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Small Businesses Eager To Receive Additional Facial Covering Support

COLUMBUS, May 19, 2020 – NFIB, the state's leading small business association, issued the following statement on the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation providing facial coverings to each state-fund employer to assist in meeting the five protocols for reopening Ohio's economy and battling the coronavirus. This statement can be attributed to Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"Small business owners across Ohio appreciate the efforts of Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Administrator Stephanie McCloud in providing approximately two million face coverings to state-fund employers. The accessibility of face coverings was a concern we raised early on, and this shows they were listening," said Roger Geiger, Executive Director for NFIB in Ohio.

"A recent survey conducted of the NFIB membership across Ohio, based on their availability, providing face coverings to employees was identified as the most difficult of the [five protocols](#) to comply with during the reopening process. Entrepreneurs can be relieved knowing they have a credible source of face coverings at their disposal, as they worried about the reliability and timely arrival for those products often coming from unknown sources overseas," he continued.

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