

# COVID-19

Coronavirus

## Columbus Public Health Update

**April 6, 2020**

Dear Public Health Partners:

Here are the latest updates on COVID-19 and Columbus Public Health's response.

### Situation Update

**As of April 6, 2020, there are 446 confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Columbus Public Health's jurisdiction.**

Our public health nurses and epidemiologists continue to notify and quarantine close contacts of all confirmed COVID-19 cases. We expect to see more local cases as this outbreak evolves, and are working diligently to respond to the situation and protect the health and safety of our community.

For the most up-to-date COVID-19 case numbers in Columbus and Worthington, follow Columbus Public Health on social media or visit the [Columbus Public Health website](#). For the most current case information in Ohio, visit the [Ohio Department of Health website](#).

### Other News to Know

#### **Columbus Public Health Steps-up Enforcement of Social Distancing and Hygiene for Businesses**

Columbus Public Health sanitarians continue to inspect businesses to assure they are complying with the Ohio Department of Health's orders for social distancing and basic hygiene to slow the spread of COVID-19. Guidelines for Essential Businesses can be found at [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

#### **Community Resources and Translated Materials**

Columbus Public Health has compiled a list of resources of human services, businesses, volunteer opportunities and online recreation options to help community members during these challenging times. Additionally, Columbus Public Health has translated COVID-19 education and prevention materials in seven different languages. [Learn more.](#)

#### **Recommendations for Drive-in Religious Services**

Columbus Public Health has compiled a list of recommendations and frequently asked questions for faith-based organizations that are planning to provide drive-in religious services to their communities. [Learn more.](#)

#### **State Updates**

State Health Director Dr. Amy Acton has extended the stay at home order for all Ohioans to May 1 in order to prevent the spread of disease. Additionally, Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton also urged Ohioans to begin wearing cloth masks in public as [the CDC issued the recommendation](#) that citizens wear face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain, especially in areas of significant community-based transmission. To learn more about the state's latest recommendations and case numbers, visit [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov).

### What You Can Do

- **Stay home if you are sick and isolate yourself from others in your household.**
- **Follow the usual steps that help prevent the spread of illness and the flu.** Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, cover coughs and sneezes with your arm or inner elbow, avoid close contact with people who are sick, and stay home when you are sick.
- **Prevent the spread of misinformation by learning the facts about COVID-19.** Understand that this is a rapidly evolving situation and information will be updated as it becomes available.
- **Fight fear and stigma by understanding that you cannot tell if someone is at risk for spreading COVID-19 based on how they look.** Viruses cannot target people from

specific populations, ethnicities or racial backgrounds. Treat everyone with compassion, kindness and respect.

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## Learn More about COVID-19

This situation is rapidly evolving. Please continue to refer to the following resources for the most accurate and current information:

- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
  - [Ohio Department of Health](#)
  - [Columbus Public Health](#)
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## Questions

For questions, contact Beth Wilson through our Columbus Public Health [Liaison Group link](#).

