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OHIO COVID-19 UPDATE

March 20, 2020

BY THE NUMBERS

28

counties*

169

confirmed cases in
Ohio

1

confirmed death in
Ohio**

39

hospitalizations

*Counties impacted and case number: Ashland (1), Ashtabula (1), Belmont (2), Butler (12), Clark (1), Coshocton (2), Cuyahoga (69), Darke (1), Delaware (2), Franklin (14), Geauga (1), Hamilton (7), Huron (1), Lake (3), Lorain (10), **Lucas (2), Mahoning (7), Marion (1), Medina (6), Miami (1), Montgomery (1), Richland (1), Stark (6), Summit (10), Trumbull (3), Tuscarawas (1), Union (1), Warren (2)

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: DeWine announced Ohio's first death, a friend of him and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted, who was an attorney in Toledo.

Beginning Monday, March 23rd at close of business, DeWine will order all Senior Centers to close.

He addressed the mass closing of all businesses similar to Pennsylvania, saying they are working to "figure out the right balance." He implored businesses that continue to remain open and exhibit reckless behavior "to do what is right" and stop risking the lives of their employees. DeWine added that there was no announcement *today* regarding closures.

Director Acton said that media may be hearing of additional deaths, but none have been confirmed as of 2p.m.



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Husted announced that the Ohio Department of Insurance will be issuing an order to establish a grace period of health insurance premium payments for two months. This would ensure that employees can still be covered by their plans even if the employer is not able to pay their premium payments.

DeWine has joined with several other Governors to sign a letter urging President Trump to make federal emergency unemployment dollars available.

Newest information is highlighted in yellow

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

March 20 – [Department of Insurance Order: Payment Grace Period, Continuation of Coverage](#)

March 20 – Executive Order announced to close Senior Centers, effective 3/23/20

March 19 – [Executive Order: Expand Access to Telemedicine for Medicaid Population](#)

March 18 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Hair and Nail Salons, Tattoo Parlors](#)

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 20 – first death in Ohio confirmed; cases increase to 169; DeWine orders Senior Centers to close



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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

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

RESOURCES & GUIDANCE

Click the squares below for a link to the described information

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

CDC Situation Summary



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*Interim Guidance for EMS &
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*Guidance for Health
Professionals*

*Strategies for Optimizing
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*CDC Communication
Resources*

*HCP Return-to-Work
Criteria*

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ODH Corona Dashboard

COVID-19 Lab Testing

Resource Management

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Long-Term Care Facilities

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

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Reducing COVID-19 Panic

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*Talking to Kids About
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*Tips for Quarantine &
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List of Open BMVs

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