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Statement on Gov. DeWine's November 17 Announcement on the Temporary Curfew

The following joint statement was issued by Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel and Ohio Manufacturers' Association President Eric Burkland regarding Gov. Mike DeWine's temporary curfew announcement.

"We know coronavirus cases are surging, and our hospitals are expressing serious concern over increasing COVD-19 hospitalization trends. Our member businesses are also beginning to experience workforce challenges due to sick or quarantined workers. However, evidence indicates the spread is not occurring in workplaces, where employers have instituted a variety of effective health and safety precautions.

Shutting down our economy again, or even closing certain businesses altogether, is definitely <u>not</u> the solution. A temporary curfew may be the least disruptive option to our recovering economy that can be taken right now to give our health care providers necessary breathing room. All Ohioans must also take seriously their responsibility to help stop the spread."