

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_11.24.2020

Mon., November 23	344054 Confirmed Cases	363304 Total Cases (CDC)	11885 New Cases	24705 Number of Hospitalizations	4454 ICU Admissions	5635 Confirmed Deaths	6020 Total Deaths (CDC)
Sun., November 22	333020 Confirmed Cases	351419 Total Cases (CDC)	8133 New Cases	24423 Number of Hospitalizations	4418 ICU Admissions	5612 Confirmed Deaths	5996 Total Deaths (CDC)
Sat. November 21	325611 Confirmed Cases	343286 Total Cases (CDC)	7863 New Cases	24218 Number of Hospitalizations	4394 ICU Admissions	5602 Confirmed Deaths	5984 Total Deaths (CDC)
Fri., November 20	318151 Confirmed Cases	335423 Total Cases (CDC)	8808 New Cases	23958 Number of Hospitalizations	4360 ICU Admissions	5578 Confirmed Deaths	5955 Total Deaths (CDC)

Updated daily at 2 p.m. - <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/>

New orders/actions

- The next press conference will be Tuesday, December 1.

Data issue – The state remains behind in confirming all positive antigen test results in the 24 hour window. There are likely thousands of additional positive results from each day not included. Today's particularly large jump is in part due to a 2-day backlog of tests from Mercy Health and the Cleveland Clinic hitting the system.

The 7-day average test positivity rate is 13.5% (one day is 12.8%), up from 12.5% one week ago. 4,358 confirmed COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized, up from 3,390 a week ago. There have been 147,607 new cases this month to date – there were only 61,710 cases in the entire month of October.

Governor DeWine called today's press conference to relate the latest on how hospitals around the state are coping. As noted above, the state continues to see record hospitalization numbers. In addition to the 4,358 (16.1% of all beds) current COVID-19 patients, of those 1,079 are in the ICU (22.64% of all ICU beds).

Dr. Robert Wyllie, Cleveland Clinic and lead of Zone 1 (covering northern Ohio), joined to provide an update. In Zone 1, not only are patients being transferred between medical systems, but so are ventilators and other supplies. There are 970 caregivers in Cleveland Clinic system alone that are out of work today due to either testing positive with COVID or due to exposure to a positive individual. Most of these workers are acquiring the virus in the community. This effects the hospitals' ability to care for patients. The Cleveland Clinic has stopped in-patient elective surgeries and limited services at ambulatory surgery centers, all to capture those workforces.

Dr. Andy Thomas, OSU Wexner Center and lead of Zone 2 (Central and southeastern Ohio), is seeing similar trends. There were 356 people hospitalized during the peak in spring, but on November 2, they passed 400 hospitalization and on November 21 they passed 900 patients hospitalized in Zone 2. Today, there are 960 COVID patients in the hospital across the zone. Dr. Thomas stressed that Ohioans must change their behavior to save room in hospitals and to . People must be careful during holidays and really should reconsider family gatherings. Zone 2 includes a mix of urban and rural hospitals. All across the zone, hospitals are at or near peak capacity. In the spring, most patients were in Franklin County, but they are now spread across the region. Hospitals in this zone are also having to transfer patients around to other medical systems.

Dr. Richard Lofgren, President and CEO of UC Health and lead of Zone 3 (southwestern Ohio), echoed his colleagues comments. Zone 3 hospitals are also transferring patients amongst themselves to load balance, limiting services and seeing workforce shortages. Nearly half of the hospitals in the zone are reporting nursing shortages today. He stressed that the surge is here.

The doctors all talked about how the coming weeks will impact how they allocate care as space continues to fill up and the workforce shrinks. In response to a question about the zones' standby sites, each stressed that while each of the standby sites remain ready for a quick opening, they doubt the ability to actually operate them because there are no workers to staff them.

