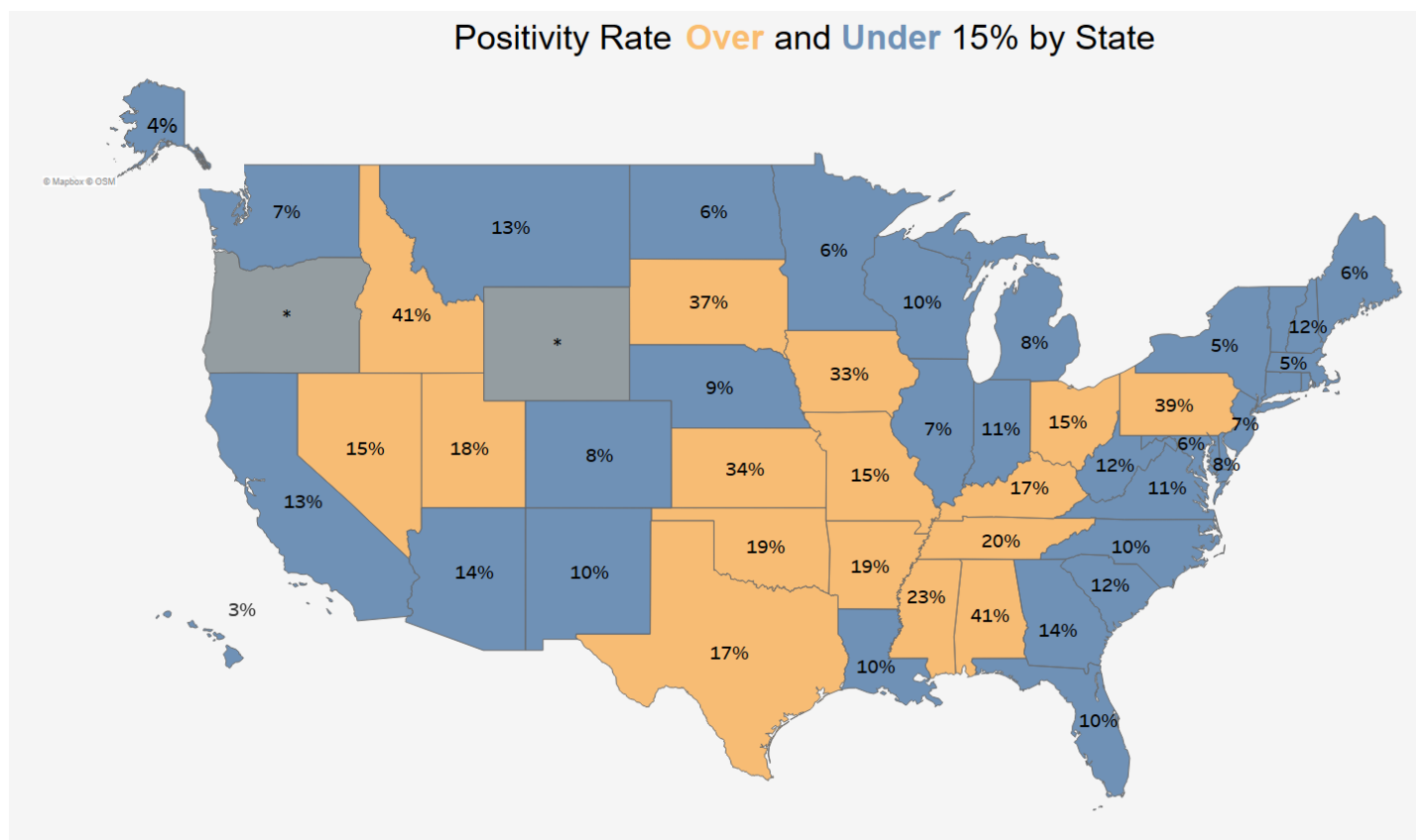


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Protecting Against COVID-19



Those entering Ohio after travel to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Positivity rate is an indicator of how much COVID-19 there is in a community, and ODH is recommending against travel to those states with high positivity. If someone must travel, ODH is recommending 14 days of self-quarantine after leaving those locations. This advisory is intended for both leisure and business travel, and should be heeded by both Ohioans and out-of-state travelers. It is intended as guidance and is not a mandate—please consider the information here along with other factors (mode of transportation, lodging, activities, ability to social distance when traveling, personal health factors, etc.) when making travel decisions for yourself and your family.

The positivity rates come from state-level aggregate data from The COVID Tracking Project (<https://covidtracking.com/data>), which is also the source that Johns Hopkins University uses for testing data on their dashboard at <https://coronavirus.jhu.edu/testing/individual-states>. Positivity information for Ohio's travel advisory is updated once a week on Wednesdays, using data from that Tuesday. Positivity rates may have changed since our most recent update.

As of October 21, The COVID Tracking Project is updating their processes for pulling data from individual states, and multiple states are also in the process of changing how they calculate and report their own data. Even with these challenges, The COVID Tracking Project is still the most consistent and timely source of state-level testing information.

Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates of December 23, the affected states are:

AL	41.1%
ID	41.0%
PA	39.2%
SD	37.0%
KS	34.4%
IA	33.0%
MS	23.1%
TN	20.0%
AR	19.0%
OK	19.0%
UT	18.0%

KY	17.3%
TX	17.0%
MO	15.4%
OH	15.3%
NV	15.0%

*Multiple states are in the process of modifying how testing numbers are reported, and what testing types are included in that reporting. While the CDC and other national organizations have outlined different ways of calculating positivity, there is no set national standard, and federal reporting of state data is limited. The data from COVID Tracking Project and the Johns Hopkins methodology for calculating positivity is still the best national source for state-level testing data, but these numbers may differ from what is reported by states on their own dashboards. As COVID-19 cases continue to surge around the country, all travel decisions should be carefully considered, regardless of the positivity level of the origin and destination states.

What to Do During Self-Quarantine

- Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever, as well as other symptoms including cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - If fever and/or symptoms develop, call your medical provider.
- Remain at home and avoid all in-person activities. This includes work, grocery stores and pharmacies, public events and public places.
- If you live in a home with other people who did not travel with you, stay in a separate room. If this is not possible, wear a face mask when you are in the same room and stay at least six feet away from others.
- Do not leave home except to seek medical care. If you need to see a provider for reasons other than a medical emergency, please call in advance and discuss the care you need.
- In the event of a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Indicate that you are in home quarantine for novel coronavirus exposure. Keep a face mask on until you are asked by a health care provider to remove it.
- Do not have visitors in your home.
- Do not use public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares.

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Resources

- [COVID-19 FAQs: Diagnosis, Treatment, and Quarantine](#)
- [COVID-19 Quarantine FAQs](#)
- [COVID-19 Travel Guidance](#)
- [COVID 19 Travel Advisory FAQs](#)
- [If you're Isolated or Quarantined - COVID-19 Checklist](#)
- [Helping the Isolated or Quarantined - COVID-19 Checklist](#)
- [Returning from International Travel](#)
- [Kentucky Department for Public Health Issues Advisory for Recent Travelers to States](#)
- [Symptoms of Coronavirus](#)

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

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616.

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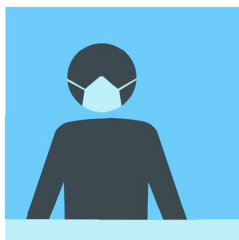
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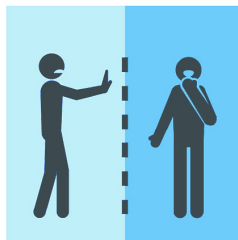
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EXCEPT FOR
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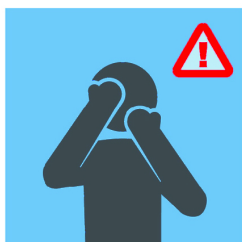
PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING OF
AT LEAST 6 FEET
FROM OTHERS



DO NOT HOLD
GATHERINGS
OF MORE
THAN
10 PEOPLE



WASH HANDS OFTEN
WITH WATER AND SOAP
(20 SECONDS
OR LONGER)



AVOID TOUCHING
YOUR EYES, NOSE,
OR MOUTH WITH
UNWASHED HANDS
OR AFTER
TOUCHING SURFACES



USE DELIVERY, DRIVE-
THRU, AND PICKUP
SERVICES WHEN
AVAILABLE



CLEAN AND DISINFECT
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DON'T WORK
WHEN SICK



QUARANTINE FOR
14 DAYS AFTER
RETURNING FROM A
STATE WITH HIGH
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Additional information from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

Protect yourself and others from COVID-19 by taking these precautions.

- Stay home except for work or other needs
- Wear a face covering when going out
- Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet from others
- Shop at non-peak hours.
- Wash hands often with water and soap (20 seconds or longer)
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, mouth with unwashed hands or after touching surfaces

- Cover your mouth with a tissue or sleeve when coughing or sneezing
- Clean and disinfect "high-touch" surfaces often
- Don't work when sick
- Call before visiting your doctor

If you have questions regarding Coronavirus/COVID-19 please call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)

CLEAN ALL "HIGH-TOUCH" SURFACES EVERY DAY

High touch surfaces include counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables. Also, clean any surfaces that may have blood, stool, or body fluids on them. Use a household cleaning spray or wipe according to the label instructions. Labels contain instructions for safe and effective use of the cleaning product including precautions you should take when applying the product, such as wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation during use of the product.

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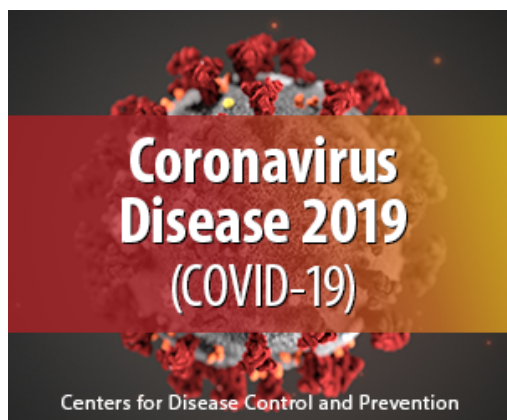
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