



“ACTION APRIL” Toolkit — COVID-19 Response

Created by the *Coalition to Stop the Inhumanity at the Cuyahoga County Jail*, *Ohio Immigrant Alliance* & Ohio-based organizers fighting mass incarceration, white supremacy, and class struggle. To get more involved, fill out [this google form](#) and we will be in touch!

WHAT: Pressure Gov DeWine, County Sheriffs in Ohio, and Director of Ohio Public Health Dr. Acton to immediately release all eligible detainees in Ohio jails, prisons, and detention centers; to make needed hygienic goods and health-related services free; and to guarantee clinical care for any one who contracts COVID-19 in Ohio’s carceral system. Ask your friends to join you and the Action April Campaign.

WHEN: Through the first half of April 2020

WHERE: Social Media platforms, calls to officials

CONTENT: [Social media graphics folder](#)

April 3rd — Twitter Storm

ASK Members/Public — Click to Tweet

*Participate in the Twitter storm starting **April 3rd at 1:30 pm** to pressure several elected officials* to address issues related to Ohio’s incarcerated & detained population before the state’s daily 2 pm press conference. All you have to do is pick then click the link to tweet! [Twitter graphics can be found here.](#)*

**See chart below for the Twitter usernames of electeds*

Elected Official	Name	Twitter Username
Ohio Governor	Mike DeWine	@GovMikeDeWine

Ohio Dept of Health Director	Dr. Amy Acton	@OHdeptofHealth @DrAmyActon
Butler County Sheriff	Richard Jones	@ButlerSheriff
Cuyahoga County Sheriff (Acting)	David Schilling	@CuyahogaSheriff
Franklin County Sheriff	Dallas Baldwin	@OHFCSO
Geauga County Sheriff	Scott A. Hildenbrand	@GeaugaSheriff
Morrow County Sheriff	John L. Hinton	@MorrowCountyHD
Seneca County Sheriff	William E. Eckelberry	@SenecaCountyOH

Click to Tweet:

- Every agency that incarcerates people in Ohio should make soap, hand sanitizer, healthcare & phone/video calls FREE for detainees. [#DetaineesDeserve](#)
[@butlersheriff](#) [@OHFCSO](#) [@GeaugaSheriff](#) [@CuyahogaSheriff](#)
[@SenecaCountyOH](#) [@MorrowCountyHD](#) [@GovMikeDeWine](#) [@DrAmyActon](#)
 - **Click to Tweet** — <https://ctt.ac/u0zDa>
- [.@DrAmyActon](#) Quarantine behind bars is a form of punishment known as solitary confinement. [#ClinicalCareNotConfinement](#)

Persons with [#COVID19](#) require care beyond what jails & detention facilities can provide & should be safely transferred to a local hospital. [#HospitalsNotTheHole](#)

 - **Click to Tweet** — <https://ctt.ac/cBGrd>
- URGENT: Call [@GovMikeDeWine](#) & [@OHdeptofhealth](#) [@DrAmyActon](#) on behalf of thousands of incarcerated Ohioans vulnerable to [#COVID19](#). Grant [#ClemencyNow](#) so that facilities can reduce the population & prevent an outbreak [#LetThemGo](#) [#FreeThemAll4PublicHealth](#) [#ReleaseDetaineesCOVID19](#)
 - **Click to Tweet** — <https://clicktotweet.com/kzn4y>
- Two top key preventative measures to [#FlattenTheCurve](#) of [#COVID19](#) are physical distancing & sanitation which contradict the close quarters & unsanitary conditions inside Ohio carceral facilities. [#DetaineesDeserve](#) the opportunity to protect themselves from the virus [@DrAmyActon](#)
 - **Click to Tweet** — <https://ctt.ac/pFUJ4>

April 6th — Call Your Governor/ Department of Health

ASK Members/Public —

Today we are leaving a message for the two top officials in Ohio who oversee this public health crisis. Below you will find the phone number and call script. It is the same for both of them.

**See chart below for the phone numbers of electeds*

Elected Official	Name	Phone #
Ohio Governor	Mike DeWine	1-833-427-5634 Press 0
Ohio Dept of Health Director	Dr. Amy Acton	same as above

Call Script #1 — Gov DeWine & Department of Health Director Dr. Acton

Hi, I am calling to leave a message for Gov. DeWine and Dir. Acton. My name is [name] and I am a resident of [County]. Can I leave a message for the Governor and Director?

I am very concerned that incarcerated people will face a COVID-19 outbreak in Ohio's jails, prisons, and detention centers.

Two top key preventative measures to contain this pandemic are physical distancing and sanitation, which contradict the standard conditions inside these facilities.

I really do not want Ohio jails, prisons, and detention centers to become incubators for the coronavirus in our community. I hope Governor DeWine will grant clemency wherever possible so that facilities can reduce population and Director Acton will ensure facilities have protocols to safely transfer any inmate with COVID-19 to a local hospital.

I hope you will consider my message. Thank you.

April 6th-9th — Text A Friend Outreach

ASK Members/Public — Text a Friend

Get your friends involved! There is nothing more effective than talking to the people in our lives who care about us and asking them to join in on taking action. Customize the text sample and send it to a friend to ask them to call Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Dept of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton.

Also, [sign up here](#) if you'd like to get more involved in this campaign and help shape its future!

