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Chamber launches StaySafe Dayton, an online PPE supply store to provide access to needed supplies for local businesses

DAYTON, Ohio – The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce announced today it has partnered with Miamisburg-based ecommerce business epluno, to create StaySafe Dayton, an online PPE store that will provide reliable access to the supplies area businesses need to reopen responsibly during the COVID-19 crisis.

StaySafe Dayton allows the chamber to pool the needs of its nearly 2,200 business members and buy products in bulk at lower prices. Dayton Area Chamber members will receive preferred pricing on products such as masks, face shields, alcohol wipes, hand sanitizer, social distancing signage, and more. These supplies are being warehoused and can be shipped immediately to the Dayton area business community.

“We know our business community is working to open their doors responsibly, but one of their biggest needs is personal protection equipment and other tools necessary to enforce cleanliness and social distancing in the workplace,” said Chris Kershner, executive vice president, Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce. “Many of these supplies are being sold at high prices or are hard to find right now. We wanted to help alleviate that problem.”

StaySafe Dayton partner epluno will manage the online store and incoming orders, while receiving input from the chamber and its members regarding their needs.

“Like many other businesses, epluno had to make changes during this unprecedented time. We saw the supply chain for essential items was not reliable so we wanted to jump in and help in any way we can,” said Paul Scapatici, founder, owner and president of epluno. “We love working with the chamber to support our local community.”

Businesses that need supplies not currently found in the store are urged to contact epluno for assistance.

“If there’s a product our business community needs that we don’t currently have, our partners will help them find it,” said Kershner. “As the regional chamber of commerce in the Dayton area, we’re fortunate to have access to dozens of local manufacturers and distributors of PPE and other supplies. We’ll do everything we can to help our businesses get the tools they need to successfully reopen and get our economy back on track.”

The StaySafe Dayton online store is available now at DaytonChamber.org. In an effort to support the entire Dayton area business community, StaySafe Dayton will be available to all businesses regardless of Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce membership. As a benefit to



membership, Dayton Area Chamber members will receive discounted pricing and exclusive access to hard to find products.

About Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce brings together more than 2,200 businesses and organizations in a 9 county area surrounding Dayton, Ohio. The Chamber strives to improve the region's business climate and overall standard of living through public policy advocacy, economic development initiatives and providing networking and training opportunities for its members. Nationally awarded with "5-Star Accreditation" from the United States Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Chamber is widely recognized for its innovative programs and outstanding contribution to positive change in the region. Information about the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is available at www.daytonchamber.org or 937-226-1444.

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