

# Ohio K-12 Schools COVID-19 Resource Guide

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The following resources may be of assistance to Ohio K-12 school districts in gathering pertinent information about and addressing issues related to COVID-19.

For best results with imbedded hyperlinks, we recommend using Chrome browser.

## **Recent Developments**

Ohio Department of Education issues its "Reset and Restart" Education Planning Guide for Ohio schools.

Ohio Department of Health publishes <u>Health and Prevention Guidance for K-12 Schools</u> and issues a <u>Second Amended Order</u> regarding contact and non-contact sports (July 4, 2020).

We offer <u>analysis</u> of newly published guidance from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) addressing several employment issues related to COVID-19, including workplace accommodations.

House Bill 164, signed into law, provides additional payments to school districts for fiscal year 2020 to cap net reductions in funding (taking into account federal CARES Act payments) to no more than 6% of what each school district would have received before executive-ordered reductions, provides payments to certain school districts based on public utility personal property tax (PUTPP) decreases, and offers additional flexibility to school districts in a number of areas, including staffing and third grade promotion.

State legislature sends <u>Senate Bill 4</u> to Governor DeWine, appropriating US\$300 million for Ohio Facilities Construction Commission projects.

### **Client Insights**

#### **Selected Publications**

- The CARES Act: What Does it Mean for Your School District (April 24, 2020)
- Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act: What Is in It for US Education (March 27, 2020)
- H.B. 197 The State of Ohio's Emergency Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on Ohio K-12 Schools (March 26, 2020)

#### Selected Webinars

- Rethinking School: Plan for Fall 2020 While Dealing with COVID-19 (May 21, 2020)
- H.B. 197 The State of Ohio's Emergency Response to the COVID-19 Pandemic: Impact on Ohio K-12 Schools (March 27, 2020)
- Addressing Coronavirus Practically and Legally: What US <u>Employers Need to Know</u> (March 16, 2020)
- Addressing COVID-19 Practically and Legally Part Two: What US Employers Need to Know (March 23, 2020)

#### **Governmental Orders**

- Ohio Department of Health: <u>Order regarding face coverings</u> (July 8, 2020), <u>Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Health Advisory</u> (May 20, 2020), <u>Stay Safe Ohio Order</u> (April 30, 2020), <u>Sector Specific Operating Requirements</u>, and <u>Second Amended Order for Closure of All K-12 Schools through June 30</u> (April 29, 2020)
- Ohio Office of Budget and Management: <u>Data on Foundation Aid</u> <u>Reductions on a District-by-District Basis</u>

# Administrative Information and Other Resources

Ohio Department of Education:

- Remote Learning Resource Guide (April 1, 2020)
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) for School Building Closures
- Coronavirus (COVID-19) Information for Ohio's Schools and Districts

Ohio Department of Health:

- Regulations for skills training for sports
- Coronavirus (COVID -19) Resources

#### Federal Agencies:

- Federal CARES Act funding allocation
- CARES Act Assistance for State and Local Governments
- Coronavirus and Forbearance Info for Students, Borrowers, and Parents
- Families First Coronavirus Response Act: Employer Paid Leave Requirements
- CDC Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Frequently Asked Questions

#### **About Us**

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