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## COVID-19 & The Columbus Division of Police

The Columbus Division of Police continues to be proactive in balancing the safety of our officers and our city as the State of Ohio takes daily measures to ensure everyone's wellbeing.

In an effort to reduce the risk of community spread of the COVID-19 virus, we are encouraging everyone with the ability to complete police reports online to do so through our website:

[www.columbus.gov/police](http://www.columbus.gov/police).

For those who do not have internet access, CPD's Communications Bureau, which takes 911 and non-emergency calls (614-645-4545), will be screening requests for reports and forwarding many to a call bank comprised of police officers. These officers, not assigned to patrol and reassigned to do this work, will be able to speak with callers and gather the information to take appropriate reports. Reports will be investigated using out existing practices. This call bank of officers will be available seven days a week from 8:00 A.M. until 8:00 P.M. until further notice.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in assisting us with limiting the possibility of spreading the coronavirus.

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