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October 22-28, 2021

 DowntownDayton

Featured



October 23-February 13 - Exhibit: Norman Rockwell: Stories of Emotion

[Dayton Art Institute](http://DaytonArtInstitute.org),

456 Belmonte Park North; call for times.

A DAI exclusive, this intimate Focus Exhibition features paintings and drawings, on loan from a private collection, by America's most beloved artist and illustrator, Norman Rockwell. A master at picturing the poignant moment that can tell a complete story, Rockwell has long been celebrated for his humor and artistic skill. The featured works-including 12 original paintings and drawings, three lithographs and other Rockwell-related items-highlight his ability to express emotion to showcase universal human themes. Additional works by other artists will help put Rockwell's work in a broader, art-historical context. More info at daytonartinstitute.org.

Also This Week

Thru November 7- Airness

[The Loft Theatre](http://TheLoftTheatre.com), 126 N. Main St.;
call for times.

When Nina enters her first air guitar competition, she thinks winning will be easy. But as she befriends a group of charismatic nerds all committed to becoming the next champion, she discovers that there's more to this art form than playing pretend; it's about finding yourself in your favorite songs, and performing with raw joy. Will Nina be able to let go and set herself free onstage? Following her mission to shred or be shredded, *AIRNESS* is an exuberant reminder that everything we need to rock is already inside us. This is a comedy about competition, completion, and finding the airness inside yourself. 228-3630 or DaytonLive.org

Submit your events for inclusion in this e-newsletter and our online calendar!

If you are holding an event downtown that is open to the public, be sure to submit it to us for consideration to be included not only in these weekly emails, but also in our online calendar of downtown events! We're happy to help you promote it.

You can submit your event via our website with the simple online form [here](#).

DOWNTOWN EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Thru October 23 - Exhibit: Intertwined

[The 48 High Street Gallery](#), 48 High St.,
Call for times.

INTERTWINED is the physical exhibition of the Dayton Society of Artists' national call for fiber artwork from 2020, which was rescheduled due to COVID.

Thru October 24 - Out on 5th

Fifth Street in the Oregon District;
Fridays 5-10 p.m.,

Saturdays & Sundays noon-10 p.m.

Out on 5th returns to the Oregon District!

Fifth Street will close to vehicular traffic between Patterson Boulevard and Wayne Avenue on weekends, to create a pedestrian mall in the Oregon District with increased service areas for bars, restaurants, and retailers, and increased space for the public to enjoy. The weekend closures will feature entertainment, special sales events, and amenities to elevate the guest experience.

Out on 5th will continue every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday through the spring and summer months. For more information, click [here](#).

Thru October 24 - Exhibitions at The Co

[The Contemporary Dayton](#),
25 W. Fourth St.; call for times.

The Contemporary Dayton presents its next set of exhibitions in the new galleries at the Dayton Arcade. Nina Chanel Abney draws on animated cartoons, video games, hip-hop culture, celebrity websites, and tabloid magazines to create large-scale paintings and collages that are scathing commentaries on social attitudes and inequities. The premiere of *From a Basement on a Hill*, a new body of work by Dayton-based artist Mychaelyn Michalec consists of embroidered "drawings" and deeply textured tufted rug "paintings" that conflate issues of craft and cultural value. Sara Cwynar's *Soft Film* combines elements of composite photography and experimental film and performance video. [More info](#). Virtual Artist Talk with Sara Cwynar Oct. 20 at 6 p.m.

Thru October 24 - Women in Jeopardy

[Dayton Theatre Guild](#),
430 Wayne Ave.; call for times.

Divorcees Mary and Jo are suspicious of their friend Liz's new boyfriend, who is just

October 22 - Over the Rhine and Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors

[Dayton Masonic Center](#),
525 W. Riverview Ave.; 8 p.m.

Dayton Masonic Live presents an evening of true and timeless Americana with co-headliners Over the Rhine and Drew Holcomb & The Neighbors. Doors open at 7 p.m. with music starting at 8 p.m. Tickets can be purchased at [daytonmasonic.live](#).

October 22 - Two for the Road

[The Dublin Pub](#), 300 Wayne Ave.; 8 p.m.
Acoustic rock and country cover band "Two For The Road" performs at The Dublin Pub.

October 22 & 23 - Shane Latham

[Wiley's Comedy Joint](#), 101 Pine St.;
8 p.m. Fri, 7:15 & 9:30 p.m. Sat.
Shane Latham performs at Wiley's Comedy Club! Must be 18+, two item minimum purchase per person and an 18% gratuity is added to all guest checks. Please arrive 30 minutes prior to showtime.

October 22-28 - Also This Week at the DAI

[Dayton Art Institute](#),
456 Belmonte Park North; call for times.
This week, check out a variety of great art exhibits at the Dayton Art Institute, including "Photography through Time," "Beyond the Woodblock," "Formless Form V," and "Spotlight on Africa: Gifts from Dianne Komminsk." On Thursday, children and caregivers can enjoy the popular preschool program, PNC Tiny Thursdays online from home. More info at [daytonartinstitute.org](#).

