

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 – 3.30.2020

Monday, March 30	1933 Confirmed Cases	475 Number of Hospitalizations	163 ICU Admissions	39 Number of Deaths
Sunday, March 29	1653 Confirmed Cases	403 Number of Hospitalizations	139 ICU Admissions	29 Number of Deaths
Saturday, March 28	1406 Confirmed Cases	344 Number of Hospitalizations	123 ICU Admissions	25 Number of Deaths

Last Updated: 03/30/20 (Updated daily at 2 p.m.) - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

New orders/actions/measures

- The school closure order will be updated to require school buildings to remain closed at least until May 1. The state will re-evaluate whether more time is needed closer to that point.

In response to a question about people congregating in parks, the Governor said that he anticipates there will be a new order in the coming days and they are still talking about what will be in that order.

The Governor began by announcing that the FDA has authorized Columbus-based Battelle to deploy its groundbreaking technology to sterilize surgical masks without a daily limit, which will allow Battelle to operate at its desired capacity. The Battelle Critical Care Decontamination System is capable of decontaminating up to 80,000 respirator masks per system each day. In addition to offering 2 machines in Ohio, Battelle intends to send one machine to New York City and one to Stony Brook, New York, which will provide for the sterilization of up to 160,000 surgical masks for New York's healthcare workers each day. Machines will also be dispatched to the state of Washington. Battelle plans to ship four more units elsewhere in the United States next week and 15 additional machines in the coming weeks.

The Governor and Lt. Governor are putting together a business task force to help them provide counsel on how to follow the stay at home order, but also to help preparing for how to resume

normal operations once the crisis has passed. He will have more information on that in the coming days.

Governor DeWine urged all hospitals to begin sending all COVID-19 tests to either the Dept. of Health or a neighboring hospital with fast turnaround, as the private labs are days behind. He said the state is able to provide results in hours, as opposed to days.

The Governor also announced that once supplies are delivered, that the prison system will begin manufacturing surgical masks, gowns, face shields, sanitizer and other critically needed PPE.

General John Harris provided an update on the hospital capacity build out effort. The team is looking at existing facilities that can be repurposed, purpose built facilities, unused staffing capacity and PPE capacity. He said they are looking at public and private resources to bring to bear. He thanked the state's health systems for coordinating to maximize resources in the right place at the right time. The National Guard will be used to help do site assessments and coordinate with regional leaders to bring resources online.

Lt. Governor Husted provided an update on the commercial lending market. He said that most banks are offering programs to help businesses with deferrals and workouts. However, Ohio regulated banks only account for a small portion of the market and he asked all commercial lenders to work with all borrowers. The state is talking with the federal government on a standard solution. He said action might be forthcoming shortly.

As a reminder, Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton outlined the 10 most wanted PPE items and asked any manufacturers that can make those items to please contact Director Matt Damschroder of the Dept. of Administrative Services or together@governor.ohio.gov as soon as possible. The list includes:

- Surgical gowns
- Face/Surgical Masks
- Gloves (nitrile, vinyl or butyl)
- N-95 particulate respirators
- Isolation gowns
- Face shields
- Tyvek coveralls
- Thermometers
- Foot coverings
- Ventilator tubing

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

- House Speaker Larry Householder (R-Glenford) announced Monday that he has extended the Ohio House of Representative's "Work From Home" policy until Monday, May 4.
- Sunday night a staff member at Marion Correctional Institution tested positive for coronavirus amid growing safety concerns for inmates during the pandemic. Just 20 prisoners have been tested so far in Ohio's prison systems, which houses nearly 50,000 inmates, the Columbus Dispatch reports. The announcement came soon after DeWine said inmates may be safer in prisons than outside of them.
- Another 812 people have died in Italy after contracting coronavirus, officials there said Monday, bringing the country's total number of deaths linked to the outbreak to 11,591. An additional 1,648 people in Italy were diagnosed with the virus, officials said Monday, bringing the country's total number of confirmed cases to 101,739. In a glimmer of hope, Italy determined that another 1,590 people had recovered from the virus, the highest number of recoveries since the first case was recorded in February.

Key websites

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

Data dashboard - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/dashboard>

Election information - <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>

Closure order FAQ - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/Stay-at-Home-Information/Stay-At-Home-Order-Frequently-Asked-Questions>

Unemployment compensation - <http://ifs.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://ifs.ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio/>

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

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

Job openings - <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/home.aspx>

COVID-19 checklists - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/COVID-19-Checklists/>

Business resources - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/resources-for-economic-support>

Banking pandemic resources and relief programs - <https://www.ohiobankersleague.com/customers>

Pandemic child care center information - <http://ifs.ohio.gov/cdc/CoronavirusAndChildcareForFamilies/>

Checklist for essential travel - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/stay-at-home-information/essential-travel>