

State COVID-Operation Snapshot for Ohio

Ohio's mask mandate took effect July 23, replacing an alert system in which mask orders were imposed on individual counties deemed to be at high risk for coronavirus spread. Gov. Mike DeWine's directive applies to people age 10 and older when in public indoor spaces and outdoors when unable to maintain 6-foot social distancing (see link below).

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine issued a travel advisory that asks travelers from states reporting positive coronavirus testing rates of 15% or higher to self-quarantine for 14 days. The advisory was not a mandate. The states affected by the advisory include Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, and Texas.

Gov DeWine released the latest public health order, issued by Ohio Health Director Dr. Amy Acton. The new order will remain in effect through July 1, unless it's rescinded or modified sooner. The face coverings/masks requirement remains in place, as it did under the previous order; however, so do the exceptions (see Section 7). In section 13, the OMA worked to include the following exception to using masks in the manufacturing workplace (see subsection f):

"There is a functional (practical) reason for an employee not to wear a facial covering in the workplace. Practical reasons include, but are not limited to, high temperatures in manufacturing facilities, or manufacturing employees separated by more than six feet or by a barrier when performing their jobs on the manufacturing floor."

On May 1, Mike DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health has issued a Stay Safe Ohio Order. The new order, which incorporates the openings of businesses and services announced as part of the Responsible RestartOhio plan, will replace the previous "Stay at Home" order, which expires at 11:59 p.m. on May 1 and will be in effect till May 29.

Businesses must allow all customers, patrons, visitors, contractors, vendors and similar individuals to use facial coverings, except for specifically documented legal, life, health or safety considerations and limited documented security considerations. Businesses must require all employees to wear facial coverings, except for one of the following reasons (see link below). Businesses must provide written justification, upon request, explaining why an employee is not required to wear a facial covering in the workplace. At a minimum, facial coverings (masks) should be cloth/fabric and cover an individual's nose, mouth, and chin.

Manufacturing, distribution and construction businesses that were ordered to cease all activities pursuant to the April 2, 2020. On May 4, 2020, they may reopen, subject to the Sector Specific COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Businesses (see stay safe Ohio order link below).

On May 19, Gov. DeWine announced that the Ohio Health Department Director is signing a new Urgent Health Advisory: Ohioans Protecting Ohioans, which rescinds and maintains portions of the

Stay Safe Ohio order (see links below).

The advisory will move from orders to strong recommendations. The advisory incorporates all the business orders about social distancing and sanitation, including employees wearing masks, as well as efforts to protect employees and efforts to protect the public. While the orders have included limited travel restrictions, these will now be lifted. However, while unnecessary travel within or outside of the state of Ohio is still permitted, it is not encouraged.

Governor DeWine announced that day care and childcare facilities can reopen - using social distancing as much as possible - on May 31.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- Ohio Mask Order — [Read Here](#)
- ODH 's Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing — [Read Here](#)
- Responsible Restart Ohio Plan — [Read Here](#)
- Responsible Restart Ohio: Manufacturing and Construction — [Read Here](#)
- Stay Safe Ohio Order — [Read Here](#)
- ODH Order that Rescinds and Maintains Portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order — [Read Here](#)
- Ohio Department of Health Advisory: Ohioans Protecting Ohioans — [Read Here](#)
- OMA Guidance on the Use of Face Coverings & Masks — [Read Here](#)
- Ohio Department of Health FAQ's- — [Read Here](#)
- Ohio Manufacturers' Association COVID-19 Resource Page — [Click Here to Visit](#)
- Ohio Stay at Home Order— [Read Here](#)

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