



# AMVETS

Department of Ohio

## For Immediate Release

To: AMVETS Family  
From: Commander Andrew McElrath  
Date: Monday, March 16, 2020

Re: COVID-19

In order to comply with Governor DeWine's order that all bars and restaurants be closed for social gathering purposes the AMVETS Department of Ohio is issuing the following Directives.

1. Effective March 15, 2020 at 2100 hours (9:00 p.m.) all posts with canteens and kitchens should cease operations completely until further notice. For posts with kitchens and a food service license they can continue to run their kitchens for call ahead carry out orders only. No alcohol should be sold unless your post has a carryout license and the alcohol should not be consumed on the post premises.
2. Effective Immediately all scheduled state of Ohio programs and events are hereby suspended until further notification by the Department. Separate releases concerning individual event will be sent as needed with complete details.

Posts are encouraged to continue their other community work, they just cannot be open for the purpose of congregating for food and alcohol. Post meetings can still be held if they are under 50 people, no alcohol should be sold before or after. Sick members should stay homes and members attending should be asked to check their temperatures before coming and if elevated stay home. In the department Constitution & By-Laws allows for business meetings to be hosted electronically and therefore posts should try to meet using an electronic option if possible. If assistance is needed setting up and electronic meeting please contact Don or Stefanie at department headquarters for assistance.

These efforts are being taken to protect our membership and eradicate this virus. If you have any other questions or concerns, please contact the department for resolution.

Respectfully,

Andrew McElrath  
Department Commander