



# Total Eclipse

Monday, April 8

## Things to Know!

A total solar eclipse happens when the moon completely blocks the sun's bright face, known as totality, briefly turning day into night.

It's essential to view the eclipse safely: the only safe way to look directly at the sun during an eclipse is through special-purpose solar filters, such as eclipse glasses or handheld solar viewers.

## Why the Solar Eclipse Impacts Us

A substantial part of Ohio will be in the path of totality for the upcoming solar eclipse on Monday, April 8, 2024.

This means many areas throughout Ohio could see a notable rise in visitors, which might bring about specific challenges. **These challenges could include heavy traffic, overloaded cell phone towers resulting in limited service, and possible shortages of supplies such as gasoline.** To avoid any issues during the solar eclipse, we invite you or your loved ones to review and consider the following information to ensure your safety and comfort during this once-in-a-lifetime event.

## How to Prepare for the Eclipse

We suggest you plan for the solar eclipse as you might for a significant winter storm.

- Your care team will prepare for any anticipated needs and help you develop a plan for the day of the eclipse on Monday, April 8.
- If you have any supplies, medication, or other needs, please contact your care team before April 5 so that you have enough of any needed items to last through Wednesday, April 10.
- Fill up your gas tank in your car.
- Have cash on hand if credit/debit cards do not work or ATMs are offline.
- Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) encourages all travelers to prioritize safety by preparing a vehicle kit. This kit should include essential items such as snacks, drinks, cash, cell phone chargers and blankets.

## Things to be Aware of on the Day of the Eclipse

**Cell phone service may be limited.** If you cannot reach Ohio's Hospice and there is an emergency, please call 911.

Be aware that **our visit response times could be delayed** due to traffic congestion in some areas.

Deliveries from Enclara Pharmacy or for medical supplies may be delayed until Wednesday, April 10.

**An online version of this document and resources for you and your family are available online at:**

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