October 22-November 5 - The Royal Blue Art Auction

Online.
K12 Gallery & TEJAS presents its next Royal Blue online art auction, featuring the art of Terry Hitt. Terry's career of storytelling on canvas coincided with his career as a painting professor at the University of Dayton, and K12 is happy to invite you to purchase some of his art. [k12tejasgallery.org](#).

October 23 - Halloween Spooktacular HIV/STI Testing Event

October 24 - Carnival of the Animals & Peter and the Wolf

[Dayton Masonic Center](#),
525 W. Riverview Ave.; 2-5 p.m.

Bring the entire family out for a fun filled afternoon, as a zoo full of animals takes over the Dayton Masonic Center with the Miami Valley Symphony Orchestra, Gem City Ballet, narrator David Shough, with David Deitrick conducting. Dress up as your favorite animal, wear your favorite animal shirt or hat, and be sure to visit the "Instrument Petting Zoo" immediately following the show. Visit [mvso.org](#) for ticket information. All seats are reserved. Admission is free.

October 26 - Impact of Inventions & Teen Engineer Workshop

Online; 6 & 7 p.m.
The Dayton Metro Library will host two free, virtual programs on Tuesday, October 26, which accompany their October engineering-themed Take and Make Kits: **Impact of Inventions**, 6 - 6:30 PM. Families and children in grades 1-6 will learn about inventors including Eli Whitney and George Washington Carver and how they, and others like them, have impacted our daily lives. This program is presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center. **Teen Engineer Workshop**, 7 - 7:45 PM. Teens will join local engineers Jessica Moyer and Stephanie Chapman as they are guided in building a homopolar motor. To register for one of these virtual events, or for more information, visit [DaytonMetroLibrary.org/Programs](#) or call the Ask Me Line at 937-463-2665.

October 26 & 27 - Pop-Up Patio

[Tender Mercy](#), 607 E. Third St.;
4-10 p.m.
Join Tender Mercy for Pop Up Patio every Wednesday and Tuesday from 4-10pm through the fall. The bar is curated with Tender Mercy's house wines and also special flights- all hand picked by sommelier extraordinaire, Lauren Gay.

October 26-December 4 - Rike's Holiday Windows Spectacular

[PNC Arts Annex](#), corner of Second and Ludlow streets; every Tuesday 6-8 p.m., ever

plain creepy. He's a dentist with a copy of Silence of the Lambs in his waiting room and an antique dentistry collection in his basement - and worse, he may be a serial killer! His missing hygienist was just found dead, apparently murdered by a dental instrument. Trading their wine glasses for spy glasses, the ladies try to discover the truth and save their friend before it's too late. Tickets and more info at daytontheatreguild.org.

Thru October 26 - LORE Virtual 4-Week Storytelling Class

Online via Zoom.

The LORE 4-Week Workshop walks a small group of brand new storytellers through crafting a personal story for the stage. Each class is limited to 8 people, which creates an intimate setting for you to learn useful tools, practice your story, and make friends. Every class has its own character based on the people that sign up, so if you feel called to this class, it is probably because it is your time! [More info.](#)

Thru October 31 - The Dream of the Burning Boy

[PNC Arts Annex](#), corner of Second and Ludlow streets; call for times.

Since the sudden death of his favorite student, high-school teacher Larry Morrow has been falling asleep at his desk and dreaming. The school's guidance counselor is hanging inspirational posters designed to help everyone "process their emotions." The student's sister and friends - more agitated and hormonal than usual - find little solace in Dante's *Inferno*. And as Larry's dreams intensify, a shocking secret is exposed. A secret that will change everything. RATED PG-13 for language. Trigger Warning: This play deals with death and grief. [More info.](#)

Thru October 31 - Breaking the Cycle Virtual 5K+

At home.

Join Artemis Center for the Breaking the Cycle Virtual 5K+! Walk, run, bike, hike, or paddle 3.1 miles during Domestic Violence Awareness Month to show your support. Your contribution to this event helps provide lifesaving services to domestic violence survivors and their children. Join as an individual or create a team and consider

[Greater Dayton LGBT Center](#),

24 N. Jefferson St.; 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

The Greater Dayton LGBT Center along with Equitas Health is pleased to announce this spooktacular testing event. The clinic will offer: Blood Pressure & Glucose Screenings, Adult Vaccine Screenings, along with Sexual Health HIV/STI testing, PrEP & PAPI programs. [More info.](#)

October 23 & 24 - The Elixir of Love

[Dayton Performing Arts Alliance](#);

[Schuster Performing Arts Center](#),

Second & Main sts.; Sat. 8 p.m., Sun. 3 p.m.

