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## **Banks and Credit Unions are Open and Accessible During Coronavirus**

**COLUMBUS** - Banks and credit unions are considered essential service providers and will remain open during the DeWine Administration's stay-at-home order, which was announced on March 22, 2020 in response to the evolving COVID-19 situation. Mike Adelman and Paul Mercer, the chief executive officers of the Ohio Bankers League and the Ohio Credit Union League, released a joint statement expressing the financial institutions' commitment to serve Ohioans during the outbreak.

"We are in firm support of the strong leadership and robust action from Governor Mike DeWine and his Administration to proactively mitigate the impact of the coronavirus for all Ohioans. Ohio's banks and credit unions continue to actively support the needs of individuals, families, businesses, and communities," the CEOs said.

"Banks and credit unions across Ohio are responding to local needs with service continuity, responsive flexibility, and multiple safe and secure service delivery options to help customers with loans, savings and investment services, and payment and transaction solutions. Ohio's financial institutions are here to help Ohioans as we navigate this unsettling time."

"The use of credit and debit cards, ATMs, digital banking and lending, and electronic payments continue throughout the state," the statement continued. "While your bank or credit union might adjust access at some branches to drive-through or walk-up windows, rest assured it will remain open through this. Ohioans will have access to their accounts, funds, and the services they need. We encourage individuals to reach out to their financial institutions directly with questions, concerns, or pressing needs."

### ***About the Ohio Bankers League***

*The Ohio Bankers League is the trade association for the Ohio banking industry – and is Ohio's only organization focused on meeting the needs of all banks and thrifts in the Buckeye State. For more than 125 years, the OBL has been the voice of the Ohio banking industry fostering a cooperation that has made it one of the strongest and most reputable financial trade associations in the country. By linking banks, bankers, and industry experts – and by pooling their intellectual and capital resources – the OBL serves as a powerful creator of knowledge and collective resources. The non-profit association is comprised of 170+ FDIC-insured financial institutions including commercial banks, savings banks, and savings and loan associations ranging in size from just over \$20 million to \$3 trillion in assets.*

### ***About the Ohio Credit Union League***

*The Ohio Credit Union League, with offices in Columbus, is a state trade association representing 257 credit unions. Credit unions are not-for-profit financial institutions owned and democratically controlled by their members. Ohio credit unions provide savings, loans, and other consumer financial services to more than 3 million members and proudly operate on the philosophy of "People Helping People." The Ohio Credit Union League makes the daily lives of credit union staff and volunteers easier through political and regulatory advocacy, compliance and information services, educational and professional development opportunities, communications, media relations, outreach solutions, and more.*