

COVID-19 Information for Healthcare Professionals Conserving and Using PPE

The Ohio Department of Health, in alignment with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), is working to ensure we have enough Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to provide care for the most vulnerable populations during the COVID-19 pandemic. During this time, Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends the following measures to conserve PPE supply in the state of Ohio:

- For healthcare agencies and providers, consider [Surgical Mask and Gown Conservation Strategies](#) from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and CDC to help your supply last longer. Some of these include:
 - Implementing the use of reusable gowns.
 - Prioritize the type of PPE required based on the procedure to be performed.
- Consider changes in your facility to minimize wasted PPE.
 - Consider changing policies around isolation precautions and procedures.
 - Consider implementing cohorting patients in the same room, considering their conditions.
 - Practice batch care so you limit the amount of times you use PPE for the same patients.
- If you have extra PPE, consider donating it, to make sure those who need it have enough.
 - If you have some you'd like to donate, first call your local EMA to notify them of the availability of PPE, should it be needed.
 - You should not drop it off; instead you should hold onto it so that it can be redirected to an area of need, should the need arise.

For more information on COVID-19, please visit coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available. Call the Disaster Distress Helpline at 1-800-985-5990 (1-800-846-8517 TTY); connect with a trained counselor through the Ohio Crisis Text Line by texting the keyword "4HOPE" to 741 741; or call the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services help line at 1-877-275-6364 to

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find resources in your community.

Additional Resources:

CDC guidance for managing the supply of PPE: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/healthcare-supply-ppe-index.html>

National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) guidance for extended use and limited reuse of PPE in healthcare settings: <https://www.cdc.gov/niosh/topics/hcwcontrols/recommendedguidanceextuse.html>

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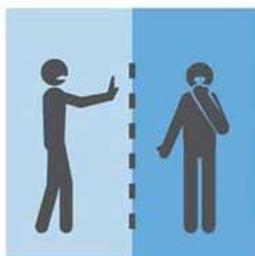
Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

PREVENTION

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STAY HOME



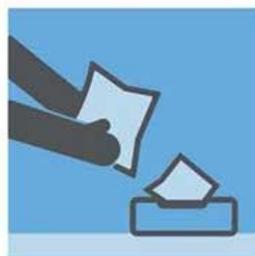
PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP AND EAT WELL-BALANCED MEALS



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



DRY HANDS WITH A CLEAN TOWEL OR AIR DRY YOUR HANDS



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



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



CLEAN AND DISINFECT "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE HABITS

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