Dayton Opera launches its season with Gaetano Donizetti's lighthearted romantic comedy *THE ELIXIR OF LOVE*. Nemorino, a love-struck young farmer, sighs for the lovely landowner Adina, but is too shy to tell her. Thinking he is outclassed, he is utterly hopeless when Adina responds to the sexy swagger of the conceited Sergeant Belcore, until the sly traveling salesman Dr. Dulcamara produces a magic tonic. *THE ELIXIR OF LOVE* is a dazzling bel canto jewel that proves true love is the most powerful potion of all! 228-3630 or [DaytonLive.org](#)

October 24 - Fall Forward Customer Appreciation Weekend

[2nd Street Market](#), 600 E. Second St.; 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Fall into the season by celebrating a weekend of special offerings around the 2nd Street Market. Collect a free decorative gourd or bag of apples as a Thank You! for being a loyal shopper. Purchase decorative fall flair like mums, pumpkins and decorative corn at the outdoor farmers market or enjoy other autumn promos from various vendors throughout the building. Free admission.

October 24 - The Brightside Halloween Drag Brunch

[The Brightside](#), 905 E. Third St.; 1 p.m.

Brunch and a show! This ticket includes a fabulous meal as well as an incredible show with some of the best drag artists Dayton has to offer! Tickets and info are available [here](#).

Saturday 1-3 p.m.

This original show is a celebration of the iconic Rike's Department Store Holiday Windows. Favorite windows will come to life as students learn amazing music, witty dialogue, and unique holiday traditions. Participants will then perform the show in the PNC Arts Annex Theatre. Previous theatre experience is not necessary to participate, but all participants must commit to the class (rehearsal) schedule. The final week is a tech week for the production and more class days will be added for that week. Class costs \$150 per student. [More info.](#)

October 27 - Trivia with a Twist

[Lock 27](#), 329 E. First St.; 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Enjoy Trivia with a Twist in the Lock 27 Downtown Dayton Brewpub. Every Wednesday this summer except for Wednesdays that the Dragons have a home game! facebook.com/Lock27Brewing. Free.

October 27 - Rain - A Tribute to The Beatles

[Schuster Performing Arts Center](#), Second & Main sts.; 7:30 p.m.

In celebration of the anniversary of *Abbey Road*, RAIN will bring the greatest hits of this epic recording to life, in addition to all your early Beatles favorites. This mind-blowing performance takes you back in time with the legendary foursome delivering a note-for-note theatrical event that is "the next best thing to seeing the Beatles" (Associated Press). 228-3630 or [DaytonLive.org](#)

October 28 - Halloween Themed Wine Dinner

[Salar Restaurant and Lounge](#),

410 E. Fifth St.; 6 p.m.

Double, double, toil and trouble. Five wine pairings so good they're sure to befuddle! We've brought the fright to our five-course wine dinner this month! Join Salar for an all-inclusive, halloween themed pairing. Costumes are encouraged. [More info.](#)

October 28 - Showcase Thursday

[Yellow Cab Tavern](#), 700 E. Fourth St., 6:30 p.m.

Yellow Cab Tavern's weekly showcase returns! Come enjoy some free live music from local artists.

raising funds for Artemis Center. [More info and registration.](#)

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FREE WEBINARS

Planning for Economic Recovery

OCTOBER 28, 2021

Planning for Economic Recovery Online

This free workshop will help you gain the knowledge you need to adapt and update your community's economic recovery plan.

If you do not have a FEMA SID, complete this form before registering for this course: (cdp.dhs.gov/femasid/register)

How can you build capacity for economic recovery? It starts with a sound planning process to engage key stakeholders to assess your community's strengths and vulnerabilities. Developing and updating a recovery plan helps a community mitigate risks and speed recovery after economic disruptions.

ICMA and the International Economic Development Council (IEDC) have developed a new training course in partnership with FEMA: "Planning for Economic Recovery." Filled with examples of successful economic recovery strategies, this interactive webinar offers opportunities for small group discussions and peer learning.

Register now for the October 28, 1:00 – 5:00 p.m. virtual course. Among the many strategies covered in the free, 4-hour course are:

- Engaging small businesses in pre-disaster planning and preparedness.
- Utilizing financial tools and resources for mitigation and recovery.
- Updating your economic recovery plan.

Don't delay as registration is limited to 30 participants. Upon registering, you will receive a participant guide and a pre-course assessment. A certificate and a takeaway with more case examples and current resources will be provided upon course completion.

The course is designed for high-level local government administrators and economic development professionals, including city and county managers; planning, public health, public works, and emergency managers; chamber of commerce executives; and leaders from economic development districts, regional planning organizations, redevelopment authorities, downtown organizations, and councils of governments.

Presentation Team for the October 28 Virtual Course:

- Elizabeth Kellar, Director of Public Policy and Disaster Recovery Programs, ICMA
- Dana Crater, Senior Associate, Economic Development, IEDC
- Mickie Valente, President, Valente Strategic Advisors
- Tom Wiczorek, Principal, Center for Public Safety Management, CPSM

The course materials can be downloaded at the bottom of this page.

