



Frequently Asked Questions w/ Answers  
For the Faith Community  
About the COVID-19, coronavirus

Q. What are the top 3 things Christians could be doing right now to help the government and community?

A. The top 3 things Christians can do right now to help government and community is;

- Stay in place unless essentially necessary
- Watch the daily briefing press conferences for latest updates
- Pray for vaccine, strength and stamina of leadership, patience for all.

Q. Are churches still exempt from the "50 or more" gathering declaration?

A. While churches are exempt from the StayAtHome order, they are not immune from spreading the virus. That said, CCV strongly urges Churches to comply with the order and refrain from in-person worship services or fellowship gatherings. There are several online platforms that allow for group video conferencing or phone conferencing. CCV is developing a link from our webpage of activities churches in Ohio are engaging in to help their neighbors during this time of practicing social distance and restricted travel for essential activities only. Watch for the email announcement of this "best practices" resource link coming soon.

Q. Please clarify the information about travel ban. Is it a recommendation or order to not travel out of the state of Ohio right now?

A. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/travelers/travel-in-the-us.html>

Q. Update on when more tests/portable clinics may be making their way into our state?

A. Not known at this time.

Q. Will you please share the current protocol for holding funerals?

A. The StayAtHome Order **does not prohibit:**

*Essential business operations* including the following are still permitted:

- Churches and religious gatherings, *although Citizens for Community Values recommends strongly that churches move to remote/online meetings for the time being. We will have more information on how churches can do this soon.*
- **Attending and hosting weddings and funeral services**

Click this link for the complete StayAtHome order <http://www.ccv.org/2020/03/22/breaking-news-dewine-issues-stay-at-home-order/>

Q. Can you please share the details as to how the church is broadcasting through the radio? We were just going to play it really loudly through our sound system. Neighbors may not appreciate that.

A. You might reach out to Pastor Karl at Genoa Church. [info@genoachurch.org](mailto:info@genoachurch.org). They held "Drive In Church" using an FM transmitter that allowed the parishioner to tune in and listen from their car.

<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/>

Q. Is there a likelihood of a more restrictive quarantine order?

A. The recently declared **StayAtHome order takes effect Monday, March 23 at 11:59pm**

Q. Will pastors and key leaders be allowed to access their church buildings to produce remote services?

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Q. We will have to lay off child care workers as soon as the governor shuts down daycares. We have been told they are not eligible for unemployment. If we retro pay, is this still an option? Or all non-profit church based preschools not allowed to participate in unemployment?

A. **CHILD CARE/DAY CARE**

Beginning on Thursday, March 26, 2020, all operating child care centers in Ohio must do so under a Temporary Pandemic Child Care license and follow these guidelines:

- There should be no more than six children in a class.
- Ratios must be kept at one teacher to no more than six children.
- Children whose parents are employed by the same entity should be kept together whenever possible.
- The same teachers and children in each room should be maintained whenever possible.
- There should be limited use of shared space or mixing of groups.
- If shared space is used, a rigorous cleaning schedule must be in place.
- Parent interaction should be limited at drop off and pick up.

The program will operate until April 30, with the potential to extend and adjust as needed.

A. **NEW WEBSITE FOR BUSINESSES:**

Businesses and workers can now access all of these resources related to COVID-19 in one place at [ohio.gov/BusinessHelp](http://ohio.gov/BusinessHelp).

The portal includes information on unemployment benefits, the Small Business Administration's Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program, the Liquor Buyback Program, modified rules for trucking to help ship critical supplies into the state, the delay of BWC Premiums, etc.

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Q. I read in the local newspaper that previously healthy young adults are being hospitalized at higher rates than previously thought. We had been planning on using young adults to help with critical mission ministries. Can you comment on this--is it wise to utilize young adults in delivering groceries, etc?

A. For any and all potential volunteers you should confirm:

- They are not running a fever
- They are not experiencing symptoms of a cold or flu
- They have not been in contact with anyone who is symptomatic of a cold or flu

There are no orders restricting the utilization of young adults from volunteer service.

- Q. Will there be access to emergency funds made available to churches to financially assist families and communities locally?
- A. Currently and for a limited time, non-profit organizations that provide a compassionate service to their community can apply for a National-Days-of-Service Grant. Application deadline is April 1. Here is the link to instructions and the application.  
<https://serveohio.org/Grants-Funding/National-Days-of-Service-Funding>
- Q: Is the governor open to the General Assembly setting a new date for the Ohio Primary other than June 2, or extending the voter registration deadline to 30 days before the new primary date?
- A. The Governor looks to the Director of the Ohio Department of Health for advisement on the best public health protection.
- Q. A related question would be, if after 3 weeks we have relatively few cases what happens?
- A. Dr. Acton continues to reference her advisement with disease control experts at the Center for Disease Control, World Health Organization and other health experts around the world and across the US to obtain the best and latest information to arrive at her decisions.  
FYI - <https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/>
- Q. There are many rumors that “stay in place” is coming. What are your thoughts on this?
- A. Yesterday, the governor released the Ohio Department of Health Directors’ StayAtHome order. CCV strongly urges all Ohioans to comply with the Order. Here is the link to the 23page Order.  
<http://www.ccv.org/2020/03/22/breaking-news-dewine-issues-stay-at-home-order/>
- Q. Is there a document that shows the way the virus is spreading, how quickly it is multiplying?
- A. The spread is changing by the moment. There is no accurate information site. This site shows non-real time results of the spread.  
<https://www.worldometers.info/coronavirus/country/us/>
- Q. Give us the succinct definition of “flattening the curve.”
- A. The idea of slowing a virus’ spread so that fewer people need to seek treatment at any given time is known as “flattening the curve.”
- Q. We have heard very extended dates for the length of the quarantine measures that have been put in place. What are the markers that people will be looking for that will identify a drawback in restrictions?
- A. The Governor and Health Director, Dr. Amy Acton hold a daily press conference briefing on the status of COVID-19. It can be viewed on Ohio Channel at [www.ohiochannel.org](http://www.ohiochannel.org).
- Q. What relief is there for Christian school employees if schools do not have the resources to pay Employees?
- A. The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has a link on their website concerning unemployment benefit eligibility and application. <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm> This is the only information available at this time. The Governor has asked the federal government for a release of relief funds to extend eligibility.

- Q. What relief is available for families sending their students to Christian schools?
- A. The hope is Christian schools and parents would be able to find a workable solution to this temporary situation. At the moment there is no government relief for this situation.
- Q. Is there a practical way for congregations to help underprivileged/at-risk people like the elderly in their community in addition to social distancing?
- A. Yes. The Joseph Council is connecting with churches around the state and putting together an online resource of the creative ways Churches around Ohio are helping their neighbors. Watch for the email that announces the launch of this resource page from our website.
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