

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 – 3.21.2020

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| Saturday, March 21 | 247 Confirmed Cases | 33 Number of Counties in Ohio | 58 Number of Hospitalizations | 3 Number of Deaths |
| Friday, March 20 | 169 Confirmed Cases | 28 Number of Counties in Ohio | 39 Number of Hospitalizations | 1 Number of Deaths |
| Thursday, March 19 | 114 Confirmed Cases | 24 Number of Counties in Ohio | 33 Number of Hospitalizations | |

Last Updated: 03/21/20 (Updated daily at 2 p.m.) -
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

The Governor opened by offering condolences to the family of late Rep. Don Manning (R-New Middletown) of the 59th Ohio House District. Rep. Manning passed away from a heart attack yesterday afternoon.

New orders/actions/measures

- The Governor is ordering the closure of adult day centers for individuals with developmental disabilities, except for settings with 10 people or less. He has been working with centers over the past days to ensure that services could continue.
- In an effort to assist in the state's response to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Ohio Department of Transportation has approved a special blanket permit for haulers carrying heavy or oversized loads of food, non-alcoholic beverages, medical supplies, cleaning products, and other household goods. [http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Operations/Maintenance/Permits/Pages/Blanket-
-Truck-Weight-Waiver-Details.aspx](http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Operations/Maintenance/Permits/Pages/Blanket-Truck-Weight-Waiver-Details.aspx)

Dr. Acton again stressed that Ohio's numbers are a snapshot of history – Ohio was one of the last states to receive testing reagents and has been limiting testing to preserve supplies. Ohio has implemented a tiered testing regime to prioritize testing as Ohio continues to have limited testing capabilities, though she said we are working to develop our own testing kits. Dr. Acton stated that there are now three confirmed deaths with many more under investigation. She commended the work going on by public health officials in Cuyahoga County to track and investigate and innovate. Dr. Acton also mentioned that a representative of the hospitals will be back next week to discuss the measures are taking to expand capacity, including the temporary tent facilities and the re-opening some closed facilities.

Director Lori Criss from the Dept. of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) joined the press conference via video chat to remind people that the mental health and addiction support

systems are still open for business. Telehealth support has been expanded and includes behavioral health services. She also announced that MHAS has created a specific site – see below – with resources for adults to cope including crisis, support, health and fitness, and financial resources.

Note: For an archive of all COVID-19 related First Alerts from Calfee, which are separate from these emails and focused on specific business topics, please visit the Calfee COVID-19 Resource Center: <https://www.calfee.com/covid-19-resource-center>

Other items of note

- Illinois and New Jersey have both ordered all non-essential businesses to close.
- New York City has suspended all testing except for those in the hospital ICU in order to preserve testing supplies. Other states are also suspending tests for anyone not a health care worker or a member of a vulnerable population.
- Vice President Pence and his wife are being tested for the coronavirus as one of his staff members tests positive, though he said he is not experiencing any symptoms.
- Confirmed cases exceeded 20,000 in the United States on Saturday, according to a Washington Post count.
- Major flight restrictions were imposed at key airports along the East Coast, including in Washington, after an air traffic controller trainee tested positive for COVID-19 Saturday. The trainee was working in the New York Air Route Traffic Control Center in Long Island, which handles a broad swath of U.S. airspace and many cross-country and high-altitude flights.

Key websites – New resources in red

General state updates - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

Unemployment compensation - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/CoronavirusAndUI.stm>

Mental health resources - <https://mha.ohio.gov/Health-Professionals/About-Mental-Health-and-Addiction-Treatment/Emergency-Preparedness/Coronavirus>

Ohio benefits application - <https://benefits.ohio.gov/>

SharedWork Ohio - <http://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio/>

Support resources for adults - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/resources/resources-for-adults-cope-with-the-covid-19-pandemic>

Find your local health district - <https://odh.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/odh/find-local-health-districts>