



# TOTAL SOLAR ECLIPSE

APRIL 8, 2024

## Childcare Centers

### Total Solar Eclipse Basics

- On Monday April 8th, 2024 around 3pm people within Butler County will experience a total solar eclipse for 2.5-3 minutes
- The last total solar eclipse visible in Ohio was in 1806
- Large crowds are expected to show up for this once-in-a-lifetime event which may impact traffic, cell phone service, and even wi-fi

### Things to Consider for Childcare Centers

- Review the safety information found here: [science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety](https://science.nasa.gov/eclipses/future-eclipses/eclipse-2024/safety)
- Educate staff on the importance of eye safety for themselves and the children during a solar eclipse
- Avoid field trips on the day of the event, especially in the afternoon
- Expect traffic to cause the following issues:
  - Delays in employee arrival for afternoon/evening shifts
  - Delays in child pickup
- Sending information to families about the eclipse may help them plan for traffic and adjust their schedules for pickup if possible
- Consider expanding pickup hours to account for likely delays
- Consider altering outdoor play schedules to avoid the hours of 2PM - 430PM

### Quick Facts

Monday April 8th, 2024

Partial begins: ~2PM  
Totality begins: ~3PM  
Partial ends: ~430PM

Look for ISO-12312-2 compliant lenses

### Links

[eclipse.ohio.gov](https://eclipse.ohio.gov)

[health.bcohoio.gov/solar-eclipse\\_2024](https://health.bcohoio.gov/solar-eclipse_2024)

