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OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties are Still Here to Help

The spread of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) continues to evolve quickly and the safety and well-being of our employees, partners, customers and the community is of utmost importance. To that end, the decision has been made that the OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas County Centers (OMJ) and the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board (STWDB) will be closed indefinitely until further notice.

At this time, OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties and the Stark Tuscarawas Workforce Development Board staff will continue to report to their assigned locations. Many services can be accessed online and staff will continue to assist customers via phone and email. In Stark County customers can call 330-433-9675, and in Tuscarawas County call 330-364-9777. Questions can be directed via email at info@omjwork.com.

For updated information please access our website at: <http://OhioMeansJobs.com/Stark> and/or <http://OhioMeansJobs.com/Tuscarawas>. Information also will be updated on our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/category/Government-Organization/Ohiomeansjobs-Stark-Tuscarawas-Counties-193717564012030/> and on Instagram at: [ohiomeansjobs_stark_tuscarawas/](https://www.instagram.com/ohiomeansjobs_stark_tuscarawas/).

OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties Website Enhanced Due to COVID-19

In response to the immediate hiring needs of employers and escalating layoffs/unemployment claims as a result of the COVID-19 virus, OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties has launched a temporary enhancement to its website that will allow the business community to share their immediate hiring opportunities.

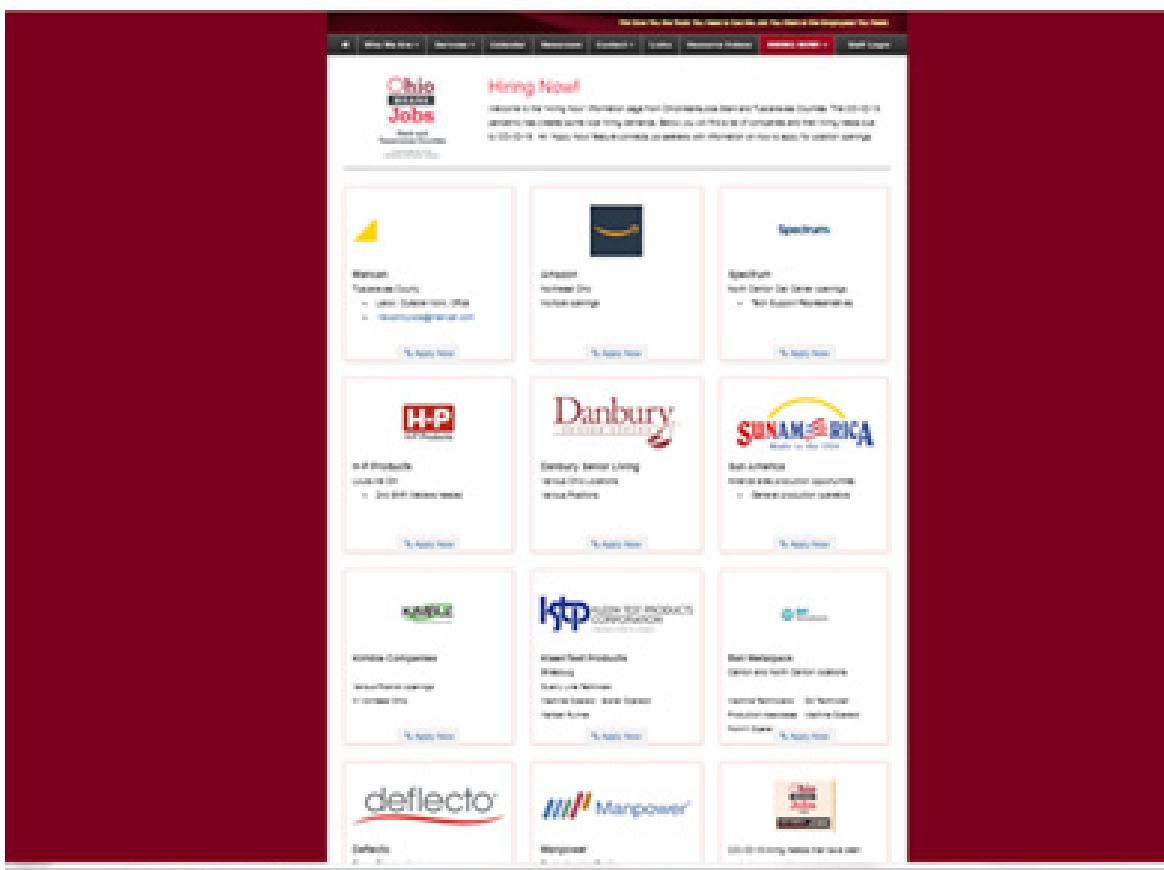
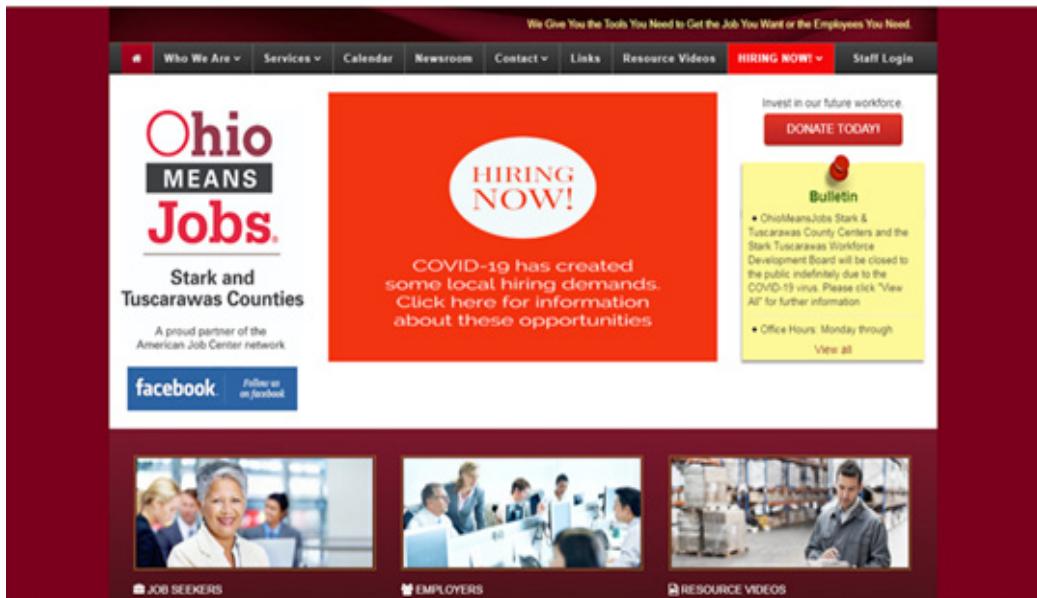
The new "Hiring Now" tab does not replace the existing services OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties offers to area employers through their Business Services department and www.ohiomeansjobs.com. It is an enhancement for area employers who have very immediate hiring needs and a mechanism for OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties to connect job seekers and businesses virtually.

