934 for info.

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