



# Safety Guidance for Re-Opening & Maintaining Manufacturing Facilities During COVID-19

This collection of safety-related resources is intended to support Ohio manufacturers as they reopen facilities or continue essential operations during the COVID-19 outbreak. This guidance has not been issued by the OMA; it has been collected by the OMA from credible sources and public health authorities. This document is designed only as guidance and general reference for manufacturers. For specific questions relating exclusively to your operations, please work with your internal experts and state/local public health authorities.

## Overview

On April 27, 2020, Gov. Mike DeWine rolled out the initial steps of his plan to re-open Ohio's business community. He said manufacturers that are not already operating would be allowed to re-open Monday, May 4.

- The governor highlighted [these five safety protocols](#) for all businesses. Please note that the “responsible protocols” handout specifically states: “No mask, no work, no service, no exception.” (These protocols apply to all businesses, regardless of whether they have been open or not, the governor said.)
- Gov. DeWine also shared [additional safety requirements that are specific to manufacturers](#). (Again, these apply to all manufacturers, regardless of operation status during the stay-at-home order.)
- For more information specific to Ohio's re-opening plan, visit [“Responsible Restart Ohio”](#) on the Ohio Department of Health website.

## General Guidance

- OSHA's safety tips to help protect manufacturing workers from exposure to coronavirus – in both [English](#) and [Spanish](#).
- OSHA's [guidance on preparing workplaces for COVID-19](#).

- CDC's [resources for businesses and employers](#).
- CDC on [preparing your small business and employees for COVID-19](#).
- CDC's [interim guidance for employers to plan and respond to COVID-19](#).
- CDC's [general business FAQs](#).
- OSHA's poster on [steps to reduce the risk of exposure in workplaces](#).
- Benesch on [planning for a return to normal operations](#) after COVID-19.
- Fisher Phillips on [steps to re-open your workplace](#) according to CDC's guidance.
- Fisher Phillips' [FAQs on workplace safety issues during COVID-19](#).
- Lear, a global automotive technology leader, has published this [Safe Work Playbook](#) to offer potentially helpful practices for workplace safety.

### **Cleaning & Disinfecting**

- CDC's [guidance on cleaning and disinfecting facilities](#).
- CDC's [guidance on cleaning vehicles](#).
- U.S. EPA's list of [disinfectants for use against the coronavirus](#).

### **Face Coverings**

- Ohio Department of Health's [guidance on face coverings](#).
- CDC's [questions and answers on face coverings](#).
- CDC's [interim guidance for conserving and extending filtering facepiece respirator supply](#) in non-health care sectors.

### **Other Safety Protocols**

- Ohio Department of Health's [guidance for safe food handling](#).
- CDC's [guidance for meat and poultry processing workers and employers](#).

## **Health Checks**

- CDC's ["symptoms of coronavirus" page](#).
- CDC's [guidance on testing for COVID-19](#).
- CDC's page on [groups at higher risk for severe illness](#).
- CDC's page on [people who need to take extra precautions](#).
- Some companies are purchasing serological tests to detect antibodies or proteins found in the blood to help identify individuals who have overcome an infection and developed an immune response. The Ohio Department of Health strongly recommends that employers [review this information](#) before purchasing or using COVID-19 antibody test kits.
- Fisher Phillips on [how measuring worker temperatures](#) could lead to wage and hour claims.

## **Confirmed/Suspected Cases of COVID-19 at Your Facility**

- Ohio Department of Health's [checklist to address potentially exposed essential workers](#).
- CDC's [page on safety practices for critical infrastructure workers](#).
- OSHA's [stated intent](#) to not enforce COVID-19 recordkeeping requirements in certain situations.
- Fisher Phillip's [four-step plan](#) for handling confirmed COVID-19 cases when businesses re-opens.
- Roetzel's [insight](#) on the U.S. Labor Department's guidance to employers on issues of reporting of cases of COVID-19.
- Fisher Phillips on [CDC's relaxed return-to-work standards](#) after COVID-19 exposure.

**For specific health-related questions, the Ohio Department of Health call center is ready to answer your questions about COVID-19. Call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634) from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day.**