



Statement

Hotels are playing an active role in helping to keep our destinations safe and to fight the spread of all illnesses, including the coronavirus.

The risk of contact with coronavirus in any hotel is being mitigated through strict health safety practices and social distancing.

Hotel and lodging businesses follow strict cleaning and maintenance procedures and are stepping up protocols for hand washing, sterilization and other prevention steps.

Hotels have protocols available when guests become ill or feel they may have been exposed.

Coronavirus is a serious situation, but it is also important to view it in context as a public health threat that can be limited through appropriate steps. According to the Centers for Disease Control, as of Feb. 22, 2020, more than 32 million Americans had been infected with seasonal flu, and at least 18,000 people have died in the current flu season beginning in October.

Impact on events and travel

The CDC issued *Interim Guidance: Get Your Mass Gatherings or Large Events Ready for Coronavirus Disease* on March 3. It should be noted this advisory doesn't advocate cancelling events, but discusses plans and procedures. This information is available on the OHLA COVID-19 resource page.

In cases where coronavirus is impacting events and travel, hotels are working with guests as much as possible when their travel becomes impossible, illegal or commercially impracticable.

FOR MORE INFORMATION See links with daily updated information at www.ohiolodging.com/COVID19
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