Text Message Sample — #1

Hey [Friend's Name], I am really concerned about the issue of a potential COVID-19 outbreak inside prisons, jails, and detention centers in Ohio. Two top key preventative measures to contain this pandemic are physical distancing and sanitation, which contradict the standard conditions inside these facilities.

The more people speaking out the better. Will you help advocate with me to prevent Ohio jails, prisons, and detention centers from becoming incubators for the coronavirus in our community?

ANSWER YES:

Awesome! This past Monday I called Governor Dewine and the Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton with the message: Keep COVID-19 Out of Ohio's Jails, Prisons, and Detention Centers. Could you call tomorrow before the daily 2 pm COVID-19 press conference with the same message?

I can send you a call script if you'd like. Here are their phone numbers:*

Gov. Mike DeWine **1-833-427-5634**
Director Dr. Amy Acton **1-833-427-5634**

* Send phone script from the previous week if they answer yes.

April 13th — Call Your County Sheriff

ASK Members/Public —

Today we are leaving a message for our county sheriff. Below are several counties but not all. If yours is not here, google search or reach out to us. Thank you so much for participating in this phone bank.

**See chart below for the contact info of Sheriffs*

County	Sheriff	Phone #
Butler County	Richard Jones	513-785-1300

Cuyahoga County	David Schilling (Acting)	216-443-6000
Franklin County	Dallas Baldwin	614-525-3360
Geauga County	Scott A. Hildenbrand	440-279-2058
Morrow County	John L Hinton	419-946-4444
Seneca County	William E. Eckelberry	419-447-3456

Call Script #2 — County Sheriffs

Hi, I am calling for the office of [Sheriff Name]. My name is [Caller name] and I am a resident of [County]. Can I leave a message for the Sheriff?

I am very concerned about the health of incarcerated people at our county facility. Hygiene supplies, health care, video and phone calls should be free for detainees during the duration of this pandemic. Price-gouged commissary, copays, and phone and video service providers should not be allowed to take advantage of struggling families ever, and especially during this national emergency.

Also, quarantine behind bars is a form of punishment called solitary confinement, and detainees in the county jail deserve emergency clinical care! If anybody incarcerated becomes infected with Coronavirus, I ask your department to consider safely transferring them to the local hospital instead of allowing for low-quality treatment procedures inside. This will save lives and prevent psychological distress compounded by COVID-19.

We appreciate your efforts and thank you for hearing my message.

April 15th — Facebook Friend Outreach

ASK to Members/Public —

Support the movement for #ClemencyNow to help prevent an outbreak of #COVID19 inside Ohio's jails, prisons, and detention centers! Today we're inviting Facebook friends to take action. Below the chart, you will see 3 different Facebook posts that pressure elected officials who are accountable for the health and safety of incarcerated people in Ohio. Copy, paste & customize any or all of them and share it to your timeline or story!

[**Facebook graphics here.**](#)

**See chart below for Facebook handles*

Elected Official	Name	Facebook Tag
Ohio Governor	Mike DeWine	@GovMikeDeWine
Ohio Dept of Health Director	Dr. Amy Acton	@OHdeptofhealth
Butler County Sheriff	Richard Jones	@ButlerCountySO
Cuyahoga County Sheriff	David Schilling (Acting)	@CuyahogaCountySheriff
Franklin County Sheriff	Dallas Baldwin	@OHFCSO @dallasbaldwinforsheriff
Geauga County Sheriff	Scott A. Hildenbrand	@hildenbrandforsheriff
Morrow County Sheriff	John L Hinton	@MorrowCountySheriffsOffice
Seneca County Sheriff	William E. Eckelberry	#SenecaCountySheriffsOffice

[Facebook graphics here.](#)

Facebook Sample Post —

To Gov Dewine:

- Physical distancing in the era of mass incarceration is a nonstarter. I want [@GovMikeDeWine](#) to respond to #COVID19 by immediately and dramatically reducing the number of people in jails, prisons, and detention centers.

Join me in calling Governor Mike DeWine (1-833-427-5634) with this message TODAY!
#FlattenTheCurve #ClemencyNow

To Sheriffs:

- Despite the Coronavirus pandemic, detainees in Ohio may be forced to pay inflated prices for hygiene supplies, medical services, and video/phone calls. I want counties across Ohio [#SenecaCountySheriffsOffice](#) [@MorrowCountySheriffsOffice](#) [@hildenbrandforsheriff](#) [@OHFCSO](#) [@dallasbaldwinforsheriff](#) [@CuyahogaCountySheriff](#) [@ButlerCountySO](#) to make soap, health care, and video/phone calls free in the name of public health! Price-gouging should not be allowed to take advantage of struggling families ever, but especially not now. #FlattenTheCurve #FreeSoap4TheUnfree #FreeCalls4TheUnfree #FreeHealthcare4theUnfree

To Dr. Acton:

- We cannot allow Ohio jails, prisons, and detention centers to be incubators for Coronavirus in our community. These facilities are not equipped to care for patients with #COVID19. And quarantine behind bars is a form of punishment known as solitary confinement. I want @OHdeptofhealth Dr. Amy Acton to ensure #ClinicalCareNotConfinement for detainees in Ohio. #DetaineesDeserve #HospitalsNotTheHole and should be safely transferred to a local hospital upon testing positive for COVID-19.

Take action with me by calling Dr. Acton at 1-833-427-5634 with this message TODAY!
#FlattenTheCurve