This can be viewed at: <http://ohiomeansjobs.com/stark> and/or <http://OhioMeansJobs.com/Tuscarawas>

Website Enhanced...continued

Employers with immediate hiring needs can submit their job posting requests to <https://www.omjwork.com/hiring-now/employer-contact-form>. Their job posting will be featured on the "Hiring Now" page <https://www.omjwork.com/hiring-now> after follow-up/confirmation with a staff member. Employers with questions regarding "Hiring Now" job postings may contact us at HiringNow@omjwork.com.

Job seekers are encouraged to visit the "Hiring Now" page to see how they can apply for these immediate openings.



How to Reach OhioMeansJobs Partners

OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties are made up of a group of partner agencies working with job seekers and employers. The information listed below will help connect to our partner agencies.

Buckeye Career Center Adult Education & Buckeye Career Center Aspire: All Buckeye Aspire classes and sites are complying with Buckeye Career Center Adult Education announcements and procedures in respect to COVID-19 closures. Starting April 6, site instructors will reach out to their students regarding online attendance opportunities through expanded distance education to assist them in the continued pursuit of their goals. Updated orientation dates for new students will be determined when we can physically return to our class sites. You can also look online at buckeyecareercenter.org. Thank you.

Canton City Schools Adult Education: Canton City School District Adult Career & Technical Education is enrolling NOW for the Fall Semester! We offer career training which lasts 11 months or less for adults interested in Automotive Service Technician, Medical Assistant, Medical Insurance Billing & Coding, Practical Nursing, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), and State Tested Nurse Assistant (STNA). Interested parties can apply for FREE online in less than 10 minutes at www.ccsdistrict.org/AdultEd. Financial Aid is available to those who qualify.

