

## COVID-19 Information and Checklist for Restaurants and Bars

### Protecting Against COVID-19

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, MD, MPH, has ordered all restaurant dining areas and bars close to in-house patrons, effective at 9 p.m. on March 15, 2020. Carry-out and delivery services can continue, with carry-out lines maintaining 6 feet between patrons when possible. The order does not apply to food service in healthcare facilities or catering at weddings and funerals.

#### Enhanced Unemployment Aid

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine is ordering the relaxing of some unemployment compensation requirements and timelines for COVID-19 impacted workers who do not receive paid leave and for people who have been quarantined due to COVID-19. Visit [unemployment.ohio.gov](https://unemployment.ohio.gov) for additional information.

#### One-Time Liquor Buyback

The Ohio Department of Commerce is offering a one-time liquor buyback option to allow bar and restaurant owners to return unopened bottles of high-proof liquor (purchased within the past 30 days) to the agency where purchased. This extends to those with temporary (F2) permits for events scheduled between March 12 and April 6. Learn details at [OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov](mailto:OhioLiquorInfo@com.ohio.gov) or by calling 1-877-812-0013.

#### Support for Small Businesses and Non-Profit Organizations

Small business owners and non-profit agencies impacted by the public health crisis can apply for low-interest loans. Those impacted should immediately send their contact information to [BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov](mailto:BusinessHelp@Development.Ohio.Gov). Additional information on the U.S. Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan program is available at [SBA.gov/disaster](https://SBA.gov/disaster).

Dr. Acton acknowledges how difficult this time will be for many businesses and employees. She asks that restaurants continue to employ as many workers as possible and take the following actions:

- Retrain employees on handwashing procedures and cough etiquette, and ensure that signs reinforcing these measures are posted in multiple work areas.

Encourage sick employees to stay home. If any employees arrive sick or become sick during their shifts, separate them from others and send them home as soon as possible.

- ✓ Be aware that more employees than usual may need to take time off, and ensure that your sick leave policies are flexible to permit employees to stay home if they are sick or to care for a sick family member.
- ✓ Step up frequency and intensity of cleaning and sanitation using [EPA-approved](#) products.

For additional information, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4ASKODH (1-833-427-5634).

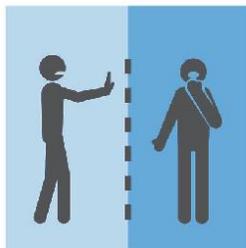
*Additional resources:*

*Ohio Restaurant Association: Coronavirus Updates: <https://www.ohiorestaurant.org/coronavirusupdates>.*

*National Restaurant Association: Coronavirus Information and Resources: <https://restaurant.org/Covid19>.*



STAY HOME  
WHEN YOU ARE  
SICK



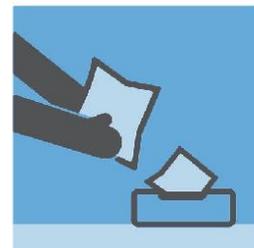
AVOID CONTACT  
WITH PEOPLE  
WHO ARE SICK



GET ADEQUATE SLEEP  
AND EAT WELL-  
BALANCED  
MEALS



WASH HANDS OFTEN  
WITH WATER AND SOAP  
( 20 SECONDS  
OR LONGER)



DRY HANDS WITH  
A CLEAN TOWEL  
OR AIR DRY  
YOUR HANDS



COVER YOUR MOUTH  
WITH A TISSUE OR  
SLEEVE WHEN  
COUGHING OR SNEEZING



AVOID TOUCHING  
YOUR EYES, NOSE,  
OR MOUTH WITH  
UNWASHED HANDS  
OR AFTER  
TOUCHING SURFACES



CLEAN AND DISINFECT  
"HIGH-TOUCH"  
SURFACES OFTEN



CALL BEFORE VISITING  
YOUR DOCTOR



PRACTICE GOOD  
HYGIENE HABITS