Course Schedule (dates and times subject to change):

- **Oct. 28, 2021 - 1:00pm-5:00pm ET ([Register Here](#))**
- Dec. 2, 2021 - 1:00pm-5:00pm ET
- Jan. 13, 2022 - 1:00pm-5:00pm ET
- March 2, 2022 - 1:00pm-5:00pm ET

Price: Free

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The Engineers' Club of Dayton was founded in 1914 by Charles F. Kettering and Colonel Edward A. Deeds as an association for the area's leading engineers and technicians. Our mission is to foster the advancement of business, education, engineering and science, and to promote the professional development of it's members.

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Infinity Labs is an innovation-focused defense firm, founded to reinvent the very nature of innovation. Infinity Labs fosters an entrepreneurial mindset to solve our nation's hardest problems. We realize our greatest asset is our employees and their hunger for bleeding-edge innovation. We work on the hardest problems in national defense..

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FEATURED EVENTS

CHAMBER MEMBER ORIENTATION



Chamber Member
Orientation

SAFETY CONFERENCE & SYMPOSIUM



69th Annual Safety
Conference &
Symposium

Thursday, Oct 28, 2021
7:45 am - 9:00 am

It doesn't matter if you're a new member or a long-time supporter. Our chamber offers a lot and it's hard to keep up with all the benefits of membership. Now is your chance to get an introduction or a refresher!

[Register Now](#)

Wednesday, Nov 3, 2021
7:30 am - 4:00 pm

Join us for workplace safety education, networking opportunities and exhibitor showcase! Keynote speaker Captain Louie Belluomini presents "A New Leash on Life: The K9s for Warriors Story".

[Register Now](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- [2021 Impact Ohio Dayton Regional Conference \(10/22/2021\)](#)
- [Chamber Member Orientation October 2021 \(10/28/2021\)](#)
- [69th Annual Dayton/Miami Valley Safety Council Safety Conference & Symposium \(11/3/2021\)](#)
- [Generation Dayton - Volunteer at the Dayton Foodbank \(11/8/2021\)](#)
- [Breakfast Briefing November 2021 \(11/12/2021\)](#)
- [Ohio Statehouse Breakfast & Reception - November 2021 \(11/17/2021\)](#)
- [Generation Dayton Emerging Leaders Night \(11/30/2021\)](#)

BUSINESS RESOURCE NEWS

Save on Workers' Compensation Costs

Deadline to get a quote is November 3

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce's only endorsed workers' compensation provider, Sedgwick, is proud to deliver workers' compensation claims management and cost containment strategies to nearly 65,000 hard-working Ohio employers.

See how much you can save on workers' compensation just for being a chamber member! **Complete an AC-3 form today in order to allow**

Sedgwick to provide you a no-cost, no-obligation quote by November 3, 2021.

[AC-3 Form](#)

CHAMBER NEWS

Winsupply Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence



[Submit a Nomination](#)

Do you know someone whose entrepreneurial spirit has pushed them to take a risk on a business idea, and follow it through to success? We want to recognize them! Nominations are now being accepted for the first-ever Winsupply Award for Entrepreneurial Excellence. Submit your nomination before October 29!

69th Annual Dayton/Miami Valley Safety Council Safety Conference & Symposium



Join us Wednesday, November 3, 2021 for workplace safety education, networking opportunities and an exhibitor showcase! Our Keynote Address is "A New Leash on Life: The K9s for Warriors Story" presented by Captain Louie Belluomini. Conference sessions include 10 regional and nationally recognized speakers who will provide education and training opportunities for a wide variety of businesses.

[Details and Registration](#)

Employees with childcare needs?



Lack of access to quality, affordable childcare has kept some parents out of the workforce. If your employees need help with childcare solutions, we've compiled a list of free or subsidized resources available in the region.

[Childcare Resource Guide](#)

Advertising Opportunities Now Available for Chamber's Regional Street Map



The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to once again be working with our Chamber Partner - the cartographic and marketing firm of Target Marketing - to publish a new, up-to-date, full-color Street Map and Resource Guide.

This publication will be the only official map endorsed and distributed by the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, distributed to locals, tourists, newcomers, and arriving professionals.

Members who want to be included this year will also have the option to be included on the popular GPS app, *Waze*. This app has 110 million users!

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MEMBER SAVINGS



The Dayton Area Chamber has partnered with Office Depot and the National Chamber Program to provide members significant savings on thousands of business essentials. The savings are so big that many participating companies save the entire cost of their chamber membership through the program.

Already National Chamber Program member? [Log in to shop](#).

Are you a chamber member, but not yet a member of the Office Depot National Chamber Program? Click below to learn more and sign up!

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NEW CHAMBER MEMBERS - SEPTEMBER

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- [G & D Auto Detail, LLC](#)
- [On Purpose Academy](#)
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MIKE DEWINE
GOVERNOR OF OHIO

Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives Partners with Operation Warm to Distribute Coats and Shoes to Kids

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced today that the Ohio Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives is partnering with Operation Warm and other community organizations to distribute brand-new shoes and coats to underserved children living in Ohio.

Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine has worked with Operation Warm to distribute coats in the past. She appreciates their continued efforts that help countless children across the state.

"Working together, this wonderful partnership helps Ohioans take care of Ohioans in their communities," said Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine. "It's great to see that not only do these new shoes and coats keep children warm, but also they can deliver self-confidence and a smile!"

In 2020, Operation Warm and OFBCI provided 7,158 coats and 5,004 pairs of shoes to children through 66 organizations located in 38 different counties located throughout Ohio.

"We are excited to once again partner with the Governor's Office for this program! Thanks to our combined efforts, we have been able to provide brand new coats and shoes to more than 50,000 children around the state," Executive Director of Operation Warm, Grace Sica said.

If you would like to join First Lady DeWine and the Governor's Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in supporting Ohio children in need this winter, please visit <https://www.operationwarm.org/ohiogovernor.html>.

About Operation Warm

Operation Warm is a national nonprofit that provides warmth, confidence, and hope through basic need programs that connect underserved children to community resources they need to thrive. Over the last 22 years, Operation Warm and our partners have used brand-new coats and shoes as a bridge for families needing to access everything from flu shots to new books.

To make a lasting impact on the lives of children, visit www.operationwarm.org.

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FIND YOUR WAY



Welcome to the Riverway News for October! What sounds more like Fall to you? Pumpkins rolling down a hill, Hocus Pocus, ghosts, or viewing the fall foliage from a bi-plane ride? How about all of that and more? Our Fall Fun guide highlights activities for everyone. And when we say everyone - we mean those of you who want to be scared, and those of you who don't.

Use the [new Riverway calendar](#) to find out what's happening this weekend - including the Great Pumpkin Roll, Hocus Pocus Halloween, and the Land of Illusion's Scream Park.

Find Your Way - to all the pumpkin spice you can ask for - along the Great Miami Riverway!

- Dan Foley, Director



7 MORE Fall Fun activities

Missed our first list a couple weeks ago? Don't be scared. There are still plenty of fall activities (some scary and some not scary!) on the Riverway calendar. Here are 7 more you don't want to miss.

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Hamilton – the city of sculpture, and so much more!

Whether you are an art lover, outdoor lover, sports enthusiast, or foodie – Hamilton has it all.

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I am the Riverway - Surf Dayton

Did you know that the Great Miami River is gaining a reputation throughout the US for whitewater paddling and river surfing? Our river is a flatwater paddler's paradise, but is also home to several sets of whitewater "play areas". These are natural or man-made "features" that beginner and experienced paddlers can use to surf the river and play in the waves. Shannon Thomas, avid surfer and local entrepreneur, is one reason that reputation is growing

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Surf the Great Miami River!

[Calendar of Events](#)

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WE WON!

The Great Miami Riverway was recognized for Marketing Excellence
by the Ohio Travel Association.

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The Great Miami Riverway is more than just a river. This regional destination in southwest Ohio includes more than 99 miles of paved trails and connected communities where you can surf the river, cycle the bike trail, and find your way through charming downtowns.

Coalition Members

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Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions

As we move forward with our post-pandemic workplace, our BWC staff is implementing a hybrid model. While we may be operating from a different physical location, the way we conduct business with our employers, injured workers, and others we serve, will not change. Phone numbers and email addresses for our customer service representatives remain the same.

For the latest information on coronavirus (COVID-19) visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. For questions about COVID-19's effect on BWC not listed here, you can email BWCCOVID19@bwc.state.oh.us.

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Note to Medical Providers: BWC has developed an FAQ document specifically for medical providers that addresses COVID-19 issues. To download, click [here](#).

Face Coverings for Employers and Workforce: For FAQs related to our [Protecting Ohio's Workforce — We've Got You Covered](#) plan, [visit this link](#).

Frequently Asked Questions

Note: This is a "living" document. The following is updated routinely to reflect our most recent policy changes and initiatives, with new Q&As at the end.

Claims and Policy Processing

Q 1: What is BWC doing to help employers during this unprecedented time?

A: At the request of Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, we issued nearly \$8 billion in dividends to Ohio employers throughout 2020 to ease the economic impact COVID-19 has caused on Ohio's economy and business community. (Read more about our [April](#), [October](#), and [December](#) dividends to learn specifics about each one.) As in previous years, the dividends were possible due to strong investment returns on employer premiums, a declining number of claims each year, and prudent fiscal management. It's also due to employers who work hard to improve workplace safety and reduce injury claims. Even with the downturn in the market, we have provided these important dividends to employers while maintaining funds to take care of injured workers for years to come.

Q 2: Will BWC exclude the cost of claims related to COVID-19 from experience rating?

A: For the Private Employer and Public Employer- Taxing Districts, we have made the following change to OAC 4123-17-03 to exclude the cost of certain COVID-19 claims from experience rating.

Actual losses where COVID-19 was contracted by an employee arising during the period between the emergency declared by Executive Order 2020-01D, issued March 9, 2020 and July 2, 2021 which is fourteen days after the Executive Order was repealed, shall be excluded from employer's experience for the purpose of experience rating calculations.

