

Requests for our Federal Partners

Across the country, states are coming together to fight COVID-19, requesting assistance from federal partners to ensure the resources are available to beat this invisible enemy. Governor Mike DeWine have made the following requests for resources and support to help Ohio, and the nation during this pandemic:

- Joint Governor Letter to President Donald Trump – March 23, 2020
 - Requested President Trump unlock existing federal funding in the Disaster Unemployment Account by declaring a major disaster quickly, or by working with Congress.
 - This would provide much-needed aid and unemployment benefits for workers affected by COVID-19.
 - The letter was signed by Governor DeWine and three other governors.
- Joint Governor Letter to Congress – March 23, 2020
 - Requested Congress consider providing direct assistance to states in the form of block grants.
 - Block grants would provide the states the flexibility they need to address the unique challenges they face as a result of COVID-19. This additional funding from the Federal Government will allow states to continue this fight without having to completely deplete their resources.
 - This letter was signed by Governor DeWine and 20 other U.S. Governors.
- Letter to President Trump and Vice President Mike Pence – March 13, 2020
 - This letter from Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted consisted of more than 15 specific requests to help us in the fight against COVID-19. They included:
 - A request to the Strategic National Stockpile for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) including surgical or procedural masks, N-95 respirators, gowns, gloves, and face shields or goggles.
 - Flexibility in federally funded resources in Ohio including rental assistance, healthcare staffing shortages, Housing Choice and VASH

vouchers, Social Services Block Grants, Community Services Block Grants, Older Americans Act, and other state administered programs.

- Flexibility and quick processing of requests for USDA waivers and food assistance programs to provide meals to low-income students and their families.
- Flexibility in requirements for programs such as Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), Free and Reduced-Price School Meals, and the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) programs.
- Flexibility for Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) inspectors to focus on mission critical inspection elements of the transportation system during the public health emergency.
- Removal of current Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) barriers to temporarily allow for rapid deployment of drones in low level airspace to assist in pandemic relief (like delivery of small medical supplies, or inspection of areas).
- Temporary assistance for needy families who may not be able to get 20 hours of work in a “core” activity, like required by the All Family Work requirements.
 - This would also provide relief to those families who could not meet the 30-hour minimum for the Two Parent Work requirement.
- Suspend the work requirement for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program, and allow applications by mail, online, and by telephone instead of in-person applications.
- Waive the required face-to-face interviews for the Food and Nutrition Service, to allow continued support without ignoring social distancing rules.
- Enhanced federal matching funds (FMAP) for Medicaid-funded services and flexibility for how the increased funds can be spent.
- Relaxation of select clinical and service requirements for a period for community living and the centers for Medicare and Medicaid to provide for older Ohioans during this time of increased risk.
- Flexibility for deadlines for on-site inspections for Federal Low-Income Housing Tax Credits and HOME Programs.
- Flexibility for the goal requirement, monitoring requirements, and plan submission deadline for the Ohio Home Weatherization Assistance Program (HWAP).
- An extension of the deadline for Ohio’s submission for the Department of

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Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grant for Disaster Relief.

- An accelerated review and waiving of required public hearing or Ohio's Department of Housing and Urban Development 5-year Consolidated Plan and Annual Action Plan.
- Extension of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Expenditure and Commitment Deadlines, to prevent HUD funds from expiring due to lack of construction and processing delays during the pandemic.
- Suspension of survey and certification of healthcare facilities during this pandemic, to decrease risk for older Ohioans in these facilities.

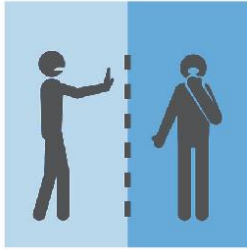
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For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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 – text 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 find resources in your community.



STAY HOME
WHEN YOU ARE
SICK



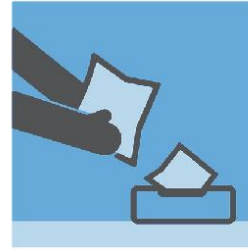
AVOID CONTACT
WITH PEOPLE
WHO ARE SICK



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP
AND EAT WELL-
BALANCED
MEALS



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



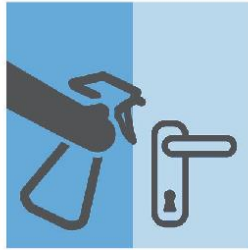
DRY HANDS WITH
A CLEAN TOWEL
OR AIR DRY
YOUR HANDS



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