

Allen County Risk Level Recommendations

Our Goal is to reach and maintain Yellow Level.

- Let's protect each other by practicing preventive measures at home, work, school, and in the community.
- These are recommendations, not mandates, and are not meant to replace any State-wide orders or directives. Decision-makers should consider these recommendations as they apply to their individual family, home, community, business or facility.
- While individual Levels exist, the recommendations represent a spectrum of actions within and across the Levels that can be taken to reduce the risk for individuals and the community.

Level	LEVEL 1 Active exposure and spread.	LEVEL 2 Increased exposure and spread.	LEVEL 3 Very high exposure and spread.	LEVEL 4 Severe exposure wand spread.
Risk	Follow all current health orders.	Exercise high degree of caution.	Limit activities as much as possible.	Only leave home for supplies and services.
Essential Actions	Follow all current health orders, including sector specific orders and statewide Facial Coverings Order.			
	All residents cooperate with local public health officials if diagnosed with or exposed to COVID-19.			
	Stay home if you think you are sick. If you think you may have COVID-19 call your healthcare provider.			
Actions for Everyone	Level 1 and 2 Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assess yourself for symptoms daily; stay home if you have any symptoms • Social Distance at least 6 feet from others during daily activities outside your household • Avoid traveling to high risk areas • Keep your gatherings small - less than 10 people • Take preventive actions to protect yourself and others: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Wash hands frequently ▪ Use hand sanitizer frequently ▪ Avoid touching your face ▪ Cover coughs and sneezes with a tissue or elbow ▪ Avoid contact with high-risk individuals ▪ Decrease in-person interactions outside the household ▪ Limit visits to nursing homes 		Level 3 Recommendations include Level 1 & 2 PLUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Socialize safely with a small circle of friends or family • Take advantage of pick-up and delivery services if needed • Follow current guidelines for organizing or attending gatherings of any size • Limit unnecessary in-person interactions outside the household • Consider only necessary travel 	Level 4 Recommendations include Level 1, 2, & 3 PLUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain daily activities, such as work and errands for needed supplies and services • Replace in-person activities with remote or virtual access as able • Avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals & nursing homes to protect the most vulnerable
Actions for Sports and Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If participating in, hosting or attending sports events, strictly follow all of Ohio's mandatory Standards for youth, collegiate, amateur, club and professional sports. • If participating in or attending performing arts activities, strictly follow all of Ohio's mandatory standards for those who perform, work or are patrons of Entertainment Venues. 			

Actions for Businesses	Level 1 Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May consider in-person business meetings with facial coverings when social distancing of at least 6 feet is possible for everyone 	Level 2 Recommendations include Level 1 PLUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce maximum capacity of common areas • Disinfect high touch surfaces more frequently • Stagger employee shifts, breaks & mealtimes as able • Encourage appointments or stagger entry times • Utilize virtual meetings 	Level 3 Recommendations include Level 1 & 2 PLUS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consider limiting access to public areas to reduce crowding • Encourage phone, on-line or pick-up services • Consider allowing employees to work from home as able 	Level 4 Recommendations include Level 1, 2, & 3 PLUS: <p>Businesses Remain Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce in-person, face-to-face interaction as much as possible • Allow remote working as able
Actions for Schools	Level 1 and 2 Recommendations: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor symptoms daily and stay home if sick • Wash/sanitize hands frequently • Clean and sanitize school environment regularly, especially frequently touched surfaces • Maintain social distancing in all school environments including classrooms, hallways, cafeteria, and playground areas. Ohio Department of Health guidance is 6 feet when possible. • Require facial coverings for students following Ohio's K-12 facial coverings order • Group students into smaller cohorts to limit contact between students 		Level 3 Recommendations include Level 1 & 2 PLUS: <p>Schools Remain Open</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Modify high risk classes such as band and choir if unable to maintain more than 6 feet social distancing between students or use an outdoor venue • Consider switching to remote learning 	Level 4 Recommendations include Level 1,2, & 3 PLUS: <p>Remote Learning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Switch to all remote learning for at least a 2-week period <p><i>Note: Current conditions and community data will guide decision-making as the school year progresses</i></p>
Child Care	Guidance and questions about Child Care can be directed to Allen County Department of Jobs and Family Services, Rachel Reed, Daycare Manager 419-999-0291.			

**All recommendations are subject to change.*

The levels are determined by county data that reflects the spread of the SARS-CoV-2 virus in Allen County. If we are trending upwards, we must act quickly to move the trend down to protect our health and keep our businesses and schools open.

Our actions today determine how many people will be affected in the coming weeks. **We need everyone to take action every day to slow the spread.**

For more information:

[Allen County Public Health](#)

[ODH Coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://odh.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

[CDC Coronavirus](#)