OHIO COVID-19 UPDATE
March 26, 2020

BY THE NUMBERS

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UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohio reported more than 187,000 claims for unemployment compensation in the week ending Saturday, March 21st, compared to just over 7,000 the week earlier.

These numbers are updated every day at 2pm EST on www.coronavirus.ohio.gov. Unemployment numbers are being released by the state every Thursday.

THE LATEST NEWS

Governor DeWine, Director Acton and others are providing daily press conferences at 2:00pm. The main takeaways from their press briefing will be included below, as well as information about updates to agency guidance documents.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: Director Acton today unveiled a new Coronavirus dashboard that they have published on their website. The new dashboard is interactive and can display data based on user input.

ODH has also issued new guidance that allows local health boards to disclose to police, fire, paramedics or other first responders information concerning a patient that they came into contact with who is positive for COVID-19. This has been added in the Resources section below.

UNEMPLOYMENT: Given the high demand and inability of some to successfully file for unemployment, those claims will be retroactive to ensure everyone is able to be accommodated appropriately.
COURT: The Ohio Democratic Party asked the Ohio Supreme Court today to dismiss the party's lawsuit against Secretary of State Frank LaRose over his directive to set a new in-person primary voting date, given passage of legislation nullifying the directive.

HOSPITALS: Director Acton today said that hospitals are currently at 60% of their capacity, and projections are currently showing that Ohio demand is going to double hospital capacity. She added that hospitals are working to build out additional capacity as quickly as possible because Ohio could soon see a surge of 6,000 to 8,000 new COVID-19 cases per day.

Newest information and/or links highlighted in yellow

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

March 23 – DeWine announces hiring freeze for State Government and no new contracts
March 22 – Board of Pharmacy Emergency Rule: Dispensing Chloroquine & Hydroxychloroquine
March 22 – Department of Health Order: All Persons Remain at Home Unless Essential Work
March 22 – Ohio Department of Health Order: Closure of Child Care Facilities
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 – Department of Health Order: Closure of Senior Centers
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
March 9 – Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio

**Ohio Timeline**

**March 26** – deaths increase to 15, cases to 867; Governor DeWine signs HB 197; ODH unveils new interactive dashboard

**March 25** – deaths increase to 10, cases increase to 704; Ohio Legislature passes HB 197 with emergency COVID-19 provisions

**March 24** – deaths increase to 8, cases rise to 564

**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

*For dates prior to March 19th, please click here.*

**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**

- NEW! ODH COVID-19 Dashboard
- COVID-19 Lab Testing
- Community & Faith-Based Organizations
- Stay at Home Order FAQs
- Resource Management
- Long-Term Care Facilities
- Pandemic Child Care
- Sharing COVID Diagnosis with First Responders

**STATE MEDICAL BOARD**

- Telemedicine
- Education & Licensure
Primary & Outpatient Care

OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

Pharmacy Guidance & Response Efforts
Chloroquine & Hydroxychloroquine

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

ODM Telehealth FAQs

OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

Nurse Mobility Statement
APRN & RN Guidance

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF AGING

Residents of Long-Term Care Guidance
Infection Control in Nursing Homes
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

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Access to Coverage During COVID-19

Temporary Suspension of Pharmacy Audits

Coverage for Expired Driver’s License

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY & EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES

Critical Information for EMS

Guidance for Ambulette Services

List of Open BMVs