

FOR EMPLOYERS



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On Monday, April 8, 2024, weather permitting, nearly all 50 U.S. states will experience at least a partial solar eclipse. Solar eclipses occur when the moon moves between the sun and the earth. The moon causes the light of the sun to be blocked from reaching earth, casting a shadow on earth. A total solar eclipse is when the moon appears to totally obscure the sun.

Total solar eclipses are rare and spectacular events. Only 21 total solar eclipses have ever crossed the lower 48 states. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806 and the next total solar eclipse in Ohio will be in 2099. Hancock County will have particularly breathtaking views, as the path of totality crosses right along the southeast corner of the county.

THIS IS TRULY A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME EVENT!

SAFETY IS THE NUMBER ONE PRIORITY WHEN VIEWING AND PLANNING FOR A TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE



Because Findlay and Hancock County are expected to present such great viewing opportunities, it is expected that the local population could triple or quadruple in the days leading up to and following April 8, 2024. This could result in extreme demands and stresses on local infrastructure and services including hotels, campsites, food, water, restaurants, utilities, law enforcement, fire services, EMS, hospitals, gas stations, etc. Community partners in Hancock County have been working together for years to be as prepared as possible to handle the many challenges that may present with this event.

PATH OF TOTAL ECLIPSE THROUGH OHIO

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SOLAR ECLIPSE PLANNING CONSIDERATIONS FOR EMPLOYERS & GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS TO SHARE WITH STAFF

- From beginning to end (partial to totality to partial), the eclipse will be happening in our area from roughly 2-4:30pm, with traffic disruptions expecting to last long into the evening. Will normal shifts need to be adjusted that day so staff isn't commuting during those hours?
- All Hancock County school are closed or remote learning that day, along with many daycares and preschools. Will this affect staffing?
- Recommend staff coordinate for childcare (and backup childcare) well in advance.
- If possible, do not schedule any appointments or meetings for that day.
- Fill up your gas tank prior to the weekend and have a spare gas can filled up at home for back-up.
- Visit the grocery store to stock up on essentials prior to Thursday, April 4th. This is when tourists are expected to start coming into the area.
- Make sure to have prescription medications filled ahead of time and enough to last through the week.
- Be aware that cell phone towers may be down that day due to the influx of people into the area. Consider alternate means of communication with family, your employees, or your employer.
- Have a plan for safely viewing the eclipse and be educated on the symptoms of solar retinopathy.