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**Joint Statement from Governor DeWine and Secretary LaRose on
Ohio Primary**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose issued the following joint statement:

"The only thing more important than a free and fair election is the health and safety of Ohioans. The Ohio Department of Health and the CDC have advised against anyone gathering in groups larger than 50 people, which will occur if the election goes forward. Additionally, Ohioans over 65 and those with certain health conditions have been advised to limit their nonessential contact with others, affecting their ability to vote or serve as poll workers. Logistically, under these extraordinary circumstances, it simply isn't possible to hold an election tomorrow that will be considered legitimate by Ohioans. They mustn't be forced to choose between their health and exercising their constitutional rights."

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