

# Governor DeWine Announces Details of Ohio's Responsible RestartOhio Plan

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(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Dr. Amy Acton, MD, MPH, today made several major announcements regarding Ohio's plan to responsibly restart Ohio's economy during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

## **HEALTHCARE:**

**Beginning May 1, 2020**, all medically necessary procedures that do not require an overnight stay in a healthcare facility or do not require inpatient hospital admission and minimizes use of personal protective equipment may move forward. This includes regular doctor visits, well-care checks, well-baby visits, out-patient surgeries, imaging procedures, and diagnostic tests. Dental services and veterinary services may also proceed if a safe environment can be established.

Healthcare providers and facilities that plan to resume providing these services must adhere to infection control practices, have sufficient PPE, and talk with patients about the risk of contracting COVID-19.

Surgeries and procedures that, if not performed, would cause a threat to a patient's life, a threat of the spread of cancer or the permanent dysfunction of a limb or organ, the presence of severe symptoms causing an inability to perform activities of daily living, and/or the risk of rapidly worsening symptoms have always been permitted even if an overnight stay is necessary.

## **RESPONSIBLE RESTART OHIO:**

The guiding principles of the Responsible RestartOhio plan are protecting the health of employees, customers, and their families, supporting community efforts to control the spread of COVID-19, and responsibly getting Ohio back to work.

"We put this plan together based on all the information we have about how dangerous COVID-19 still is right now, balanced with the fact that it's also dangerous to have people not working," said Governor DeWine. "COVID-19 is still out there. It's still killing people. We're asking Ohioans to be reasonable and rational. Please don't take huge chances, and please use common sense when you go out and where you go out."

**Beginning on May 4, 2020**, manufacturing, distribution, and construction businesses may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees. The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for manufacturing, distribution, and construction can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio).

**Beginning on May 4, 2020**, general office environments may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees. The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for general office environments can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio).

**Beginning on May 12, 2020**, consumer, retail and services, may reopen if these businesses can meet mandatory safety requirements for customers and employees. The full Responsible RestartOhio plan for consumer, retail and services can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio).

The general safe business practices that all businesses must follow as they reopen are:

- Requiring face coverings for all employees, and recommending them for clients and customers at all times
- Conducting daily health assessments or self-evaluations of employees to determine if they should work
- Maintaining good hygiene at all times such as hand washing and social distancing
- Cleaning and sanitizing workplaces throughout the day and at the close of business or between shifts
- Limiting capacity to meet social distancing guidelines

"I have an obligation as the Governor of Ohio to get people back to work and keep them safe. Opening everything up at once would not be consistent with the obligation to keep people safe," said Governor DeWine. "Our Responsible RestartOhio plan is the best guarantee that Ohioans will feel safe going to stores and employees will feel safe going to work. I'm optimistic about our future, but we can't be reckless."

**CONTINUED CLOSURES:**

The following types of establishments are ordered to remain closed due to their increased risk of potential COVID-19 exposure:

- Schools and daycares
- Dine-in restaurants and bars (carry-out is still permitted)
- Personal appearance and beauty businesses
- Older adult daycare serveries and senior centers
- Adult day support or vocational rehabilitation services in group settings
- Entertainment, recreation, and gyms

For greater detail on the types of businesses that must stay closed, visit [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio).

#### **STAY AT HOME ORDER / LARGE GATHERINGS:**

Because the danger of COVID-19 still exists, Ohio's Stay at Home order will remain in effect to encourage Ohioans to continue making reasonable, rational decisions about leaving home.

Although anyone is susceptible to getting sick with COVID-19, those who are 65 or older are encouraged to be especially careful, as are those with high-risk conditions such as chronic lung disease, moderate to severe asthma, heart conditions, diabetes, chronic kidney disease, or liver disease, as well as those who are immunocompromised or obese.

Large gatherings of more than 10 people are still prohibited.

#### **MORE INFORMATION:**

More detailed information on the Responsible RestartOhio plan can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio).