Canton City Schools Aspire: Aspire continues to serve adult GED and ESOL students through distance education. New students who have a device and Internet access can register by calling the office at (330) 438-2559. We are checking our phone messages remotely and Jane Meyer can be reached by email at meyer_j@ccsdistrict.org.

Goodwill Industries of Greater Cleveland and East Central Ohio, Inc.: Goodwill is working to continue to provide services through implementing social distancing, additional cleaning measures, and through remote services when possible. Goodwill continues to offer social service navigation, OOD programs, CCMEP, Dream to Achieve, Job Search Assistance, as well as providing services with the SCBDD. If you have any questions about programs, please feel free to reach out to Katie Gauze, Director of Mission Services at 330-437-6466 or Kgauze@goodwillgoodskills.org. For Social Services, please call 330-445-1039. Please check the website for updates: www.goodwillgoodskills.org.

Job Corps: Individuals interested in information about Job Corps can contact Admissions Counselor Anna Reed by phone at (330) 958-5101 or email at reed.anna@jobcorps.org.

Kent State University at Tuscarawas: Kent State University staff are still available to contact by phone or email to answer your questions.

- Cindi Supers, Business and Community Service, 330.308.7434, csupers@kent.edu.
- Laurie Donley, Enrollment Management & Student Services, 330.308.7425, ldonley@kent.edu.
- Steve Schillig, Center Director, Small Business Development Center, 330.308.7479, sschil10@kent.edu

Ohio Department of Job and Family Services: Individuals currently working with the Disabled Veterans Outreach Program can contact their representative by phone or email. Please be aware that response times may be slower than normal.

Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities: Individuals with questions about OOD services can go online at www.ood.ohio.gov or request contact through the website at <https://ood.ohio.gov>

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Project Rebuild: Mission = Project REBUILD re-engages young adults to create pathways to academic, professional, and leadership opportunities while providing them with the skills and support to set them up for lifelong success. We start new classes four times per year for the nine-month YouthBuild program.

Interested young people should go to www.projectrebuild.org to apply online. If someone has questions, they can call our office at 330-588-3205.

Stark County Community Action Agency: SCCAA main phone lines have been forwarded to a general mailbox and will be checked at regular intervals. That number is 330-454-1676. Should you have specific program related questions, you may leave a message and your questions will be answered as soon as possible. For more immediate assistance, please contact SCCAA via email at help@sccaa.org.

Stark County Job and Family Services: Individuals wanting to apply for benefits or to report changes for Cash, Food and Medicaid benefits can call the Agency at 1-844-640-6446 or can do so through the State's web-site at www.Benefits.ohio.gov. Documents can be mailed (221 3rd St. SE, Canton), faxed (330-451-8925), or scanned at the kiosk inside the first set of doors at the Midtown building. Detailed information about all programs, phone numbers and important contact information is listed on the SCJFS website at www.starkJFS.org.

Stark State College: During this unique and unprecedeted time, we want to reach out to let you know that Stark State College offers a variety of cost efficient, convenient online courses that you are able to offer to your employees. They can brush up on their Microsoft Office knowledge, gain management and supervision skills, or take courses to prepare them for a certification in an in-demand IT area. You benefit by emerging from this pandemic with a stronger and more competent workforce.

For more information, please visit our website <https://www.starkstate.edu/workforce-training/online-courses/>. If you have questions about the courses, please feel free to email Elise Moore, Workforce Training Specialist, at emoore@starkstate.edu.

Tuscarawas County Job and Family Services: Individuals needing cash, food, or Medicaid assistance should call 1-844-640-6446. Individuals needing Children's Services should call 330-339-7791. Public Assistance verification documents can be emailed to: mybenefits@tcjfs.org.

United Way Financial Prosperity Center: The safety and well-being of our staff, clients and volunteers is our number one priority. With the focus on social distancing and other best practices that call for limited contact the United Way staff will be working remotely. Staff will be regularly checking email & phone messages. Our 2-1-1 referral help services are available 24/7, call 330-491-9997, 2-1-1 or text your zip code to 898-211 to be connected to someone who can help.

VANTAGE Aging, Inc.: Those interested in participating in VANTAGE Aging programs can contact their county's Project Director.

