

Responsible RestartOhio



Social Distancing, Masking, and Congregating

Ohio lifted most statewide pandemic-related health orders, effective June 2, 2021, excluding orders that apply to nursing homes and assisted living facilities. While these requirements have been lifted, Ohioans are still at risk for COVID-19 illness. The Ohio Department of Health urges all Ohioans to continue to follow safe protocols to protect themselves and others, especially those individuals who are not fully vaccinated.

The following are recommended best practices for ongoing safety and prevention against COVID-19.

Statewide Universal Recommended Best Practices

Masking

- If you are not fully vaccinated* against COVID-19, consider wearing a mask that covers the nose, mouth, and chin when:
 - In any indoor location that is not a residence.
 - Outdoors, if it is not possible to consistently maintain a distance of 6 feet or more between people who live in different homes/households.
 - Riding, driving, or operating public transportation, or a taxi, car service, or ride sharing vehicle. (This does not apply to members of a household sharing a private or rental vehicle.)
- If you are fully vaccinated,* you may be asked to wear a mask in certain situations, such as when traveling on public transportation.
- Regardless of vaccination status, you may be asked to wear a mask in a healthcare setting.
- A mask should never be worn by/placed on anyone who:
 - Is younger than 2.
 - Cannot remove it without assistance.
 - Risks choking if wearing a mask.
 - Is sleeping/napping.
 - Is living with a medical condition that makes it unsafe to wear a mask. This includes respiratory conditions that restrict breathing, mental health conditions, or disabilities.
 - Is swimming. (Wet masks can cause difficulty breathing.)
 - Risks workplace health, safety, or job duty if wearing a mask.

Congregating, Social Distancing, and Sanitizing

- If you are not fully vaccinated:
 - Attempt to maintain at least 6 feet of distancing from others.
 - Avoid gathering in groups when possible.
 - If you gather, maintain groups of no more than 10 people, separated from other groups by at least 6 feet.
 - Regularly clean high-touch surfaces.
 - Wash hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, or use hand sanitizer, when entering a facility.
- Consider performing a daily health assessment and stay home if experiencing fever, cough, or other signs of COVID-19.

Confirmed or Suspected COVID-19 Cases

- Immediately isolate and seek medical care for anyone who develops symptoms.
- Contact the local health district about suspected cases or exposure.
- If possible, work with the local health department to identify potentially infected or exposed individuals to help facilitate effective contact tracing/notifications.
- If possible, ensure anyone suspected of infection or exposure is tested.
- If possible, following testing, contact the local health department to initiate appropriate care and tracing.
- If you have or likely have COVID-19 and are not fully vaccinated,* isolate from others for at least 10 days.
- If you are exposed to COVID-19 and not fully vaccinated,* quarantine for at least seven days, optimally 14 days.
- If you are fully vaccinated,* quarantine or testing after exposure is not necessary unless symptoms develop.
 - There are some exceptions for specific settings. For example, testing, but not quarantine, is recommended following an exposure to someone with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 for fully vaccinated* residents and employees of correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters.

* You are fully vaccinated if at least two weeks have passed since you received the second shot of a two-dose vaccine (Moderna, Pfizer) or since you received a single-dose vaccine (Johnson & Johnson).