


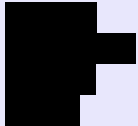
4982	Closed	Church	Corner of flickinger and Sanitarium [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]; 7/11/2020	Wedding couple hundred people not 6ft apart and nobody wearing a mask	andrew [REDACTED]	No facility name or address - possible Lakemore United. Complaint not valid. Wedding services permitted. Mask order not in place at time of complaint.	no	no	anonymous	7/21/20
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5015	Complainant Outreach	Lakeview Christian Church	[REDACTED] Akron 44319	Ryan Costlow [REDACTED] 2	7/12/2020	andrew [REDACTED]	7/21/2020	Discussed complaint with Sue - secretary - Minister is out of Town. She will dicuss with him and Darrell (2nd. in command?) and one of them may call back to discuss or with questions.	no	no	
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5026	Closed	Redemption Chapel	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]; 7/12/2020	Unfortunately this church is continuing to refuse safe social-distancing practices & is not only not requiring face masks, but is indirectly encouraging members/visitors to show up w/out a facemask by saying if they do so, they will just assume they	andrew [REDACTED]	7/21/2020	Spoke with manager Wendy - secretary - she thought Austin would be who to talk to but hes on vacation until next week. Discused complaint with Wendy and	no	no	anonymous	7/21/20
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					<p>have health risks that prevent them from wearing one. They posted this on their FB page & went as far as quoting the Bible as a source so they won't be called out for not adhering to state guidelines. They also shared a picture of a very large group of kids packed together saying they were leaving for a missions trip, with only one child wearing a facemask.</p>						<p>asked that if Austin had any questions to please call. Mask order in effect. everyone but those that can't for one of the reasons in the order or the officiant. 7/23/20 - spoke with pastor Rick they are following all orders.</p>							
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5490	Closed	Highpoint church		; 7/16/2020	<p>Letting a b-ball team have a tournament there 7/18 -7/19 kids 3rd through 10th grade multiple teams boys and girls. Orders for contact sports play expired on 7/15. Multiple facilities through summit and Stark County. Varsity athletic Club (VAC) are the sponsors link to schedule varsityac.com.</p>							Orders extended to 7/22						
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5612	Closed	St. Sabastian's Catholic Church		; 7/17/2020	<p>The parrish has a sign requiring masks, but the priest put up a sign saying if you</p>	andrew 	2/21/2020	<p>spoke with Kathy about complaint - father Vallenchech (sp?) not in today. Will relay info. Thnak us for calling. Believes he will take</p>	no	no			anonymous	7/21/20				
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						choose not to wear masks you can just sit in a certain area. So they are not adhering to the mask rule.					down the sign saying if you don't want to wear one then you have to sit over here and just go with the masks are required. Let my name and number incase he wants to discuss further.								
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5736	Complainant Outreach	St Joseph Catholic Church	[Redacted]	Gerard Tarr	[Redacted]	7/19/2020	Again this morning at 8 am mass I noticed more than 10 people not wearing masks. Since my Pastor Fr. Jared Orndorff is not enforcing the mask rule am I able to issue Citations to individuals for not following the law?	[Redacted]	andrew [Redacted]	7/21/2020	spoke with Mellisa about complaint Fr. Jared not in. Have signs up that stae mask mandate, supply mask to those that don't have one, but don't turn away those that don't want to wear one - per Catholic diocese. Will work on getting only those that can't wear one to wear one.	no	no						
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5762	Close d	Compass North Church	[Redacted]	[Redacted];	7/19/2020	The church has advised its members that they may remove masks once they are [Redacted]	andrew [Redacted]	[Redacted]	7/21/2020	spoke with Kelly - Pastor Joe	[Redacted]	anonymou s	7/21/2020						
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not available. The high 5 was unintentional - it was something they did pre-covid and it just happened. They were under the wrong impression with the masks and thought as long as families were socially distanced once seated that they could remove masks. they now understand that unless a person has one of the reasons why they don't have to wear one that they have to