As a result of the change to OAC 4123-17-03, the cost of the excluded claims will also be excluded from the claim costs used in the Individual Retrospective Rating and Deductible Rating plans.

A change to the Group Retrospective Rating Program rule OAC 4123-17-73 was made to exclude the COVID-19 costs as defined in OAC 4123-17-03 from the incurred losses.

For the Public Employer – State Agencies program that operates on a pay-as-you-go basis rather than an insurance basis, we will include any costs related to COVID-19 claims in the development of their contribution rates.

Q 3: Will BWC allow employers to delay installment payments due to COVID-19's hardship?

A: While installment payments were deferred until September 2020, normal installment payment due dates have resumed and continue for the Policy Year 2021.

Q 4: How does BWC's deferral of premium installment payments apply to state fund employers that are Professional Employer Organizations (PEOs)?

A: While installment payment deferrals applied to PEO employers similarly to non-PEO employers until September 2020, normal installment payment schedules have resumed and continue to be effective for Policy Year 2021.

Q 5: How does this impact state fund clients of PEO employers?

A: A client of a PEO employer must maintain active workers' compensation coverage throughout the duration of any type of PEO agreement. While client employers were able to participate in the allowance of deferred payments, normal payment schedules have resumed and continue for Policy Year 2021.

Q 6: If I contract COVID-19, is it a compensable workers' compensation claim?

A: It depends on how you contract it and the nature of your occupation. Generally, communicable diseases like COVID-19 are not workers' compensation claims because people are exposed in a variety of ways, and few jobs have a hazard or risk of getting the diseases in a greater degree or a different manner than the general public. However, if you work in a job that poses a special hazard or risk and contract COVID-19 from the work exposure, BWC could allow your claim.

Q 7: If I am quarantined due to COVID-19 can I receive workers' compensation wage replacement benefits?

A: BWC can only pay compensation in an allowed claim for disability resulting from the allowed conditions. An executive order issued by Governor DeWine, however, expands flexibility for Ohioans to receive unemployment benefits during Ohio's emergency declaration period. For more information on unemployment benefits go to the [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#).

Q 8: Are you making determinations on new claims?

A: Yes. Our staff is teleworking and has access to our systems.

Q 9: Will my wage-loss benefits be discontinued if I'm unable to complete the job searches?

A: BWC is working with injured workers to complete online job searches. Information about job postings is also available on the [JobSearch.Ohio.Gov](#) website. We encourage individuals who have been affected by COVID-19 to visit the website and apply for a position. Job search activities could also include the injured worker submitting resumes, taking online interviewing or resume tutorials, or working on sharpening their interview skills.

Q 10: I have an Independent Medical Exam (IME) scheduled and it has been cancelled, will my benefits be suspended?

A: If the examining physician has cancelled your examination, your benefits will not be suspended. Another examination will be scheduled at a later date.

Q 11: How will BWC be handling 90-day and extent of disability IMEs?

A: BWC has resumed scheduling examinations. We are asking injured workers and examining physicians to follow protocols outlined by the Ohio Department of Health to ensure the health and well-being of all who enter the facilities.

Q 12: Will I be able to speak with my claim representative?

A: If an attorney represents you, call your attorney first. Staff has access to their phones and will continue to make calls and monitor voicemail messages every day. The email address for your claims service specialist (CSS) can be found on the bottom of any correspondence you have previously received or look up your claim [here](#). For general questions, you may also call our call center at 1-800-OHIOBWC.

Q 13: What happens if my claim is denied or my employer does not agree with my claim?

A: Parties to the claim can still file an appeal if they disagree with the decision on a claim. The Ohio Industrial Commission (IC) will continue to have hearings. For the latest information visit the IC website at www.ic.ohio.gov.

Q 14: Will my Ohio Industrial Commission hearing be cancelled?

A: Please feel free to visit the IC website at www.ic.ohio.gov to view updated information and press releases.

Q 15: Will I be able to pick up a check for a compensation payment in a local service office?

A: Effective, July 6, 2021, you will be able to pick up your check from the William Green Building. We will address requests for overnight delivery on a case by case basis.

Q. 16: I have questions about the electronic delivery of my benefits, but I can't reach Key Bank. Where do I turn?

A. Key Bank is BWC's vendor that provides electronic delivery of funds through electronic fund transfers (EFT) and electronic benefit transfer (EBT) cards to our workers' compensation claimants. Key Bank's call center is currently experiencing an extremely high call volume that has resulted in difficulty reaching a Key Bank agent. Key Bank has notified BWC of this issue and has assured BWC they are taking corrective steps. Meanwhile, if you continue having difficulty reaching Key Bank, try calling Key Bank's call center during off hours. Key Bank's call center is open 24/7, and call volume is much lower outside normal business hours.

Q 17: How is BWC addressing C-92 applications?

