

COALITION COMMUNICATION: LAW ENFORCEMENT

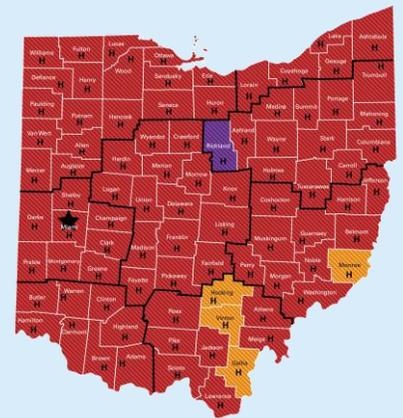
LATEST UPDATES

- During the [early stages of COVID-19 vaccine distribution](#), doses will be available in limited supply for specific critical populations as a part of a phased approach. Right now, the only group that has been finalized is [Phase 1A](#), which is very limited and includes healthcare workers regularly involved in the care of COVID-19 patients; staff and residents at nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, psychiatric hospitals, and veterans homes; and EMS responders. No other phases have been announced while the Ohio Department of Health awaits final federal guidance from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices. **Law enforcement is highly valued and essential, and it is anticipated that this critical group will be addressed in the upcoming phase.** More information on the vaccines can be found at coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine.
- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a [proclamation authorizing the Ohio National Guard](#) to provide security support at local jails if necessary. The proclamation was issued in response to the significant number of COVID-19 infections amongst state, county, and local corrections officers that have reduced staffing levels required to maintain safe and adequate security at some facilities.
- As part of Ohio's ongoing work to support first responders, the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, in partnership with The Ohio State University, has developed a smartphone app to help first responders bolster their resilience and overall mental health. **The F.I.R.S.T. Support app** is a self-assessment resource that tailors learning tools, practice exercises, and tips to a user based on his or her responses. The app is available for download on both the Apple and Google app stores at no cost. [We encourage you to view this video demo.](#) If you have questions, email First Responder Liaison Steven.Click@mha.ohio.gov.

KEY STATISTICS

Data as of 12/17/2020

Public Advisory System



21-Day Trends

New Case Trend



New Hospitalization Trend





SUGGESTED SOCIAL MEDIA POSTS

Ohio's first responders may sacrifice their mental health while dealing with everyday job duties. Now there is an app designed to support the mental and behavioral health needs of first responders. Learn more https://youtu.be/8MQ_veEM8I4

#COVID19 is unpredictable – take it from these Ohio nurses who have seen it firsthand. Please help #SlowTheSpread by staying safe. <https://youtu.be/mqKJnYOqpl>

This holiday season, spread joy - not #COVID19. Ideas for celebrating safely bit.ly/OhioHolidayGuide #InThisTogetherOhio #MasksOnOhio #StaySafeOhio

TALKING POINTS FOR YOU

Vaccines are now being distributed in Ohio, but they are not yet available to law enforcement or the general public. Ohio is taking a phased approach at vaccine distribution – beginning with the healthcare workers who are interacting with COVID-19 patients every day. Ohio is waiting on federal guidance from the CDC Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices before determining additional areas of vaccine prioritization.

COVID-19 spread remains significantly high throughout the entire state. Until the vaccine is more widely available, officers should continue practicing safety measures such as social distancing, mask-wearing, and hand washing. Every scene should be approached as if those you are interacting with have COVID-19.

The end of December is a very critical time in the fight against the coronavirus. It's critically important that citizens celebrate safe and celebrate small. Remember – not everyone shows symptoms of COVID-19, and it's possible to get the virus from family and friends.

By sacrificing big gatherings and large family get-togethers in 2020, we all have a better chance of celebrating together in 2021.

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



[NEW: Vaccine Dashboard](#)



[Case Demographics](#)



[When You Are Sick Checklist](#)



[Economic Resources](#)



[Mental Health Resources](#)



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.