

COVID-19 Travel Advisory

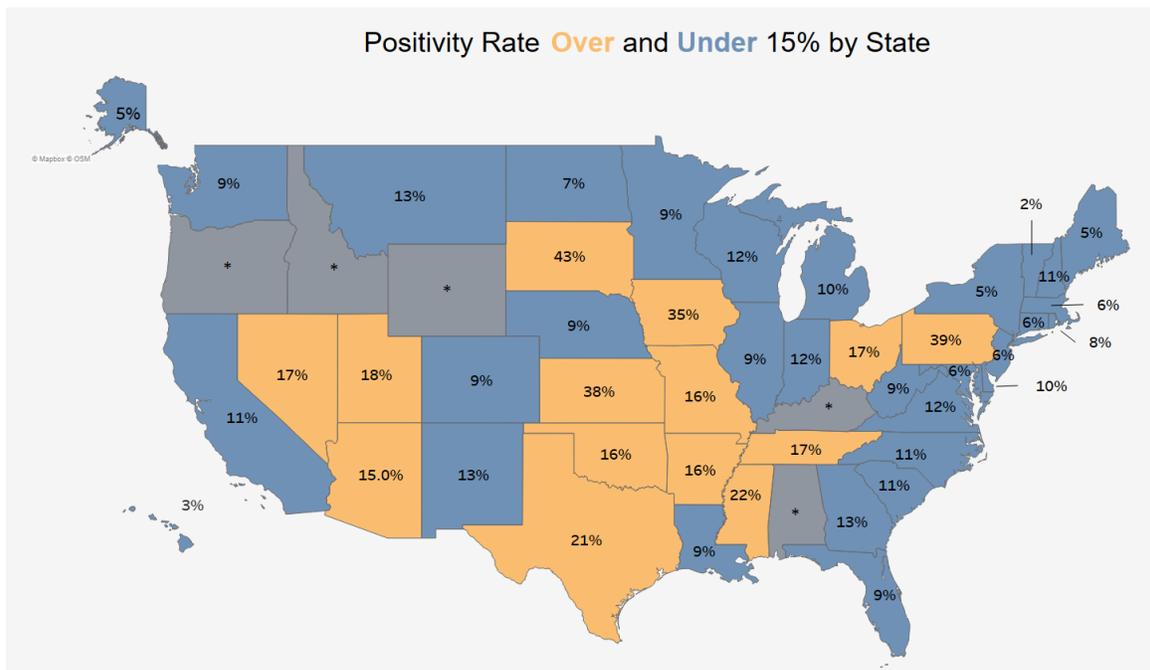
Protecting Against COVID-19

Those entering Ohio after travel to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

Positivity rate is an indicator of how much COVID-19 there is in a community, and ODH is recommending against travel to those states with high positivity. If someone must travel, ODH is recommending 14 days of self-quarantine after leaving those locations. This advisory is intended for both leisure and business travel, and should be heeded by both Ohioans and out-of-state travelers. It is intended as guidance and is not a mandate—please consider the information here along with other factors (mode of transportation, lodging, activities, ability to social distance when traveling, personal health factors, etc.) when making travel decisions for yourself and your family.

Positivity information for Ohio’s travel advisory is updated once a week on Wednesdays, using data from that Tuesday. Positivity rates may have changed since our most recent update.

Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates of December 16, the affected states are:



South Dakota	43.0%
Pennsylvania	39.2%
Kansas	38.0%
Iowa	35.4%
Mississippi	22.4%
Texas	21.0%
Utah	18.0%

Tennessee	17.3%
Nevada	17.1%
Ohio	17.0%
Oklahoma	16.4%
Arkansas	16.4%
Missouri	16.3%
Arizona	15.0%

Note: *Alabama, Idaho, Kentucky, Oregon, and Wyoming have all experienced recent reporting irregularities with the total numbers of tests performed, and we are not able to calculate accurate positivity rates.

What to Do During Self-Quarantine

- Take your temperature with a thermometer two times a day and monitor for fever, as well as other symptoms including cough, difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting, or diarrhea.
 - If fever and/or symptoms develop, call your medical provider.
- Remain at home and avoid all in-person activities. This includes work, grocery stores and pharmacies, public events and public places.
- If you live in a home with other people who did not travel with you, stay in a separate room. If this is not possible, wear a face mask when you are in the same room and stay at least six feet away from others.
- Do not leave home except to seek medical care. If you need to see a provider for reasons other than a medical emergency, please call in advance and discuss the care you need.
- In the event of a medical emergency, call 9-1-1. Indicate that you are in home quarantine for novel coronavirus exposure. Keep a face mask on until you are asked by a health care provider to remove it.
- Do not have visitors in your home.
- Do not use public transportation, taxis, or ride-shares.