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Coalition to Restore Liberty Urges Ohioans to ‘Show Face,’ Honor Choices

As states across the country open without restrictions, the CRL is encouraging Buckeyes to take back their freedom by respecting the rights of those who choose not to wear face masks

Ohio-wide, March 10, 2021 – Governors of several states including Texas and Mississippi recently announced they will resume *freedom* by allowing businesses to operate at full capacity and ending statewide mask mandates. Let’s make Ohio next! The Coalition to Restore Liberty (CRL) — an alliance of 13 organizations dedicated to raising awareness about the abuse of power by elected and un-elected officials under the guise of “protecting citizens” from COVID-19 — is advocating that patrons and businesses across the state honor each other’s choices regarding face masks. Local and state governments have been using business owners and fellow citizens far too long to “enforce” illegal, unconstitutional orders (not laws) that require face masks in public which, even according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), do not work. Amid mounting pressure, the CDC has finally admitted [face masks have had a negligible impact on COVID-19 numbers](#).

“Enough is enough. It’s time we respect each other’s choices to wear or not wear a mask,” said Tom Hach, executive director of Free Ohio Now, one of CRL’s member organizations. “It’s time we trust each other to exercise personal responsibility to make the best decisions for ourselves and our loved ones. That’s what makes this country great: We have choices. We do not need or want the government deciding ‘what’s best’ for us. We are perfectly capable of making our own decisions.”

“COVID-19 is real, but we’re not all at the same risk and the virus is not nearly as ‘fatal’ as we’ve been led to believe,” said Hach. The CDC recently updated its death counts for COVID-19, [revealing that COVID-caused deaths have been greatly exaggerated](#). Of the [517,000](#) deaths attributed to COVID-19, only 6% were actually caused by COVID-19 and the other 94% of patients who died already had a life-ending disease or were on hospice (terminally ill and expected to die).

“Why do Governor DeWine and the media pretend all of us are at the same risk for COVID-19 when the data clearly shows we are not?” Hach asked. “Why do they ignore the costs of their COVID-19 response, such as increased domestic abuse and suicide, sky-rocketing government debt, a devastated economy, high unemployment and, worst of all in my opinion, the emotional and academic suffering of our K-12 students? The face mask mandate has been misguided, heartless and cruel. We can protect those at risk while allowing the rest of us to lead normal lives.”

The fear-mongering perpetuated at the highest levels of leadership in Ohio must stop. Let’s work together — rather than social distance — to defend our rights. Said Hach: “The Coalition to Restore Liberty stands united in raising awareness, securing our freedom and honoring the rights of individual Ohioans to make their own informed choices regarding face masks.”

About the Coalition to Restore Liberty (CRL)

CRL is an alliance of 13 organizations — [All In Ohio](#), [Committee for a Better Ohio](#), [Free Ohio Now](#), [Health Freedom Ohio](#), [Lake County Liberty Coalition](#), [Moms Against DeWine \(MAD\)](#), [Ohio Advocates for Medical Freedom](#), [Ohio Patriots](#), [Ohio Solidarity](#), [Ohio Stands Up!](#), [Patriot America](#), [Patriots for Ohio](#) and [We the People Convention](#) — as well as Ohio small-business owners and citizens dedicated to educating and encouraging Ohioans to take back their liberty by standing up to the unlawful face mask mandate. CRL has developed educational materials regarding exemptions to the mask mandate and is asking all Ohioans to take these materials and engage with business owners to let them know they can respect the exemptions and still protect themselves and their businesses should “face mask” authorities question their practices. For more information, visit [freeohionow.com](#).

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