

HOW COLUMBUS IS RECOVERING

Updated as of March 2, 2021



HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE PERMITTED AT EVENTS IN COLUMBUS?

As Ohio continues reopening during the COVID-19 pandemic, mass gatherings are still prohibited where social distancing is not possible. New state mandates permit sports and entertainment venues to reopen with 25% of maximum indoor capacity and 30% maximum outdoor capacity, provided they follow established safety protocols such as social distancing and mask wearing. Venues may opt to follow their own attendance guidelines under this mandate.

PURSuing THE CITYWIDE GLOBAL CLEANLINESS ACCREDITATION

Columbus is one of the nation's only cities to lead a collaborative, citywide effort to pursue the Global Biorisk Advisory Council's (GBAC) STAR™ Accreditation. Seven local organizations are certified.



LIVE FORWARD PLEDGE

The new Live Forward Pledge ([link](#)) signifies an organization's health and safety protocols in agreement with federal, state and local guidelines. More than 200 local businesses have signed the Pledge ([link](#)).

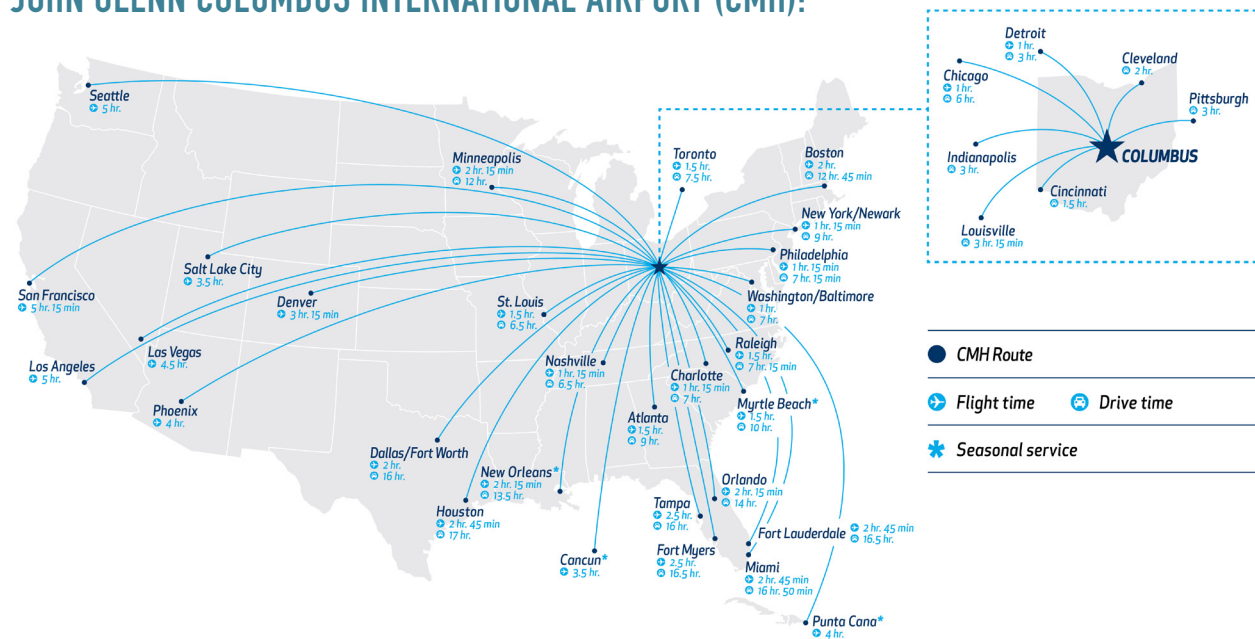


GETTING TO COLUMBUS

John Glenn Columbus International Airport is one of only four **GBAC STAR™ accredited** airports, health and safety are the highest priorities. Columbus is within 550 miles, just a one-day drive or one-hour flight, from nearly half of the U.S. population.

Major carriers (in order of passenger volume in 2018) that service serve John Glenn Columbus International Airport (CMH) are: Southwest, American, Delta, United, Spirit, Frontier and Air Canada. OneJet, Spirit Airlines and Alaska Airlines also service John Glenn International. Serving more than 8.1 million passengers in 2018, more than 150 daily flights currently depart CMH to 42 destinations nonstop.

JOHN GLENN COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT (CMH):



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BUSINESSES OPEN WITH PROTOCOLS

From Responsible RestartOhio, these are the five protocols for all businesses:

1. Require face coverings for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times.*
2. Conduct daily health assessments by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if "fit for duty."
3. Maintain good hygiene at all times – hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
4. Clean and sanitize workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.
5. Limit capacity to meet social distancing guidelines by establishing a maximum capacity and use appointments where possible to limit congestion.

** Use of masks is currently mandated in all indoor public spaces and transportation in Franklin County at all times.*

SPECIFIC HOTEL HEALTH AND SAFETY GUIDELINES

Columbus hotels are adhering to their national brand standards to keep you safe while you stay in our city.

Hilton: hilton.com/en/corporate/coronavirus

Hyatt: hyatt.com/en-US/info/coronavirus-statement?icamp=hy_cvstatement_jan2020_alertbanner_en

Drury: druryhotels.com/content/coronavirus-update

Marriott: marriott-re-2019ncovc.com

IHG: ihg.com/content/us/en/customer-care/travel-advisory

Graduate: graduatehotels.com/graduatecares

Red Roof: redroof.com/coronavirus-notice

AIRBNB: airbnb.com/resources/hosting-homes/t/coronavirus-updates-34

VIRTUAL IS IN OUR VOCABULARY

We have several partners that can support your virtual event needs, regardless of scale or requirements. Need an introduction? Experience Columbus has certified Digital Event Strategist (DES) to assist with these conversations.

- Bartha AV ([link](#))
- Bell Tree Productions ([link](#))
- Live Technologies ([link](#))
- Markey's Rental and Staging ([link](#))
- Mills James Productions* ([link](#))

**Mills James is the preferred production partner of the Greater Columbus Convention Center and is located in-house.*

