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OHIO COVID-19 UPDATE

March 23, 2020

BY THE NUMBERS

46

counties*

442

confirmed cases in
Ohio

6

confirmed deaths
in Ohio**

104

hospitalizations

* Number of counties with cases: Ashland (1), Ashtabula (3), Belmont (2), Butler (17), Carroll (2), Clark (1), Clermont (5), Clinton (1), Columbiana (2), Coshocton (3), Cuyahoga (149), Darke (1), Defiance (2), Delaware (7), Erie (1), Franklin (44), Gallia (1), Geauga (2), Greene (1), Hamilton (26), Hancock (1), Highland (1), Huron (1), Knox (1), Lake (8), Licking (1), Logan (1), Lorain (24), Lucas (9), Madison (1), Mahoning (23), Marion (3), Medina (15), Miami (17), Montgomery (7), Portage (2), Richland (1), Sandusky (1), Stark (12), Summit (28), Trumbull (3), Tuscarawas (2), Union (1), Warren (5), Washington (1), Wood (2)

** Cuyahoga (1), Erie (1), Franklin (2), Lucas (1), Stark (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: One day after announcing a "stay at home" order to combat the spread of the coronavirus, Gov. Mike DeWine announced a state hiring freeze.

The announcement came Monday as the governor said state revenues are expected to drop precipitously as the economy comes to a virtual standstill due to the spread of the pandemic. Analysts have compared the looming economic hit to the Great Recession, which saw Ohio tax revenue shrink by double-digit percentages during 2009.

"Commercial activity is slowing down dramatically across the state of Ohio," Mr. DeWine said.



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The governor also announced a freeze on new contract services and directed cabinet officials to find cuts of up to 20% in their departments, while acknowledging that some can't meet that goal due to the nature of their missions.

During the administration's daily COVID-19 update, Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton announced the death toll in Ohio due to the virus spread is now six.

There are now 442 confirmed cases in 46 counties, resulting in 104 hospitalizations, she said. The age of the victims spans from infant to 93.

Newest information is highlighted in yellow

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

March 23 – DeWine announces hiring freeze for State Government and no new contracts

March 22 – [Department of Health Order: All Persons Remain at Home Unless Essential Work](#)

March 22 – DeWine announces all childcare facilities to close except those with temporary exemption, effective 3/26/20

March 21 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Adult Daycare Services for Developmental Disabilities](#)

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, Including Bowling Alleys, Recreation Centers, Movie Theatres, Indoor Water and 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](#)



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March 9 – [Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio](#)

OHIO TIMELINE

March 23 – deaths increase to 6; cases increase to 442; DeWine announces hiring freeze for state government and urges departments to cut their budgets by 20%

March 22 – cases increases to 351, deaths remain at 3; DeWine orders all Ohioans to remain at home unless essential; daycares ordered to close except those who have been granted temporary exemptions

March 21 – deaths increases to 3, cases increases to 247; DeWine closes care centers for developmentally disabled;

March 20 – first death in Ohio confirmed; cases increase to 169; DeWine orders Senior Centers to close; ODI orders health insurers to provide grace period for unpaid premiums

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 County 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



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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

Interim Guidance for EMS & Public Safety Personnel

Guidance for Health Professionals

Strategies for Optimizing PPE

CDC Communication Resources

HCP Return-to-Work Criteria

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ODH Corona Dashboard

NEW!

COVID-19 Lab Testing

Resource Management



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*Community & Faith-Based
Organizations*

Long-Term Care Facilities

NEW!

Stay at Home Order FAQs

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Telemedicine

Education & Licensure

Primary & Outpatient Care

OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

NEW!

Pharmacy Guidance

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

ODM Telehealth FAQs



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OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

Nurse Mobility Guidance

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING

*Residents of Long-Term
Care Guidance*

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

*OMHAS Message to the
Community*

Reducing COVID-19 Panic

Reducing COVID-19 Anxiety

*Talking to Kids About
COVID-19*

*Tips for Quarantine &
Isolation*

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

*Critical Information
for EMS*

*Guidance for Ambulette
Services*



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List of Open BMVs

BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

BWC COVID FAQs