										have one on and they need to socially distance. Discussed performers and that they also need to be SD and wear masks.		
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5800	Closed	First Apostolic Church Tallmade		; 7/20/2020	Attendants are not wearing masks at all - you can even see it on their Facebook live stream of services. There is a family that tested positive and has still been attending services and	andrew	7/21/2020	Discussed complaint with Ken Bulgrin - Pastor. he stated taht they have have signs posted about mask order. people are required to wear a mask if they can't they need to do online services. have a area for high risk. If you or	no	no	anonymous	7/21/20
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614 8	Complainant Outreach	Redeemer Church PCA	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/24/2020	Gathering of people inside church at observed at 5:20 pm 7/24. Full parking lot. No masks AT ALL.	andre w [REDACTED]	8/4/2020	discussed complaint with Senior Pastor. everyone wears masks. they have masks for those that don't have one. every other pew being used. families are at least 6' apart. fellowship hall being used - live stream for those that can't fit in main church. have a couple folks that	n	n	[REDACTED]	anonymou s	8/4/20
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								enforce mask requirements at all and the attendees are not wearing masks.			address if we continue to receive complaints at this facility						
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6283	Complaint Outreach	St. Hilarys Church	[REDACTED]	Mark [REDACTED]	7/27/2020	Church held a large wedding over the weekend, no social distancing or precautions of any kind. Wanted to report even though weddings are exempt.	Julie [REDACTED]	8/4/2020	Spoke w/ church office, who took my name & number to have the business manager call me back // spoke w/ business manager, he reported that they are following all the precautions including social distancing (sections are sectioned off), cleaning, sanitizing, masks, etc. Email lcamerato@sthilarychurch.org if we get additional complaints								8/4/2020
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6286	Closed	The Refuge	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/27/2020	The church is not requiring attendees to wear masks.	Julie [REDACTED]	8/4/2020	Spoke w/ Bill, pastor. He reported that they hand out masks to those who do not have one and encourage mask wearing... however they also provide food/drinks during service so there are times where people are not wearing masks because of this.								
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6369	Closed	Grace Church	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	7/28/2020	Mask are not required while attending church service.			See line 5610								
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6430	Closed	St. Sebastian Parish	[REDACTED]	Meghan Lugo	; 7/29/2020	<p>As I was driving by St. Sebastian's today, I noticed a large group of children being observed by adults who were not social distancing and were not wearing masks. Generally, St. Sebastian doesn't seem to be following good practices either--like distributing Holy Communion on the tongue to people who want it, not doing socially distanced exits or seating during mass, etc.--but I understand that religious institutions have different obligations when it comes to complying with these rules. However, I do believe that what I witnessed today was a childcare program and not mass or bible study. For the record, I am a Catholic, I drive by this church every day, and we livestream their masses. That is how I know about these particular concerning behaviors.</p>	Julie [REDACTED]	8/5/2020	<p>Spoke w/ Melissa. She reported that what complaintant most likely saw was bible study, children are grouped together by family with their parents and socially distant from others. Church is following reccomendations including having outdoor mass, requiring masks, communion on tounge is optional, social distancing, hand sanitizer, etc.</p>				
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6541	Closed	Really recovered	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	; 7/30/2020	Really recovered is a church for recovering addicts. Also has two sober houses in Akron. Do not promote masks or social distancing at all has been open through whole Covid time.	Julie [REDACTED]	8/5/2020	Spoke w/ Ken, he reported that they are a nonpublic, church organization. They are unique and not a typical business - provide housing for addicts. They promote masks and social distancing as much as possible... not necessarily required in the houses, at that point they are household members. Additionally, many individuals have health issues where they cannot wear a mask.							
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6575	Complainant Outreach	St Paul Church	[REDACTED]	Judy Joseph	[REDACTED]	7/31/2020	People continue to come to mass without a mask!!	Bryan Jividen	8/7/2020	Called & spoke to a person in the Rectory and she said that masks are offered, noone is turned away. She will let Father Pfeiffer know about the complaint.	NO	NO					
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6626	Closed	At	No facility add [REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	; 8/1/2020	Wedding and reception at first lodge park and the church across the street on mull Ave. no masks no social distancing. Probably 100 people or more in attendance	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	No info- no one to contact							
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6665	Lakeview Christian Church	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	Ryan Costlow	3305182902	8/2/2020	The church is allowing congregants to discard their face mask throughout the service. Several sets of chairs do not allow 6 feet of distance. This means that masks and social distancing is not happening at this church. This non-compliance has been continuous since they started to meet again end of June.	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]								
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6685	Complainant Outreach	St Joseph	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	8/3/2020	This is my second complaint I	NO	Paul [REDACTED]	8/11/2020	This facility was	NO	NO				
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would very much like my complaint acknowledged and I have no problem if anyone knows who filed this complaint. I have E'mailed and spoken to the pastor Fr Jared to ask that the directors order for those over the age of 10 be enforced by him as the leader of our parish. He has declined my request.

