



Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management



2024 Solar Eclipse Planning Bulletin

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Solar Eclipse Planning Resources Available Online

On Monday, April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will be visible in Delaware County and other areas within a 124-mile-wide swath of Ohio. State planners anticipate that those travelling to and through Delaware County could double the county's population on the day of the eclipse.

The Delaware County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DCOHSEM) is working with a variety of governmental and private-sector stakeholders to ensure that plans are in place to address this influx of visitors and the potential strain on resources and emergency response services.

Each month before the eclipse, DCOHSEM, in coordination with this local group of planners, will issue advisory bulletins to guide the planning efforts of individuals and organizations who may be impacted by this event. Monthly bulletins can be viewed on an eclipse-specific webpage launched today and accessible at <https://co.delaware.oh.us/2024solareclipse/>

This one-stop shop for eclipse information directs visitors to county- and state-specific resources for residents, visitors, businesses, schools and other entities—such as temporarily licensed food vendors—doing business in the county during the eclipse. Visitors can also sign up to receive email notifications when a new planning bulletin is issued.

Initial considerations:

- Many people are expected to travel to Delaware County to view the eclipse, and area hotels have already seen an influx of bookings on days surrounding the eclipse.
- Other travel amenities including food and fuel may experience increased demand that leads to shortages.
- Local school districts will be closed or operating under a distance-learning plan on the day of the eclipse.
- Delaware County and the State of Ohio are encouraging people to come early and stay late, as there will likely be heavy traffic on the day of the event.
- Patrons, employees and others may experience increased travel times on the day of the eclipse.

What can you do now?

Start planning ahead by considering the following questions this month:

- Does your schedule on April 8, 2024, allow for the potential increase in local travel times?
- Will you have the amenities you need before the event? Can you order supplies ahead or have them delivered on a different day?
- Do you need to increase staffing to accommodate the influx of visitors to Delaware County?
- Do you need additional supplies or stock to account for the potential increase in demand?

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