A: BWC has resumed scheduling examinations. We are asking injured workers and examining physicians to follow protocols outlined by the Ohio Department of Health to ensure the health and well-being of all who enter the facilities. However, if injured workers prefer to schedule their examination at a later date due to COVID-19 concerns, no penalties will be assessed.

Q 18: Will BWC be extending program reporting/requirement completion deadlines?

A: While safety education and training requirements during the pandemic were waived, normal program requirements and reporting have resumed and continue for Policy Year 2021.

Q 19: Will BWC be suspending audits of self-insuring (SI) and state fund (SF) employers?

A: While face to face audits for both SI and SF employers were suspended during the pandemic, normal audit scheduling has resumed. Employers have the option to request mail in audits in lieu of onsite audits.

Q 20: What are employers supposed to do about the classes that were cancelled? What about the ½ day classroom training?

A: Classroom attendance requirements were waived during the pandemic. Currently, employers have the opportunity to take advantage of a wide variety of online class offerings. Such offerings will satisfy BWC program requirements for class attendance.

Q 21: Will BWC extend the public employer taxing district (PEC) true-up grace period that ended March 16?

A: While the grace period was extended to June 1, 2020, normal true up deadlines have resumed and continue for Policy Year 2021.

Q 22: Is emergency sick leave and expanded FMLA paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act, and American Rescue Plan Act reportable when submitting true-up payroll?

A: No. Emergency sick leave and expanded FMLA paid to employees under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, Consolidated Appropriations Act, and American Rescue Plan Act are not reportable to BWC for premium purposes. While regular paid sick leave (including third-party sick pay) is reportable to BWC, emergency sick leave and expanded FMLA paid under these acts are not reportable.

Effective April 1, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021, wages companies pay under these acts for sick leave related to COVID-19 are not reportable to BWC. Also, leave time to care for a child whose school or childcare provider is closed or unavailable for COVID-19-related reasons is not reportable to BWC. Employers must follow the federal government's eligibility and documentation guidelines to exclude these wages from their reportable payroll and premium calculation at true-up. Wages reported to BWC for premium calculation purposes are subject to verification by a premium audit.

Q 23: How will employers report wages at true-up for operational employees who are teleworking while receiving wages from the employer?

Private employers

Effective June 18, 2021, Governor DeWine declared an end of the State of Emergency relating to COVID-19 in Ohio. As a result, payroll reporting exceptions previously implemented by BWC due to COVID 19 ended on June 30, 2021. These changes will be effective for policy year July 1, 2021 and include:

- Employers with operational (non-clerical) staff continuing to telework must be reported to the operation classification code for the reporting period beginning July 1, 2021. It is no longer permitted to report the wages to classification code 8871.
- Employers with clerical staff working at home beyond June 30, 2021, must follow normal reporting guidelines. Code 8871 will be assigned when the employee spends more than 50% of the time teleworking and code 8810 will be assigned when the employee spends 50% or less of the time teleworking.

Public employers

Continuing Class Code 9444-PEC Teleworking: In June 2021, when Governor DeWine ended the state of emergency, the Underwriting & Premium Audit Department announced the discontinuation of public employer classification code, 9444-Clerical Telecommuter, effective July 1, 2021. BWC advised

public employers to report payroll for the remainder of policy year 2021 to the assigned PEC class code for staff teleworking on or after July 1, 2021. However, after further discussion and review by Employer Services and Actuarial, we've decided to **continue** this classification code for the remainder of policy year 2021 and for the upcoming PEC policy year 2022. With the ongoing pandemic, we understand PEC staff continue to telework; therefore, we feel it's appropriate to continue use of class code 9444.

Examples relating to public employer taxing districts

- Any public employees performing clerical duties while working from home are reportable to 9444.
- Public employee teachers who conduct classes online working from home are reportable to classification 9444. If tutoring is done by the teacher away from the teacher's home, then their entire payroll is reported to the operational classification.
- Public employee teachers who ended the previous school year working from home are reportable to 9444, including summer break, and as long as the schools remain closed.
- After a public school has students return to in-school classes, all payroll for teachers will be reportable to the operational classification code again.
- This revision to the class code assignment rule only applies beginning with the time of Governor DeWine's State of Emergency order, which he initiated March 9, 2020.
- To request the addition of class code 8871 - Clerical Telecommuter or 9444 for public employer taxing districts to your policy, call 1-800-644-6292 or send an email to RTSclass@ohiobwc.com. Remember to include your policy number in your email request.

Q 24: How will BWC address late payments for Self-Insured employer assessments?

A: While late payment penalty assessments were waived for February 2020 payments, normal late payment assessment fees have resumed and continue.

Q 25: Will BWC continue to assess increases in security and require Letters of Credit as a result of annual reviews?

A: BWC is continuing its annual review of Self-Insured employers' workers compensation policies. A satisfactory review permits renewal for the next policy year. BWC will perform its annual financial analysis in accordance with its normal procedures and financial analysis parameters. BWC has a responsibility to protect the Self-Insuring Employers Guaranty Fund (SIEGF) and is continuing to require Letters of Credit for Self-Insuring employers that are deemed to pose risk to the SIEGF.

