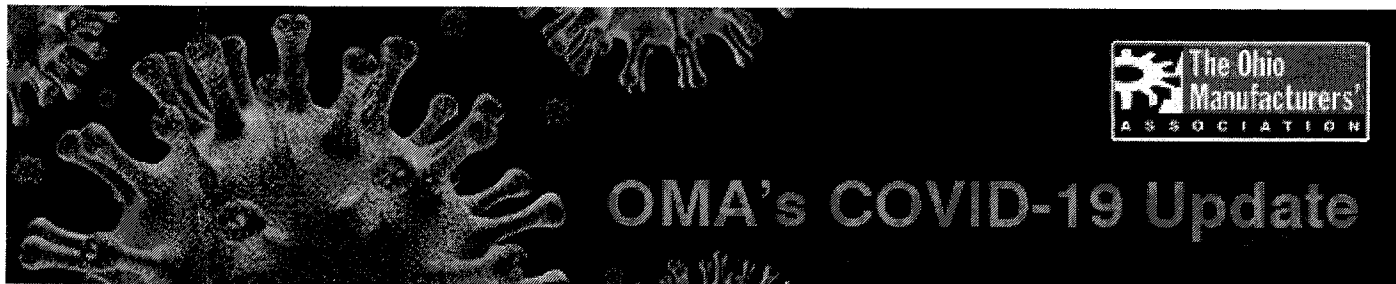


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November 17, 2020

Here are the latest coronavirus-related updates for Ohio manufacturers.

State Developments

- During today's press briefing, Gov. DeWine reviewed Ohio's 21-day COVID-19 trends, which show daily cases continue to trend over 7,000. The governor emphasized that the recent increase in hospitalizations is imposing a large burden on Ohio's health care personnel.
 - To help reduce community spread, the governor has announced a statewide, three-week curfew.
 - The curfew -- which will not apply to manufacturing businesses -- will begin Thursday, Nov. 19, and will run from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. for 21 days (through Dec. 9).
 - The governor said exceptions will include employees traveling to and from work, as well as medical emergencies, grocery and pharmacy shopping, and picking up carry-out meals or having meals delivered. (Text of the order is not yet available.)
 - Lt. Gov. Husted noted that of all the options discussed with business leaders and other officials, a curfew was considered the least disruptive to businesses while still attempting to slow the spread.
 - The OMA, along with the Ohio Chamber, released this statement in response to the governor's curfew order, noting that "all Ohioans must also take seriously their responsibility to help stop the spread."
 - The governor asked Ohioans to take at least one action per day to reduce physical contact with others by up to 25%.

- As shown on [this graph](#), Ohio's hospitalizations have soared from 1,000 on Oct. 13 to more than 3,600 today. The number of ICU patients has risen from 280 a month ago to 900 today.
- The governor shared this [updated list of the 20 counties](#) with the highest COVID-19 occurrence rates. (Here are the [occurrence rates for all 88 counties](#).)
- Ohio's positivity rate has reached 13.8%. ([This graph](#) shows number of cases is going up much more dramatically than testing.)
- Here is Ohio's [new order](#) (announced last week) to enforce mask-wearing in retail locations. The [July 23 order](#) for facial coverings is otherwise still in effect.
- Here is Ohio's [new order](#) (also announced last week) limiting mass gatherings to 10 people. (Under the order, banquets, wedding receptions, and social gatherings following funerals are subject to specific restrictions.)
- The DeWine administration has produced [this communications handout](#) for manufacturers.
- At its ["posters and signs" page](#), the Ohio Department of Health has published additional "masks required" signs for employers' use, [including this one](#).
- Ohio's U.S. Sen. Rob Portman says he will [participate in the clinical trial](#) for a Janssen-Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine.

National Developments

- [This real-time map](#) shows the risk level of attending an event in any county in the U.S. (The risk level represents the estimated chance that at least one COVID-19 positive individual will be present.)
- If both the Moderna and Pfizer vaccines are approved, the U.S. could have as many as 60 million doses available by the end of this year, [according to reports](#).
- Activities such as casual dinner parties, sleepovers, game nights, and carools are responsible for the record-breaking surge of COVID-19 cases, [reports say](#).
- Researchers at Mayo Clinic are [working on a voice test](#) to detect cases of COVID-19.
- OSHA [reminds manufacturers](#) that if a worker becomes sick, disinfect their workstation and tools.
- OSHA has updated its [FAQs list](#) for employers and employees, as well as its [guidance for manufacturers](#).
- The CDC has published [this poster](#) outlining things you can do to manage your COVID-19 symptoms at home.

- The CDC has new guidance on [attending events or gatherings](#) during COVID-19.
- Worldwide, COVID-19 and related lockdowns are expected to push between 88 and 115 million people [into extreme poverty](#), according to the World Economic Forum.

OMA Connections Partners

- RSM has published [these five charts](#) to illustrate the recent COVID-19 spread across the country.
- Safex has published [this new COVID-19 toolkit](#) for employers, which offers tips for communicating with employees and [preparing for an OSHA inspection](#).
- Dinsmore has published [this analysis](#) of Ohio's new order to require masks at retail stores. Fisher Phillips has also published an [updated summary](#) of the order.

Ohio Cases of COVID-19

- [At last check](#), Ohio had recorded 296,387 confirmed cases of COVID-19, with 22,846 hospitalizations and 5,412 confirmed deaths since the start of the outbreak. There are now more than 208,000 [presumed recoveries](#).
 - Here are [Ohio's 21-day trends](#).
 - Here's the [Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System map](#), which shows COVID-19 trends in all 88 counties.
 - Here are the [COVID-19 trends by region](#) across the U.S.
 - Here are the [key metrics for the U.S.](#), the CDC's [weekly death counts](#), and deaths [by state](#) and [by country](#).

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For health-related questions regarding COVID-19, contact the Ohio Department of Health's call center at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634), or visit the websites of the [CDC](#), the [Ohio Department of Health](#), and [your local health department](#).

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