

## Together Ohio Ohio's Response to COVID-19

Ohio officials and partners continue to develop strategies to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the disruption it has caused throughout Ohio's economy. **Every Ohioan is playing a part in helping to save lives and restart the economy.** For the most vulnerable, this means staying at home as much as possible. For others, it means chipping in to help those who must stay home, heading to work, supporting businesses and other venues as they reopen, or adhering to policies, practices, and guidelines designed to keep the virus at bay.

**We continue to be in this together, Ohio.**

If you are interested in helping your fellow Ohioans, please email [together@governor.ohio.gov](mailto:together@governor.ohio.gov) with the following:

- **Name.**
- **Contact information.**
- **How you are interested in helping.**

If you are unable to go out, there is another way to support local businesses. Visit Support Local Ohio at <https://ohio.org/supportlocalohio/> to find links to local restaurants and retailers you can support by ordering delivery or carryout, making online purchases, or buying gift cards.

For information on ways officials have addressed the pandemic and planned for an economic restart, visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/public-health-orders/public-health-orders>.

For information on financial resources available to families and individuals, visit <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/employers-and-employees/Resources-for-Individuals-and-Families/resources-for-Individuals-Families>.

For information on financial resources available to businesses, visit [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/BusinessHelp](https://Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/BusinessHelp).

Some examples of Ohioans stepping up, now and since the pandemic first hit the state:

- Businesses are helping elected officials explore ~~new ways to help workers and the economy safely~~ reopen, establishing protocols and guidelines intended to keep customers safe and committing to adherence. They are keeping sites clean, screening workers for COVID-19 symptoms when they

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arrive, requiring the use of face coverings by employees, and using creative ways to keep people 6 feet apart.

- ☑ Customers are limiting their shopping, dining, and entertainment hours, wearing face coverings, and staying 6 feet from others to keep their neighbors and community members safe.
- ☑ Essential workers, including those in the healthcare, food, and transportation industries continue to go to work every day to help care for patients and to make sure Ohioans have everything they need to stay safe and healthy.
- ☑ Countless other employees have headed back to workplaces to help ensure Ohio's economy sees a rebound.
- ☑ Dozens of schools that provide career-tech education donated thousands of items, from cleaning supplies to masks and gowns to be used to protect healthcare workers. School nurses collected and donated similar items from schools where they serve.
- ☑ Colleges and universities all across the state have donated or loaned personal protection supplies and equipment, including beds and ventilators. These items have come from various areas, including maintenance departments and healthcare-related, science, research, and art programs. They have been distributed to local hospitals, healthcare systems, first responders, emergency management agencies, and local health departments.
- ☑ College programs used 3D printers to create personal protection equipment for healthcare providers and parts for medical devices.
- ☑ Various groups provided baked goods and other meals to essential workers, including staff members at long-term care facilities and trucker drivers at Ohio rest areas.
- ☑ People working in other industries, including construction, donated protection supplies for use in the healthcare field.
- ☑ Innovative researchers and manufacturers have found new ways to address any future potential shortages of protection equipment for medical professionals.
- ☑ Manufacturers of various items modified production equipment to instead make hand sanitizer, masks, and other needed medical and safety equipment.
- ☑ Businesses, churches, and other non-profits and organizations offered space, supplies, and services, including hotel rooms, catering, cleaning and disinfecting, storage, shipping, and technology products.
- ☑ The United Way of Central Ohio COVID-19 Community Response Fund continues to help shore up

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food pantries, emergency relief programs, and other community resources.

- Members serving in the Ohio National Guard worked to ensure facilities, equipment, and personnel would be available where most needed to treat patients and protect healthcare workers; provided support at federal and state prisons; and supported the state's collection and storage of personal protective equipment. They continue to help distribute food and supplies from foodbanks and similar organizations; and are assisting with the collection of COVID-19 test specimens and with staffing needs at a long-term care facilities.
- ~~Businesses are keeping people employed and rewarding essential workers with extra pay and perks.~~
- Restaurants implemented new delivery options or reduced delivery fees.
- Inmates in Ohio prisons took on new day jobs to make hospital gowns, and will soon be making cough masks, face shields, and hand sanitizer.
- ~~Workplaces are keeping sites clean, screening workers for COVID-19 symptoms when they arrive, and using creative ways to keep people 6 feet apart, as is advised as a way to decrease the spread of COVID-19.~~
- Hospitals collaborated to preserve essential supplies, advise public health, and find new ways to care for patients and keep them safe, such as outdoor testing sites.
- Internet service providers and other utilities have refrained from terminating services, waived late payment fees, and offered new ways for people to connect.
- Healthcare providers and their patients postponed countless medical procedures to preserve medical and safety supplies.
- Many banks and credit unions have offered loan payment deferrals, fee waivers or refunds, and extended credit lines. Some suspended foreclosures where possible. Banks also have encouraged the use of digital banking features.
- Employers and employees have collaborated to implement work-at-home arrangements.
- Educators found innovative ways to use distance learning and make sure students were not forgotten.
- Libraries established new virtual and curbside services to share reading and educational materials with children and adults.

- School districts continue to find safe ways to continue school breakfast and lunch programs.
- Tech schools have offered free courses.
- Support groups have found virtual ways to continue providing services to people with substance use disorder and other needs.
- Fitness centers are offering virtual programs to help people stay healthy and manage stress.
- News media have offered nonsubscribers unlimited access to COVID-19 information.
- Ohioans across the state stayed home, went without paychecks, gave up vacations, coped with isolation, homeschooling their children, and balancing work and childcare in new ways, all in an effort to protect their communities.
- ~~#InThisTogetherOhio #FlattenTheCurve #SlowTheSpread~~

For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

**Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.**

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Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

## PREVENTION

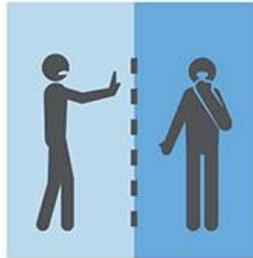
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STAY HOME EXCEPT FOR WORK AND OTHER NEEDS



WEAR A FACE COVERING WHEN GOING OUT



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING OF AT LEAST 6 FEET FROM OTHERS



SHOP AT NON-PEAK HOURS



WASH HANDS OFTEN WITH WATER AND SOAP (20 SECONDS OR LONGER)



AVOID TOUCHING YOUR EYES, NOSE, OR MOUTH WITH UNWASHED HANDS OR AFTER TOUCHING SURFACES



COVER YOUR MOUTH WITH A TISSUE OR SLEEVE WHEN COUGHING OR SNEEZING



CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN



DON'T WORK WHEN SICK



CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR

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