

# COLUMBUS CHAMBER COVID-19 STATEMENT

*Chamber encourages businesses to lead by example with precautions*

The Columbus Chamber stands with Governor DeWine and our local leaders in asking our member businesses and the community at large to take immediate action to reverse the rapidly increasing spread of COVID-19.

Franklin County represents 11% of the state's population, yet 21% of coronavirus cases. In order to preserve our hospital capacity, local and state interventions may soon be implemented, including increased restrictions on businesses that could jeopardize our economic stabilization.

To prevent that from happening and to keep our economy open, we ask our businesses to lead by example by implementing and enforcing policies and procedures that will protect your employees and the public: conduct daily health assessments, wash hands often, limit capacity and practice social distancing, clean and sanitize workplaces, and put #MasksOnOhio.

The Chamber has been there for our members throughout this pandemic, and remains a trusted resource and fierce advocate. We know that many small businesses are struggling, and the Chamber team is working hard to ensure the voice of our members is heard during this time.

We are #InThisTogetherOhio.

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