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Statement of Support for Statewide Mask Mandate
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“The Ohio Association of Foodbanks, representing a statewide network of 12 foodbanks and 3,600 hunger relief programs, fully supports Governor Mike DeWine’s statewide mask mandate. Ohioans have all made many sacrifices because of this pandemic, not the least of which are economic ones which have contributed to lost jobs, lost wages and trouble affording food. The smallest sacrifice we can each make is to don our mask to protect others, to prevent overflowing our hospitals and to keep more businesses, schools and workplaces open. We urge every foodbank supporter, donor, volunteer and customer to look at wearing a mask as an important part of our fight against historic levels of food insecurity. The more we can safely keep our economy running, the less long-term suffering ahead for our neighbors and friends.”

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About the Ohio Association of Foodbanks

The Ohio Association of Foodbanks is Ohio’s largest charitable response to hunger, representing Ohio’s 12 Feeding America foodbanks and 3,600 member charities including food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters. In SFY 2019, the association and its member foodbanks were able to acquire and distribute nearly 230 million pounds of food and grocery items. Follow the association on [Twitter](#), stay connected on [Facebook](#) and visit them on the web at www.ohiofoodbanks.org.

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