



# Ohio employers urged to cash dividend checks

## **\$500 million in checks aimed at pandemic relief remain uncashed**

COLUMBUS – The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation (BWC) urges Ohio employers to cash the checks BWC mailed them in December to mitigate the economic hardship brought by the COVID-19 pandemic.

As of Tuesday, 23,351 employers still had not cashed \$513.7 million in checks BWC sent last month in its \$5 billion dividend for nearly 180,000 private and public employers.

“We issued this dividend at Governor Mike DeWine’s request to help businesses stay open and keep people employed,” said BWC Interim Administrator/CEO John Logue. “We encourage employers to check their mail and start putting these dollars to use.”

BWC issued the dividend in mid-December via checks in the mail and credits to employer accounts. Made possible by strong investment returns, declining injury claims, and other cost savings, the dividend included \$4.3 billion for private employers and \$687 million for local government taxing districts, such as counties, cities, townships, and schools.

The dividend followed two others in 2020, one for \$1.54 billion last spring and another for \$1.34 billion in October, bringing total dividends for the year to nearly \$8 billion.

The checks have a 90-day life before stale-dating. BWC will reissue checks after the stale date at the employer’s request, but the process delays employer access to these funds. Ultimately, if an employer fails to cash an original or reissued check, BWC will credit their account.

For frequently asked questions, [visit this page on BWC’s website](#) or call BWC at 1-800-644-6292.

### **BWC and COVID-19**

For more information about COVID-19 as it relates to BWC, visit this [Frequently Asked Questions page](#) or email [BWCCOVID19@bwc.state.oh.us](mailto:BWCCOVID19@bwc.state.oh.us)

For the latest on the pandemic as it relates to Ohio, visit the Ohio Department of Health website [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov), or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).