#### **CURRENT OHIO DATA:**

There are 16,325 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 753 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 3,232 people have been hospitalized, including 978 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language closed captioning, can be viewed on the [Ohio Channel's YouTube page](#).

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

# COVID-19 Responsible Protocols FOR GETTING OHIO BACK TO WORK

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## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

1

Protect the health of employees, customers and their families

2

Support community efforts to control the spread of the virus

3

Lead in responsibly getting Ohio back to work

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## PROTOCOLS FOR ALL BUSINESSES:

1



**No mask, no work, no service, no exception.**

**Require face coverings** for employees and clients/customers at all times.

2



**Conduct daily health assessments** by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if "fit for duty."

3



**Maintain good hygiene** at all times – hand washing and social distancing.

4



**Clean and sanitize** workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.

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**Limit capacity** to meet **social distancing** guidelines.

- Establish maximum capacity at 50% of fire code.
- **And**, use appointment setting where possible to limit congestion.

Find industry-specific required criteria at [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](https://Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio)



## TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS WHEN A COVID-19 INFECTION IS IDENTIFIED:

- ✓ **Immediately report** employee or customer infections to the local health district.
- ✓ Work with local health department to identify potentially exposed individuals to help facilitate appropriate communication/**contact tracing**.
- ✓ **Shutdown** shop/floor for deep sanitation if possible.
- ✓ **Professionally clean and sanitize site/location**.
- ✓ **Reopen in consultation with the local health department**.

Questions? Visit: [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio](https://Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov/ResponsibleRestartOhio)



# Responsible RestartOhio

## General Office Environments



### Mandatory

#### Employees & Guests

- **Ensure minimum 6 ft between people, if not possible, install barriers**
- Personnel should work from home when possible
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment\*
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic
- Face coverings must be worn at all times while working
- Require regular handwashing
- Reduce sharing of work materials
- Limit travel as much as possible
- Stagger arrival of all employees and guests
- Post signage on health safety guidelines in common areas

#### Physical Spaces / Workstations

- Frequent disinfection of desks, workstations, and high-contact surfaces
- Daily disinfection of common areas
- Cancel/postpone in person events when social distancing guidelines cannot be met
- No buffet in cafeteria
- Utilize disposable tableware and other materials
- Establish maximum capacity (e.g. 50% of fire code)

#### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at work
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposures
- Shutdown shop/floor for deep sanitation if possible

### Recommended Best Practices

- **Ensure seating distance of 6 ft or more**
- Enable natural workplace ventilation
- Health questionnaire for symptoms at entry
- Temperature taking protocol

#### • **Redesign/space workstations for 6 ft or more of distance**

- Close cafeteria and gathering spaces if possible, or conduct regular cleanings
- Limit congregation in office spaces
- Divide essential staff into groups and establishing rotating shift
- Availability of at least 3 weeks of cleaning supplies

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing

\*Daily symptom assessments should include taking your temperature with a thermometer and monitoring for fever. Also watch for coughing or trouble breathing.



# Responsible RestartOhio

## Consumer, Retail & Services



### Mandatory

### Recommended Best Practices

#### Employees

- **Ensure min 6 ft between people, if not possible, install barriers**
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment\*
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic
- Face coverings must be worn at all times
- Require regular handwashing
- Place hand sanitizers in high-contact locations
- Clean high-touch items after each use (e.g. carts, baskets)

- Group employees by shift to reduce exposure

#### Customers & Guests

- **Ensure minimum 6 ft between people**
- Specify hours for at-risk populations (e.g. elderly)
- Place hand sanitizers in high-contact locations
- Ask customers and guests not to enter if symptomatic
- Face coverings to be worn while shopping or visiting
- Stagger entry of customers and guest

- Health questionnaire for symptoms at entry point
- Provide face coverings upon entry
- Where possible, accept customers by appointment only
- Increase availability for curbside pickup
- Consider suspending return policies