Q 26: I am a self-insuring (SI) employer or a client of a self-insuring Professional Employer Organization (PEO). Why don't I receive a dividend payment like the state fund employers?

A: The recent dividend announcement was made possible for state insurance fund employers because of strong investment returns on the premiums BWC collects and lower than expected claims costs in recent policy periods. Self-insuring employers and self-insuring Professional Employer Organization(s) (PEO) do not pay premiums to the state insurance fund. Thus, the SI community has not provided the premium dollars that through the strong investment returns allow the payment of dividend dollars back to the state insurance fund premium payers.

SI assessments are used to cover the cost of the annual involvement of the BWC and the Industrial Commission in self-insured employer and claim issues as well as the cost related to previous SI employers that have defaulted on their workers' compensation claim obligations. These assessments are used within the year of collection with very little money available for investment. Any investment on SI provided money is used to lower the annual assessment rates.

Q 27: Will employers who have suspended operations due to the COVID-19 who are paying employees while they are idle at home need to report the payments as payroll?

A: Effective June 18, 2021 Governor DeWine declared an end of the State of Emergency relating to COVID 19 in Ohio. As a result, payroll reporting exceptions previously implemented by BWC due to COVID 19 will end on June 30, 2021. Wages paid to employees who are idle are reportable to BWC according to normal reporting rules effective July 1, 2021.

Q 28: Has BWC modified its delivery of care for injured workers through telemedicine and telephone services once Ohio's state of emergency was lifted June 18, 2021?

A: Yes. BWC released multiple policy alerts to date to address the expanded use of telemedicine and telephone services.

- Policy alert [2021-01](#) details the actions BWC is taking related to 7 policy alerts released between March 2020 and June 2021. Specifically with respect to telephone and telemedicine services, this alert summarizes updates to the following:
 - Policy alert [2020-01](#) permanently permit the injured worker's home to be an originating site and will also continue to permit the injured worker's use of a personal cell phone. In addition, BWC will extend the use of telephone service codes 99371-99373 in lieu of an office visit through December 31, 2021, with MCO authorization.
 - Policy alert 2020-03 BWC has determined that it is appropriate to maintain the flexibility of permitting therapists and psychological service providers to bill check-in services with proper prior authorization.

Q29: Will BWC reimburse for COVID-19 testing prior to an elective surgery?

A: Yes. Generally, COVID-related testing would not be covered or reimbursable unless COVID-19 was allowed in the claim. However, BWC recognizes that an injured worker who is positive for COVID-19 may be at greater risk for negative surgical complications, such as deep vein thrombosis (DVT), secondary pulmonary infections, unexpected progression to acute respiratory distress syndrome, cardiac injury, kidney failure and even death following the scheduled surgery. Therefore, to enable the Managed Care Organization, surgeon and injured worker to determine if surgery postponement is appropriate and to prevent greater risk for negative health consequences during or following surgery, **one pre-surgical COVID-19 test may be authorized when the injured worker is scheduled for an inpatient or outpatient surgery to be performed at a hospital or Ambulatory Surgical Center (ASC).** For additional information regarding reimbursement for this testing, providers can refer to Policy Alert #2020-04.

Q30: Will BWC extend the Public Employer Group-Experience Rating program roster filing deadline?

A: While the deadline for submitting the Group Experience Rating Program roster for PEC was extended during Policy Year 2019, the normal filing deadline has resumed and continues with Policy Year 2021.

Q31: Will BWC extend the Private Employer (PA) Industry-Specific Safety Program (ISSP), Drug-Free Safety Program (DFSP) and Transitional Work Bonus (TWB) program enrollment deadlines?

A: While program enrollment deadlines for ISSP, DFSP, and TWB were extended during Policy Year 2019, normal application deadline dates for these programs have resumed and remain the last business day of May for PA and the last business day of November for PEC.

Q32: Is COVID-19 bonus pay to workers reportable when submitting true-up payroll?

A: Yes, any form of bonus pay is considered reportable wages and therefore must be included in the true-up payroll. This includes bonus pay to essential workers' who are required or mandated to work during the COVID-19 pandemic and any increase in pay to working employees as an incentive to work during COVID-19.

Please continue to monitor bwc.ohio.gov for updated information.



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- **The program is offered at no cost to the business owner** – every business owner selected receives a full scholarship, funded by the Goldman Sachs Foundation.
- Within 6 months of graduating **67% of our alumni reported increased revenues and 47% added new jobs**
- Graduate with a specific **5-year growth plan for your business** that is immediately implementable
- Business owners in all industries will receive **one-on-one business advising and learn alongside peer CEO's**

10,000 Small Businesses looks for applicants who are passionate about growing their business and creating jobs in their communities, and generally meet these criteria:

- Owner or co-owner of a business
- Business in operation for at least two years
- Business revenues of at least \$75,000 in the most recent fiscal year
- Minimum of 2 employees (including the owner)

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