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Fairfield33.com Providing Information for Businesses During COVID-19 Pandemic

Along with the health risks, the COVID-19 pandemic is causing disruption to businesses and residents across the country and in Fairfield County. In an effort to help local businesses, the Fairfield 33 Development Alliance is providing updates on resources available to businesses as well as residents.

Local restaurants have been ordered to close their dining rooms, but there are more than 180 restaurants in Fairfield County that remain open and offer carryout service. Fairfield33.com has posted a list of restaurants across the county that offer carryout or delivery service. The 33 Alliance has also started an advertising campaign that promotes: "Carryout is Open. Eat Local."

"The service sector has the largest employment base in the county," said Fairfield County Economic and Workforce Development Director Rick Szabrak. "There are a lot of employees and businesses that will face hardships during this time. The more we can support them by ordering delivery or carryout, the better. If you are choosing to isolate, there are ways to show support through purchasing gift cards or merchandise."

There will also be updates on local retailers, grocers, and pharmacies that remain open and any adjustments to their hours. The site also will serve as a resource for businesses needing loans or other support through local, state or federal programs. The Small Business Administration is offering low interest loans and Fairfield County's Revolving Loan Fund offers fixed-rate loans to local businesses for business expansion or retention of employees.

The Fairfield 33 Development Alliance is collaborating with the Lancaster-Fairfield Chamber of Commerce, Pickerington Area Chamber of Commerce, Destination Downtown Lancaster, Visit Fairfield County and local economic development departments to bring the latest resources and information to the public.

Many companies and organizations are offering relief to individuals impacted by the pandemic. Utility companies are withholding shutoff of services and Spectrum cable is offering free broadband to residents without current service. Fairfield33.com will provide updates on other support services such as unemployment insurance as they become available.

Please visit Fairfield33.com for more information.

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