- Stark County: Shifon Ballard - Phone: 330-253-4597 ext. 176 | Fax: 330-762-5571 or email - Sballard@vantageaging.org
- Tuscarawas County: Leslie Attwooll - Phone (614) 586-1975 | Fax: (614) 586-1978 or email - lattwooll@vantageaging.org

Workforce Funding Information Sessions Canceled – More Information Forthcoming

Workforce Initiative Association's workforce funding information sessions scheduled for April, May and June have been canceled due to COVID-19 and the OhioMeansJobs Stark and Tuscarawas Counties closings.

More information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, please check the OhioMeansJobs Stark & Tuscarawas Counties website and Facebook page for updates.

APPLICATION SESSIONS FOR WORKFORCE-FUNDED TRAINING THROUGH WORKFORCE INITIATIVE ASSOCIATION

Please attend one of the sessions listed below to learn more about applying for Workforce Funding that can help pay for training that begins primarily in August, September or October. Before you attend, please note:

You must be a resident of Stark or Tuscarawas County.

You must be considered a dislocated worker and meet the guidelines to qualify.

SESSIONS CANCELED - MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMMUNICATED

June 10, 2020
June 24, 2020

****Please note:** The last application session date for students interested in the **Practical Nurse Program** of Canton City Schools is **May 13th** in the Tuscarawas Office and **June 4, 2020** in the Stark County Office (Must have taken and passed the TEAS entrance exam by May 29th)

To register for one of the above sessions, please contact
Jennifer Alam
330-491-2619
or email: jalam@omjwork.com

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partner of the American Job Center network

822 30th Street NW
Canton, Ohio 44709
Pre-Registration is not necessary

Thursdays, 2:00pm—4:00pm

April 23, 2020
May 7, 2020
May 21, 2020
***June 4, 2020**
June 18, 2020

***June 4th last session for Practical Nurse Program of Canton City Schools (Must have taken and passed the TEAS entrance exam by May 29th)**

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Helpful Information About Unemployment Insurance

The COVID-19 pandemic has resulted in many individuals in the State of Ohio needing to file for Unemployment Insurance (UI). The outcome is a record number of claims being filed both by phone and through the State of Ohio's website. Governor Mike DeWine issued an Executive Order waiving certain unemployment insurance (UI) requirements for the COVID-19 impacted individuals. The measure was taken in order to expedite the processing of benefits for individuals who lose their jobs as a result of the pandemic and allow them to receive their first benefit payments as quickly as possible.

Unemployment Insurance Operations has created a tool in to expedite benefits. Some employers may know this process as the "mass layoff process" or "WARN-related." However, this tool is for ALL employers to distribute to their employees impacted by COVID-19 pandemic for quicker processing of their claims. This "generic" MLO, 2000180, will eliminate the need for an employer, to call UC Technical Services and file for a MLO Number.

The following points summarize the impact that the Executive Order has on individuals affected by COVID-19 related separations from employment:

- Individuals who are partially or totally unemployed due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak may qualify for unemployment benefits.
- Individuals who are under mandated quarantine or isolation as requested by the employer, medical professional, or by a local health authority, he/she may qualify for unemployment benefits.
- Eligible individuals will be paid for their first week of benefits and will not be required to serve the traditional one-week waiting period. Claimants will, however, be required to file a claim for each week that they are unemployed.
- Eligible individuals must meet the weekly requirements that they be "able and available for work," however, the requirement that they actively search for work while receiving benefits has been waived.
- Eligible individuals are also exempt from completing traditional reemployment requirements.
- Individuals who decide to self-quarantine and quit their job, will not be eligible for unemployment benefits

In order to speed the processing of unemployment benefits for eligible individuals, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is instructing individuals who file unemployment claims to use the mass lay-off number **2000180** during their application process. This number will assist the agency in tracking COVID-19 related claims. Claimants, if you have already filed an application, no need to worry about adding the mass-layoff number. Your application will be processed.

An initial claim for UI can be made by phone at **877-644-6562**, TTY 1-614-387-8408, (excluding holidays) Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. , and Sunday 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. or online 24/7 at www.unemployment.ohio.gov. Anyone who has previously had a UI claim will still have a PIN number that is used to access the website. The PIN reset number is 866-962-4064.

After the initial claim for UI is made, an individual must go in each week to file their claim for that week. If a claim is not made each week, that week will not be paid. All weekly claims are completed on the unemployment.ohio.gov website.