#### Physical Spaces

- **Ensure minimum 6 ft between people, if not possible, install barriers**
- Post social distancing signage & disinfect high-contact surfaces hourly
- Clean merchandise before stocking if possible
- Establish maximum capacity (e.g. 50% of fire code)
- Discontinue self-service food stations, product samples
- Food courts remain closed

- Close once a week for deep cleaning
- Maximize available checkout space to promote social distancing (e.g., space customer lines with floor markers, use alternate registers)
- Use contact-less payments where possible
- Increase capacity for delivery and curbside pickup

#### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at work
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposures
- Shutdown shop/floor for deep sanitation if possible

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing

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# Responsible RestartOhio

## Manufacturing, Distribution & Construction



### Mandatory

#### Employees, Distributors, & Guests

- **Ensure minimum 6 ft between people, if not possible, install barriers**
- Employees must perform daily symptom assessment\*
- Require employees to stay home if symptomatic
- Face coverings must be worn at all times
- Require regular handwashing
- Stagger or limit arrivals of employees and guests
- Personnel should work from home if possible

### Recommended Best Practices

- Provide stipend to employees for private transportation

#### Shift Pattern

- Daily disinfection of desks and workstations
- Change shift patterns (e.g. fewer shifts)
- Stagger lunch and break times

- Split into sub-teams, limit contact across sub-teams
- Reduce pace to allow less FTEs per line

#### Physical Spaces / Workstations

- **Ensure minimum 6 ft between people, if not possible, install barriers**
- Daily deep disinfection of high-contact surfaces
- Space factory floor to allow for distancing
- Regulate max number of people in cafeterias/ common spaces
- Establish maximum capacity (e.g. 50% of fire code)

- Close cafeteria and gathering spaces if possible, or conduct regular cleanings
- Daily deep disinfection of entire facility

#### Confirmed Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for any individual who develops symptoms while at work
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposures
- Shutdown shop/floor for deep sanitation if possible

- Work with local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications
- Once testing is readily available, test all suspected infections or exposures
- Following testing, contact local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing

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# Ohio Responds to COVID-19



## Continued Closures

*The following businesses and operations are to remain closed per existing Stay at Home Orders:*

- **K-12 schools and daycares.**
- **Restaurants and bars.**
  - Carry-out and delivery services are permitted.
- **Personal appearance/beauty services.**
  - Includes hair salons, day spas, nail salons, barber shops, tattoo parlors, body piercing locations, tanning facilities, massage therapy locations and similar businesses.
- **Older adult day care services and senior centers.**
- **Adult day support or vocational habilitation services in congregate settings.**
- **Rooming and boarding houses, and workers' camps.**
- **Entertainment/recreation/gymnasium sites.**
  - Includes, but is not limited to:
    - All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, such as:
      - Laser tag facilities, roller skating rinks, ice skating rinks, arcades, indoor miniature golf facilities, bowling alleys, indoor trampoline parks, indoor water parks, arcades, and adult and child skill or chance game facilities remain closed.
      - Gambling industries.



- Auditoriums, stadiums, arenas.
  - Movie theatres, performance theatres, and concert and music halls
  - Public recreation centers and indoor sports facilities.
  - Parades, fairs, festivals, and carnivals.
  - Amusement parks, theme parks, outdoor water parks, children's play centers, playgrounds, and funplexes.
  - Aquariums, zoos, museums, historical sites, and similar institutions.
  - Country clubs and social clubs.
- Spectator sports, recreational sports tournaments and organized recreational sports leagues.
  - Health clubs, fitness centers, workout facilities, gyms, and yoga studios.
  - Swimming pools, whether public or private, except swimming pools for single households.
  - Residential and day camps.
  - Campgrounds, including recreational camps and recreational vehicle (RV) parks.
    - Excludes people living in campground RVs with no other viable place of residence.
    - Excludes people living in cabins, mobile homes, or other fixed structures that are meant for single families and where preexisting residential activity already has been established. (E.g., for people who have part-time preestablished residences at campgrounds for the summer months.)

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.**