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OHIO COVID-19 UPDATE

March 19, 2020

BY THE NUMBERS

24
counties*

119
confirmed cases in
Ohio

33
hospitalizations

*Counties impacted and case number: Ashland (1), Belmont (2), Butler (8), Clark (1), Coshocton (2), Cuyahoga (53), Darke (1), Delaware (2), Franklin (10), Geauga (1), Hamilton (1), Huron (1), Lake (2), Lorain (6), Lucas (1), Mahoning (5), Medina (5), Miami (1), Montgomery (1), Richland (1), Stark (5), Summit (6), Trumbull (2), Tuscarawas (1)

These numbers are updated every day at 2pm EST on www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

THE LATEST NEWS

Governor DeWine, Director Acton and others are providing daily press conferences at 2:00pm to update Ohioans (except Sunday unless necessary). The main takeaways from their press briefing will be included below. You can watch live at www.ohiochannel.org.

ADMINISTRATION: Governor DeWine has activated approximately 300 Ohio National Guard personnel to support the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Association of Foodbanks by transporting, packaging and distributing food.

Director Corcoran announced an order that will be signed to drastically expand the ability to use Medicaid to access health services using telehealth in order to reduce the strain on the health care system and to reduce in-person contact. Private insurance companies are also following suit.

COURTS: Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor urged courts to limit dockets to close for non-essential purposes, and to lower bonds to minimize jail populations. The Supreme Court will offer \$4M in grants to help local courts obtain video conferencing equipment.

UNEMPLOYMENT: With scores of businesses closed or reducing services due to coronavirus, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 111,055



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unemployment claims were filed from Sunday, March 15 to Wednesday, March 18. The previous week saw less than 4,000 claims filed between Sunday, March 8 and Wednesday, March 11.

Newest information is highlighted in yellow

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

- March 19** – Executive Order: Expand Access to Telemedicine for Medicaid Population
- March 17 – [Executive Order: Allowing Temporary Child Care Facilities for Health Care Employees](#)
- March 17 – [Department of Health Order: Non-Essential Surgeries in Hospitals](#)
- March 16 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Polling Locations](#)
- March 16 – [Department of Health Order: Prohibit Mass Gatherings of 50 or more](#)
- March 16 – Closure of Gyms, bowling alleys, public recreation centers, movie theaters, indoor water parks and indoor trampoline parks
- March 16 – [Executive Order: Lifting Certain Unemployment Compensation Benefit Restrictions During an Emergency](#)
- March 15 – [Department of Health Order: Closing Restaurants & Bars, with Exception of Carry-Out & Delivery](#)
- March 13** – [Joint Director Order: Amended Order Prohibiting Access to Nursing Homes for Visitors, Non-Essential Personnel](#)
- March 11 – [Joint Directors Orders: Limiting Access to Ohio Nursing Homes](#)
- March 9 – [Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio](#)

OHIO TIMELINE

March 19 – cases increase to 119; Ohio's unemployment nearly triples in one week; courts urged to close for non-essential operations and to limit jail population through reducing bonds; Ohio's request for small business disaster loans is approved; telemedicine expansion order announced

March 18 – cases increase to 88; BMV's will close with the exception of 8 which will only issue CDL's which are listed below; nail, hair and tattoo salons are asked to close

Central Ohio:

Deputy Registrar – 4503 Kenny Road, Columbus 43220

Driver Exam Station – 4738 Cemetery Road, Columbus 43026



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Northeast Ohio:

Deputy Registrar – 22125 Rockside Road, Bedford 44146

Driver Exam Station - 22123 Rockside Road, Bedford 44146

Southeast Ohio

Deputy Registrar/Driver Exam Station - 142 Gross Street, Suites A & B, Marietta 45750

Northwest Ohio

Deputy Registrar/Driver Exam Station – 1616 E. Wooster Street, Suite 30, Bowling Green 43402

Southwest Ohio

Deputy Registrar – 10938 Hamilton Avenue, Mt. Healthy 45231

Driver Exam Station - 10940 Hamilton Avenue, Cincinnati 45231

March 17 – cases increase to 67; hospitals ordered to limit surgeries to non-elective procedures; DeWine allows temporary child care facilities to be established for health care employees

March 16 EVENING – Judge denies petition to close polls; prompting ODH to issue order prohibiting polls from opening; Ohio Supreme Court denies Wood County candidate's petition to keep polls open

March 16 – cases in the state increase to 50; Governor DeWine announces plans to delay 2020 Primary Election to June 2nd through filing of lawsuit; state closes gyms, bowling alleys, public recreation centers, movie theaters, indoor water parks and indoor trampoline parks

March 15 – cases increase to 37; order issued limiting access to jails and detention facilities, as well as closing bars and restaurants and limiting them to simply carry-out and delivery; order prohibiting gatherings is updated to 50 people

March 13 – Governor DeWine urges employers across the state to put in place work from home policies; Director Amy Acton asks Ohioans to implement social distancing

March 12 – order issued prohibiting events of 100 people or more

March 11 – the head of WHO declared COVID-19 a pandemic; Ohio increased to 4 positive tests; ODH and Department of Veterans Services issue order limiting access to facilities

March 9 – 3 patients tested positive in Ohio for Coronavirus; the Ohio EMA activated the Emergency Operations Center; and Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency



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RESOURCES

Ohio Department of Health call center is ready to answer your questions about
COVID-19

1-833-4-ASK-ODH

Staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. each day

OHIO UNEMPLOYMENT

An executive order issued by Governor DeWine expands flexibility for Ohioans to receive unemployment benefits during Ohio's emergency declaration period. Unemployment benefits will be available for eligible individuals who are requested by a medical professional, local health authority, or employer to be isolated or quarantined as a consequence of COVID-19, even if they are not actually diagnosed with COVID-19. In addition, the waiting period for eligible Ohioans to receive unemployment benefits will be waived.

<https://unemployment.cmt.ohio.gov/cmtview/>

KNOW HOW TO PROTECT YOURSELF

Through handwashing, disinfecting and restricting interactions with others, we can reduce the spread of COVID-19. Click the link below to learn what recommendations the CDC has for protecting yourself.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prepare/prevention.html>

WHAT TO DO IF YOU GET SICK

Call your doctor: If you think you have been exposed to COVID-19 and develop a fever and symptoms, such as cough or difficulty breathing, call your healthcare provider for medical advice. For more information on recommendations from the CDC, follow the link below.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>