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INFORMATION UPDATE

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To: Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP) and Electric Partnership Program (EPP)
Executive Directors and Energy Coordinators

From: Megan Meadows, Deputy Chief, Office of Community Assistance

Subject: HWAP and EPP Production Update



The Ohio Development Services Agency (Development) would like to provide additional guidance to grantees that administer the HWAP and EPP. Governor Mike DeWine's Stay at Home order has been modified to allow contractors and other places of business to resume work on May 4, 2020. All HWAP and EPP grantees may elect to resume working in customers' homes for the HWAP and EPP. If the grantee does make the decision to resume work, they must adhere to the sector specific operation requirements issued by the Ohio Department of Health and located here: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/responsible/Manufacturing-Distribution-Construction.pdf>. Additional information on the Director's Stay Safe Ohio Order may be found here: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Stay-Safe-Ohio-Order.pdf>. Please note item 10 on page 4 and item 21 on page 8.

The HWAP and EPP program participants are often those that are deemed the most vulnerable, therefore Development reminds grantees to exercise caution when determining resuming work. The HWAP Policy Advisory Council Technical Subcommittee has been in discussion as to what safety precautions could be taken. If a grantee would like additional information on the committee discussions, they may contact the committee chair, Jeremy Boggs at Jeremy.Boggs@hapcap.org.

As a reminder, grantees will not be adversely affected in the annual HWAP risk assessment, nor will the grantee receive less funding for the EPP next program year because of reduced production and inability to expend program funds. Grantees may continue to charge salaries and benefits that are currently being charged to federal awards consistent with board approved policies (under unexpected or extraordinary circumstances) for all federal and non-federal funding sources regardless of whether work is resumed.

Thank you for your continued dedication to serving those in need. If you have any further questions please contact Megan Meadows, Deputy Chief at Megan.Meadows@development.ohio.gov.