COVID-19 Ohio Stay At Home Order Simplified

As Ohio continues to battle the coronavirus (COVID-19) Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton is issuing a new order to extend the state’s stay-at-home order until May 1.

Ohio’s original stay-at-home order first went into effect on March 23 and allows for essential businesses, such as grocery stores and pharmacies, to remain open. Individuals that leave their residence must comply with the social distancing requirement of at least 6 feet separation when traveling and/or shopping. Social distancing is deliberately increasing the physical space between people to avoid spreading illness.

Residents are permitted to leave their residencies for the following reasons:

**Health and Safety**

- To seek emergency services, obtaining medical supplies or medication, or visiting a health care professional. Individuals may engage in activities or perform tasks essential to their health and safety, or to the health and safety of their family or household members (including pets).

**Necessary Supplies**

- Ohioans may obtain necessary services or supplies for themselves and their family or household members or persons who are unable to or should not leave their home, or to deliver those services or supplies to others. This includes groceries and food; household consumer products.

- Obtain products; supplies they need to work from home; automobile supplies (including dealers, parts, suppliers, repair, and maintenance); and products necessary to maintain the safety, sanitation, and essential operation of residences.

**Outdoor Activity**

- Engaging in outdoor activity is permitted, provided the individuals comply with social distancing requirements. This includes walking, hiking, running, or biking. Individuals may go to public parks and open outdoor recreation areas. Public access playgrounds are closed as they may increase the spread of COVID-19.

- Individuals may leave their residence to care for or transport a family member, friend, or pet in another household. This includes attending weddings and funerals.

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

For additional informational please visit:
https://www.columbus.gov/coronavirus
https://covid-19.myfcph.org/
https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/

Please remember that COVID-19 spreads primarily through droplets generated when an infected person coughs or sneezes, or through droplets of saliva or discharge from the nose. We can reduce the risk of exposure if we stay home and practice physical social distance. Together, we can stop the spread of COVID-19.

We are Many Neighborhoods, One Columbus! Stay Home, Stay Safe, Stay Healthy!