

# HOUSE BILL 606

GRANTING BUSINESSES QUALIFIED  
IMMUNITY FROM CORONAVIRUS LAWSUITS

## WHAT BUSINESSES HAVE IMMUNITY?

All for-profit entities including businesses organized as a corporation, partnership or association can assert the immunity.

Schools, non-profit entities, governmental entities, religious entities, and institutions of higher education can also claim the immunity.

## WHEN DOES IMMUNITY APPLY?

A business may assert the qualified immunity if they are faced with a lawsuit alleging their actions or inactions resulted in someone transmitting or contracting COVID-19.

There is no immunity from liability if a business acts recklessly or engages in intentional misconduct.

## HOW LONG DOES IMMUNITY LAST?

The immunity period applies from the date of Gov. DeWine's State of Emergency Order on March 9, 2020 through Sept. 30, 2021.

## WHAT DO BUSINESSES NEED TO DO?

HB 606 does not require adherence to any specific government order to qualify for immunity, but closely following the Responsible RestartOhio plan including industry specific requirements that will lower the risk of spreading COVID-19 to customers and employees.



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