Ohio Restaurant Association Statement on Statewide Mask Mandate

The Ohio Restaurant Association appreciates Governor DeWine’s leadership and fully supports his announcement today for a statewide mask mandate during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ohio’s restaurant, foodservice and hospitality industry has always been at the forefront of health and safety for its employees and guests. During the Coronavirus crisis, masks play an essential role in maintaining those high standards of safety as businesses work hard to operate safely, improve consumer confidence and provide valuable goods and services to Ohio’s communities.

Since its inception in early June, the Ohio Restaurant Promise, which was created in partnership with health officials and restaurateurs, has been signed by hundreds of owners and operators, and has touted the strong message that face coverings, worn by guests upon entering and exiting an establishment and in common areas, are critical to maintain a safe environment for employees and guests.

We’re confident that with the statewide mask mandate and continuing to meet social distancing requirements, Ohio’s restaurant and foodservice industry can safely remain open for employees and guests, provide delicious food and gracious hospitality, and grow our economy.

To read the Ohio Restaurant Promise: ohio.restaurantpromise.com

For additional Coronavirus resources: ohio.restaurant.org/coronavirusupdates

About Ohio Restaurant Association:

For 100 years, the Ohio Restaurant Association (ORA) has proudly served Ohio’s restaurant and foodservice industry, with their members always being their number one priority. Founded on thought leadership and focused on finding sound business solutions for their members, the ORA offers advocacy and education, events and programs. For more information, visit ohio.restaurant.org.

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