

Coronavirus Disease 2019 Talking Points for State of Ohio PIOs

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New Recommendations

- Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, following consultation with Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH and his coronavirus taskforce, made the following recommendations:
- The governor has asked each state department to consider allowing employees to work remotely if possible.
- Governor DeWine has temporarily suspended visiting in prisons and state youth detention centers.
- Governor DeWine has recommended that all 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities in the state:
 - Conduct remote learning
 - Medically screen students returning from international travel (including cruises).
 - Eliminate international travel for students, faculty, and staff.
 - Limit group gatherings.
- Governor DeWine recommended spectators do not attend indoor sporting events at all levels (including K-12, college, and professional). He believes parents should be permitted to attend their children's K-12 sporting events. Governor DeWine also said that journalists should be permitted to cover the games. At this time, this does not apply to outdoor sporting events.
- Governor DeWine suggested organizers postpone, suspend, or cancel planned parades.
- Governor DeWine recommended that religious institutions should consider alternative ways for vulnerable people to celebrate their religious services and adjust practices that could increase the spread of disease.
- Governor DeWine suggests that nursing home limit visitors and screen visitors, vendors, and staff as they enter the facility for symptoms (fever, cough, and shortness of breath).

For More Information

- For the latest information on COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- In addition, those with questions about COVID-19 can call the Ohio Department of Health hotline a 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.