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**Statement on Gov. DeWine's March 15 Announcement on the Closing
of Restaurants and Bars**

Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel issued this statement in response to the governor's announcement of the closing of restaurants and bars as of 9:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 15.

"The Ohio Chamber of Commerce commends the Governor for making the difficult decision to close all restaurants and bars across Ohio except for carryout orders. We know this difficult decision was made in consultation with leading health experts, including Dr. Amy Acton, who are recommending actions to keep Ohioans safe during this unprecedented time. We support Governor DeWine's decision because we believe taking steps now to confront the coronavirus will ultimately benefit our state by limiting the spread of the disease and enable Ohio to get back to normal sooner."

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