



Promoting the health and welfare of people with developmental disabilities wherever they choose to live, work, and spend their day.

On Monday, April 8, 2024, parts of Ohio will be in the path of a total solar eclipse. A total eclipse occurs when the moon appears to totally obscure the sun. The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806. The next one won't occur until 2099.

When is it?

Starting at approximately 3 PM EDT, you will be able to watch as the moon slowly covers the sun, leading up to a 4-minute window of "totality" in some parts of Ohio anticipated to start at 3:15 PM EDT. During this time, the moon will completely cover the sun.

Safe Eclipse Viewing

It is never safe to look directly at the sun without the appropriate eye protection. It is safe to view the eclipse with specially designed "eclipse glasses." Homemade filters and ordinary sunglasses, even very dark ones, are not safe for looking at the sun. Viewers should ensure they have appropriate eyewear for eclipse viewing. Glasses should meet the ISO 12312-2 international standard. You can find information and answers to common safety questions on many pages, including;

- [The Ohio Emergency Management Association Eclipse Page](#)
- [The NASA Solar Eclipse Web Site](#)
- [The National Park Service's Eclipse Safety Page](#)



What to Expect

On the day of the eclipse, many communities in the path of the eclipse will see heavy tourist traffic. We encourage people to view the eclipse from open spaces closer to home if possible. If you do decide to view the eclipse in your community, be sure to plan ahead:

- We expect heavy traffic and long waits on local roadways that day. Please be patient and courteous while driving.
- Consider carpooling, and try to have plenty of gas or charge for your vehicle if you plan to drive.
- Bring plenty of food and water.

DSPs should consider the following if they are supporting someone on the day of the eclipse:

- Considering rescheduling any unnecessary appointments that day (please refer to the advise of healthcare professionals for medical appointments).
- Check with the person's place of employment or day program to see if they will be open that day and ensure necessary supports are in place if the person will not be at work or day program.
- Ensure adequate food supplies in the home.
- Ensure adequate medications for the day.
- Be prepared for Internet and cell phone interruptions.
- Anticipate scheduling needs (ie; shift change during the time of eclipse).
- Contact local EMA if you have questions - [Ohio EMA Directory](#).