Additional helpful information:

- Mass Layoff Instructional Sheet: <https://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/num/JFS00671/pdf/>
- General Questions & Answers: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

COVID-19 Employer Resource Links

Resources to assist employers impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic are available through several state and federal websites. The following sites provide a wealth of information for employers.

JobsOhio Resource Page: <https://www.jobsohio.com/ohio-safe-ohio-working/>

JobsOhio COVID-19 Resource Page: <https://www.jobsohio.com/covid-19-resources/>

ODJFS SharedWork Program: <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio/>

SBA COVID-19 Loans: <https://www.sba.gov/disaster-assistance/coronavirus-covid-19>

IRS COVID-19 Tax Relief Programs: <https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus>

TeamNEO Resources: <https://teamneo.org/covid19/>

US Chamber COVID-19 Loan Guide: <https://www.uschamber.com/report/covid-19-emergency-loans-small-business-guide>

Employers with questions regarding Unemployment Insurance should review the information listed on the state's website www.unemployment.ohio.gov. Ohio has also created an employer question and answer section on the website which can be found at <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndEmployers.stm>

The screenshot shows the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) website for Unemployed Workers. The top navigation bar includes links for HOME, UNEMPLOYED WORKERS, FAQ, and HELP. The main content area features a banner with a COVID-19 theme, stating: "We are experiencing slow processing times due to high claims activity. If you receive a confirmation number when you file your claim, your application will be processed as soon as possible. Thank you for your patience." Below the banner are three main sections: "Unemployed Workers" (with links to Overview, How-To Videos, Find a Job, Workers Guide to UI, and Filing Your Weekly Claims), "Employers & Representatives" (with links to Unemployment Taxes (ERIC), Unemployment Benefits (OJII), Recruit and Hire Workers, Employer's Guide to Unemployment Insurance, Taxes, and Benefits), and "Additional Information" (with links to Unemployment Policy, Benefits Estimator, Repay Overpayment, Union Verification FAQ, SharedWork Ohio, Save the Dream Ohio, LinkedIn Information, and Report Fraud). At the bottom, there is a "Help Prevent Fraud" section with a link to "Read More" and a "Translations" section listing various languages including Spanish, French, Somali/Somali, Arabic, Mandarin (Simplified Chinese), Russian, Ukrainian, Vietnamese, Burmese, Korean, Serbo-Croatian (Bosnian), and Polish.

ODJFS Adjudication and UI Delivery Center Information

Once an individual has filed a claim for Unemployment Insurance (UI) they are assigned to an ODJFS Adjudication center based on the last four digits of their Social Security Number. Questions about status of a claim should be directed to these centers. The breakdown of centers with their contact information is below:

Social Security # Range (based on last 4 digits)	Location	Phone Number
0000-0765	Cleveland Adjudication Center	1-866-576-0006
0766-1942	Akron UI Delivery Center	1-866-768-0022
1943-2649	Lorain UI Delivery Center	1-866-849-0029
2650-4121	Toledo UI Delivery Center	1-800-589-2799
4122-4710	Chillicothe Adjudication Center	1-866-244-0399
4711-6005	Marietta Adjudication Center	1-866-867-0044
6006-7182	Youngstown Adjudication Center	1-866-221-0558
7183-7477	Dayton UI Delivery Center	1-866-541-0187
7478-7701	Interstate and Federal	1-866-217-0008
7702-8360	Columbus UI Delivery Center	1-866-217-0008
8361-9999	Lima Adjudication Center	1-866-272-0118
0000-9999	Columbus Adjudication Center (Interstate & Federal Claims)	1-866-458-0007

Information may also be faxed to 1-614-466-7449 or mailed to P.O. Box 182212, Columbus, OH 43218-2212. On any faxed or mailed correspondence please include claimant's full name, claimant ID and/or the last 4 digits of the Social Security Number.



OhioMeansJobs

In Stark County - 822 30th St. NW Canton, Ohio 44709 phone: 330-433-WORK (4675)

In Tuscarawas County - 1260 Monroe, Suite 35, New Philadelphia, Ohio 44663 phone: 330-364-9777

On the Web at: <http://ohiomeansjobs.com/stark> and at: <http://ohiomeansjobs.com/tuscarawas>