

COALITION COMMUNICATION: LAW ENFORCEMENT

LATEST UPDATES

Due to the ongoing pandemic, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine has signed Ohio House Bill 404, extending the expiration date of driver's licenses, identification cards, and vehicle registrations beyond December 1, 2020. If the expiration date is March 9, 2020, to April 1, 2021, the expiration date has now been automatically extended and will remain valid until **July 1, 2021**. The bill also allows virtual public meetings to continue until the same date.

The Ohio Department of Public Safety and Ohio Department of Health have renewed their agreement that allows names and addresses of COVID-19 positive Ohioans to be accessible to law enforcement through LEADS for law enforcement purposes. The agreement was extended until January 31 to help prevent exposure to first responders, ensure that Ohio maintains capacity to respond to emergencies, and ensure that first responders have the necessary information to take appropriate protective action when necessary. Health information is removed from LEADS 14 days after diagnosis.

Ohio's [positivity rate](#) has reached 15 percent – our highest rate since April. The Ohio Department of Health encourages residents to stay home as much as possible, and if you must be out, wear a mask and follow distancing protocols.

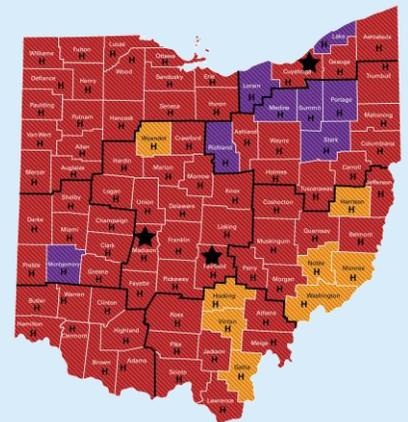
A [statewide curfew](#) remains in effect between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. to help slow down the spread of the virus and to prevent hospitals from reaching capacity/postponing important medical procedures. The order will remain in effect until Dec. 10, however, this order could be extended or modified based on factors such as case and hospitalization trends.

Officers are not expected to pull over individuals who are seen on the roads during the curfew period. The curfew order is a tool available to law enforcement if egregious violations of the order are observed. Violations of the order are a misdemeanor of the second degree (ORC: 3701.352)

KEY STATS

Data as of 12/03/2020

Public Advisory System



21-Day Trends

New Case Trend



New Hospitalization Trend





SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

As you start buying gifts for loved ones this holiday season, remember to [#SupportLocalOhio](#). Small businesses in [community] need your support during the pandemic. 📺 [#InThisTogetherOhio](#) (Use a photo of your community's business district)

We encourage you to stay home for the holidays to help prevent the spread of [#COVID19](#). Although celebrations may be different this year, they can still be meaningful. Here are some ideas to help you celebrate safely  bit.ly/OhioHolidayGuide (See [safe celebrations toolkit for images](#).)

Much like wearing a mask, social distancing, and handwashing, getting a flu shot provides a layer of protection for you, vulnerable loved ones, and your community. A flu shot is like a personal bodyguard. Get yours today. [#FluFighter](#) (Use [graphic found here](#))

TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

To slow the spread of the virus and keep the economy moving, we must all work to reduce our contacts with others as much as possible. Reducing at least one in-person interaction each day will contribute to reducing spread and saving lives.

We depend on Ohio's hospitals to be there for us when we need healthcare – and now our healthcare workers are depending on us to prevent our hospitals from becoming overwhelmed. As COVID patients begin to crowd out non-COVID residents seeking healthcare, many hospitals have already begun to postpone non-emergency surgeries.

Please stay home as much as possible. When you do go out, don't forget your mask and stay at least six feet away from others. Wash your hands often.

It's ok to not be ok. The **Ohio CareLine** is a toll-free emotional support call service staffed by behavioral health professionals 24 hours a day, 7 days/week. Call 1-800-720-9616 to connect.

The **Ohio Crisis Text Line** is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Those coping with a stressful situation can receive confidential services by texting the keyword "4hope" to 741-741

Please use these talking points and social media posts to help amplify the message about the importance of slowing the spread of COVID-19. High spread impacts the health of your employees and the public. Encouraging safe practices will help slow the spread in your community.

RESOURCES

HASHTAGS TO USE

[#InThisTogetherOhio](#)
[#MasksOnOhio](#)
[#StaySafeOhio](#)
[#ResponsibleRestartOhio](#)



[TOOLKIT:
Safe Celebrations](#)



[Travel Advisory](#)



[Hospitalizations
& Capacity](#)



[ABCs of
Mental Health](#)



WAYS YOU CAN HELP

- Post on social media to describe how you are working to keep your employees and customers safe (and what they can do to help you maintain a safe environment) using the suggested hashtags.
- Submit Letters to the Editor to local news outlets that support the “COVID-19 Key Messages.”
- Participate in local media/radio interviews to support “COVID-19 Key Messages,” and help showcase how you and your colleagues in the industry are supporting Ohio’s Responsible restart.
- Film PSAs from law enforcement leadership using the messaging outlined in this document. Send them to others who will post them on websites/social media.
- Develop a COVID-19 Resource page for your website and share that page on social media using the suggested hashtags.
- Utilize local speaking opportunities and virtual meetings to reiterate the messaging in this document.
- Send out regular communications to your network and ask members to post personal messages on social media. This could include a regular newsletter or message to your organization.
- Leverage relationships with “local celebrities” and ask them to promote your efforts as well.

KEY MESSAGES

We can control the spread of COVID-19 through what we do every single day.

WEAR A MASK



WASH HANDS OFTEN



SOCIAL DISTANCE



It is still recommended that you stay home as much as possible. Work from home if you can.

HELP US HELP YOU!

We want to help you communicate with community members, staff, and others in your circle of influence. If you need assistance or have suggestions for Governor DeWine’s Law Enforcement team, please contact Jill Del Greco at 614-420-6954 or jill.delgreco@governor.ohio.gov.