



The Greater Ocean City, Maryland
Chamber of Commerce

Things You Need to Know This Week

August 20, 2021

Member Notice

Governor Hogan Announced New Vaccination Protocols for All Nursing Home and Hospital Staff

Employees of Maryland nursing homes and Maryland hospitals will need to receive their first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by September 1.

Governor Hogan also called on federal administration to take the following actions:

- **Make Booster Shots Available Immediately For Seniors And Vulnerable Populations**
- **Advance Full FDA Approval Of Vaccines.** Full approval would be a significant boost to the state's vaccine distribution operation
- **Expedite Approval of Vaccines For 5- To 11-Year-Olds**

The Governor is also launching a new statewide antibody testing program for nursing home residents to ascertain their levels of immunity.

[Read Full Press Release](#)

[Read the Maryland Department of Health Order](#)

SBA Webinar: Paycheck Protection Program Direct Forgiveness Training for PPP Loans \$150,000 or Less

This PPP webinar focuses on helping small businesses whose lenders have opted-in to the

SBA's Direct Forgiveness Program, complete their loan forgiveness applications.

In this webinar, SBA experts demonstrate how to submit your forgiveness application through the loan forgiveness portal for eligible borrowers.

Prior to registering, [please verify that your PPP lending institution is participating in the Direct Forgiveness Program](#)

[Register for Webinar](#)

Employee Retention Credit: Additional Guidance to Employers for Second Half of 2021

The Treasury Department and the IRS issued further [guidance on the Employee Retention Credit](#). They also issued a [safe harbor allowing employers to exclude certain items from their gross receipts](#) solely for determining eligibility for the Employee Retention Credit.

Are You Hiring? Let Us Help You Get the Word Out!

It's quick and easy! Send us your company logo and a web link to where you maintain your job openings and we will display them on our chamber website. You only have to send the information to us once.

[Learn More](#)

Attend the H2B Visa Program Zoom Information Session on September 8

H2B filings begin this fall, and it is important for all program stakeholders to truly understand the risks, challenges, costs, responsibilities, pitfalls, and benefits of hosting an H2B Program for your operation in summer 2022. Kasey Simon, president of United Work and Travel will present all of the necessary details, and explain the process to all of those interested in a Zoom event.

[RSVP by Aug. 31](#) to receive the Zoom Link

[H2B Visa Program Info Session Flyer](#)

Volunteer for BikeFest September 15-19

Take in *ALL* that OC Bikefest has to offer while helping the OC Chamber fundraise! We need volunteers at two locations: Inlet and Convention Center. As a THANK YOU, volunteers will receive free admission to Bikefest activities!

[Sign up to volunteer](#)

Photos for the 2022 Experience Ocean City

The graphic designer of the publication will be out taking photos on Tuesdays & Wednesdays through the end of August. If you would like a chance for your business photo to be in the publication, reserve a time now by emailing [Marie Troy](#)

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