

# OHIO STATE EMERGENCY COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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**TO:** All Ohio EAS Participants

**FROM:** Greg Savoldi, Vice President Engineering/Regional Lead, iHeart Media  
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**DATE:** March 19, 2020

**RE:** Time Change for March RMT and Event Codes

Hello from Columbus!

You've seen it on traffic boards across the state: "We're in this together." Two items for your information:

**1-** In a 'typical' March, our RMT does not fall on the second Wednesday of the month. Rather, we synchronize with NOAA during the annual Tornado Safety Drill, in coordination with Severe Weather Awareness Week in Ohio. That test was slated for next Wednesday, 3/25/20, at 9:50 a.m.

The state has cancelled the Tornado Safety Drill. However, we still need to fulfill our EAS RMT requirements, so will do so in the middle of the night to minimize listener and viewer impact. Therefore, I am **moving the RMT to 3:50 a.m. (instead of 9:50 a.m.) on Wednesday, March 25, 2020.**

**All stations and cable operators should notify your traffic departments of this change for log-scheduling purposes.**

**2-** Per the State of Ohio EAS Plan approved by the FCC in 2019, there is a series of EAS EVENT CODES all operators are expected to have loaded in their EAS device; set for automatic relay or logging. As we move through the days ahead with COVID-19, we may experience the use of (but not limited to) the following codes:

- ***CDW – Civil Danger Warning***
- ***CEM – Civil Emergency Message***
- ***SPW – Shelter In Place Warning***

Please refer to page 4 of the State EAS Plan for a list of ALL event codes that should be in your ENDEC device. You can find the plan on the OAB website: <https://oab.org/engineering/emergency-alert-system/>

***Please confirm your EAS device has CDW, CEM and SPW loaded and set for AUTOMATIC RELAY with NO delay.***

On behalf of the State Emergency Communications Committee and the Ohio Association of Broadcasters, we thank you for your participation and patience in the days ahead. If you have questions or need additional information, you can reach me at [gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com](mailto:gregsavoldi@iheartmedia.com).