

**CHAMBER OFFICE UPDATE**

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Chamber will remain closed to the public until June 1. We still are accepting checks via mail or credit card payments via phone for Chamber membership dues.

**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**



The Salem Area National Day of Prayer Committee invites your place of business to participate in the 14<sup>th</sup> annual National Day of Prayer even entitled **Pray God's Glory Across the Earth.**

This year the community event will be held on May 7, 2020 from noon to 1:00 pm.

Due to the Coronavirus pandemic, this year the event will be pre-recorded and broadcast via our website at [praysalem.org](http://praysalem.org), and on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter accounts at Pray Salem at the above date and time. The event will also be broadcast via local channel 1021 at 12:53, 3:00 and 5:00.

We would encourage you and your staff to observe the event at this time. If this is not possible we would invite your participation by offering a time and place in your workplace on this date. You may choose to do this corporately or provide a place where employees may privately spend some time in prayer.

Thank you in advance as we join together in prayer for America!

Salem Area National Day of Prayer Committee

Rev. Daniel Hardy, Chairman  
Michelle Bails  
Becky Craig  
Jim Kelly  
Theresa Morris  
Cindy Smith

**CHAMBER MEMBER NEWS**

**Thank you, Nurses**

To honor nurses for all they do in service to others, we'd like to deliver you a special treat. We know how much you give of yourself, because the care nurses give makes a world of difference to patients, residents and families.

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**REFOCUS: A CO.STARTERS Workshop**

**May 7 @ 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm**

**Go back to the basics to save your business.**

New offering from CO.STARTERS:

Join a two-hour virtual workshop that will help you find the focus and clarity you need to shift your mindset and find a new way forward. If you feel stuck, join us to identify your best next steps together.

**In this workshop you will:**

- Determine immediate next steps needed to stabilize
- Re-examine your venture using the CO.STARTERS Canvas
- Strategize how to better solve your customers' changing needs
- Learn how to adapt or refine your business model

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**MAY 2020 BWC CAREWORKS COMP NEWS**

**May 2020 BWC News from CareWorks Comp**

*"Spring is the time of the year when it is summer in the sun and winter in the shade."*  
~Charles Dickens

We all know that the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19) is an escalating global health concern. We also recognize that a widespread outbreak could place increased demand on our capacity to meet those needs. At CareWorks Comp we're prepared to support our clients' needs in our areas of expertise. For the most current and up-to-date information from the Ohio BWC regarding COVID-19 topics, please visit the BWC's website at: [BWC COVID-19 Information](#), to read the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) document.

**MCO Open Enrollment: MOVED to May 2021**

Due to the impact of the COVID-19 on Ohio's business community, the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation is postponing this year's enrollment period for employers to select a managed care organization (MCO). The next official enrollment period is scheduled for May 3 - May 28, 2021.

**BWC \$1.6 Billion Dividend Sent to Ohio Employers**

The Ohio BWC Board of Directors approved a \$1.6 Billion Dividend to ease the economic impact of the coronavirus pandemic on Ohio's economy and business community. Of the \$1.6 billion dividend, approximately \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and approximately \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts, such as counties, cities, townships, and schools. Thanks also to strong investment returns, the dividend equals approximately 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018 (7/1/2018-6/30/2019). BWC will apply the dividend to any outstanding balances employers may have first, including the recent installment deferrals. Any amounts exceeding outstanding balances will be sent to the employer. The BWC will not rebate any premium savings you had from the Go Green rebate, Lapse Free rebate, Drug Free Safety Program rebate, ISSP rebate, Safety Council rebate or the Early Payment discount.

**What if your organization was in a Group Retrospective Rating Program during the 2018 policy year?**

Private employers will receive 100% of their experience-rated premium as of April 4, 2020. The 2018 12-, 24-, and 36-month evaluations will occur to capture the performance of the groups, but no further financial transactions impacting the 2018 policy will post to the employers' policies.

**Still able to Adjust Estimated 2019 Policy Year Payroll**

Did you know that employers can still change their 2019 payroll? Employers have until 5/29/2020 to make the change. This helps private employers in two ways: if they did have layoffs it will reduce or possibly eliminate the deferred installment payments. Also, it may reduce their 2020 installments as well because the Ohio BWC will be using 2019 estimated payroll to determine a company's 2020 installments.

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