Yesterday at 8am mass there were several individuals and families over the age of 10 not wearing a mask

I stopped a Cuyahoga Falls, Policeman who was sympathetic

recently contacted by Andrew Harris. See complaint #5736.

													and agreed with my concerns however he said they are not enforcing this order it is the Health Departments responsibility. Please confirm this complaint and please let me know how I can help
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6819	Closed	St. Sebastian Church	[REDACTED]	; 8/5/2020	A parishioner called in to report that the pastor of the church is allowing people to come in and worship without wearing mask. Client stated that this happens at all church services. Client stated that the pastor allows people to sit in a section of the church without mask, often times composed of large families with young children. Client stated that she streams services from home and wants to go back to the church, but for the last three weeks this has been going on, delaying her return. Client wants SCHD to enforce the Covid-19 mandates of the governor. Client wished to remain anonymous with her complaint.	Julie [REDACTED]	8/5/2020	Spoke w/ church about COVID requirements earlier today (see line 6430)
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6823	Community Vineyard Church	[REDACTED]	; 8/5/2020	Folks at the church are not wearing masks and are telling people they don't have to wear them.
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6826	Grace Church	[REDACTED]	; 8/5/2020	They are having camps and the kids are in groups indoors not wearing masks.
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6853	Community Vineyard Church		anon	; 8/6/2020	Meeting for service on Sundays, not following facial covering order.															
6862	Closed	Grace Church Sports Camp		; 8/6/2020	The Grace church camps are not requiring kids to wear masks; they say the kids are wearing masks but if you visit the camps most kids are not wearing masks. They have no plans for social distancing when kids are inside on rain days; again they say they are social distancing, but there are a hundred plus kids so it is not happening. Please visit the camps to see the violations! An Outbreak waiting to happen!!	8/7/2020	Tom Campensa called and left a voice message for the camp manager to call to discuss their plans and requirements for social distancing and face masks during the camp operations.													
7056	Charity Missionary Baptist Church		Linda Sprouse		8/11/2020	They claim tk be 'protesting sin' by not keeping 6ft apart.. not wearing masks.. hugging everyone.. & a lady just tested positive a few days ago														

Hi Lance,

I had our team pull some data. This is what we have gotten for complaints in churches since the statewide mask mandate:

- Since 7/24 complaints on churches -14
- complaint on wedding at church-1
- complaint on sports at church- 1

There were two churches where we had a complaint we addressed in Stow. Both were with a phone call to the facility. The first entry is the complaint and last entry is the sanitarian's notes. Basically we have been explaining the requirements and assisting with ideas to improve. I would say it is intermittent, but honestly churches are not the bulk of our complaints. Honestly the complaints are

everywhere for no mask (bars, restaurants, stores, gas stations). Please let us know if we can help in any other way and we appreciate the letter sent!

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6151	Closed	[REDACTED] Church of the Nazarene	[REDACTED]	; 7/24/2020	Social distancing is not enforced. The past several weeks the mask mandate has been ignored. The pastor is telling all in attendance to wear masks when they walk in and out, and take them off during service.	andrew [REDACTED]	8/4/2020	discussed complaint with pastor Abraham. they require masks, they have masks for those that don't have one. they have hand sanitizing stations. they have air purifiers. they have seating set up to practice SD. they do have some parishioners that will take their mask off once they sit down - mostly elderly folks. they do tell folks to wear masks but they aren't going to throw someone out that takes off their mask. the church is cleaned before and after each service. also have live streaming.
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Good afternoon – to two of my favorite health commissioners! Really!

Got word about some churches – Cleveland first Baptist and another in Stow – that may have received letters or calls from health departments about wearing masks.

Do you have any examples of letters or communications on this issue? I have also heard that mask wearing is intermittent among congregants.

Thanks, Lance

~~Lance D. Himes~~

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