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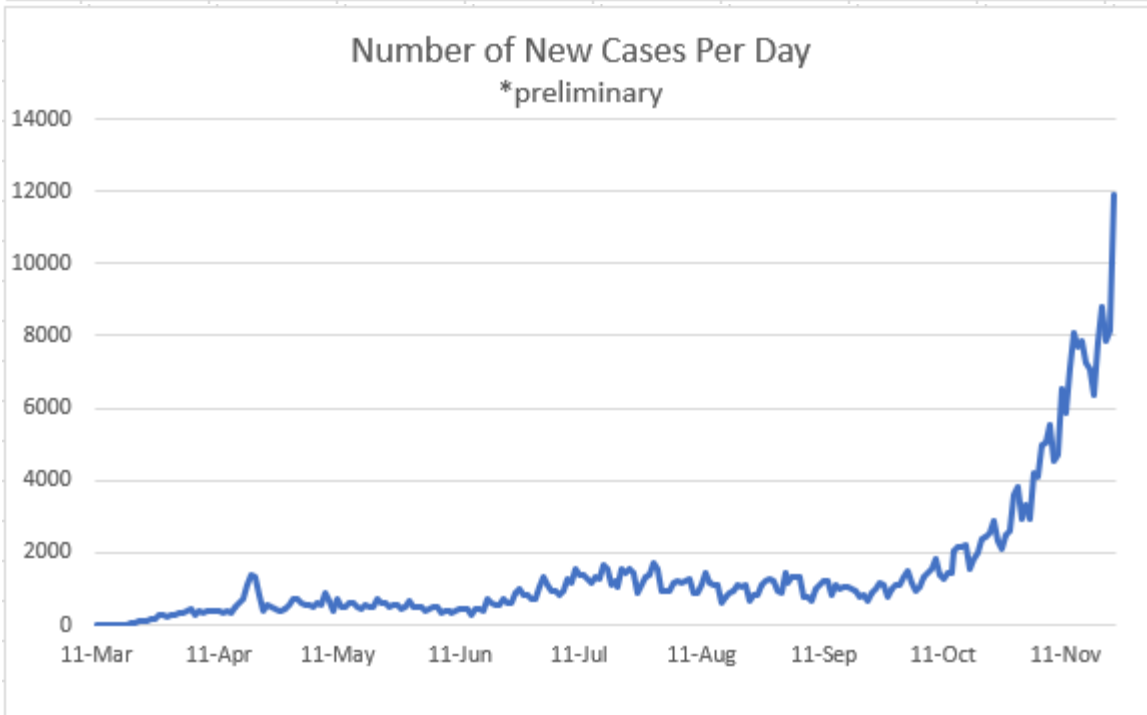
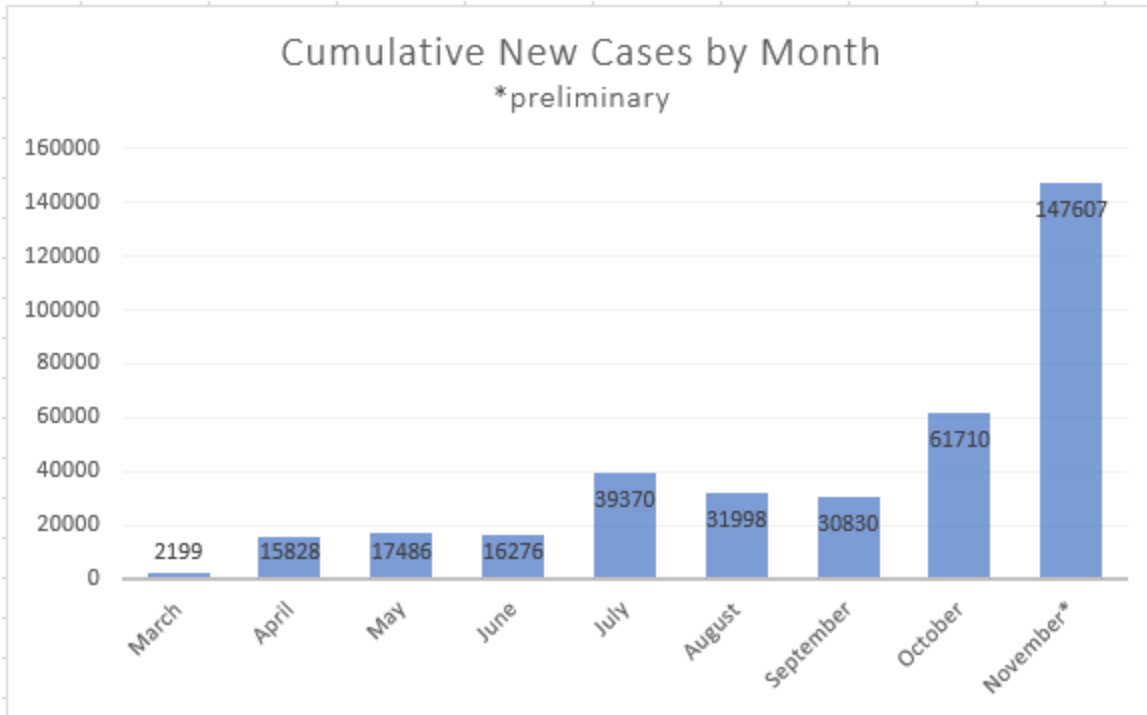
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Other items of note

- A coronavirus vaccine being developed by the University of Oxford and British-Swedish pharmaceutical giant AstraZeneca showed up to 90 percent efficacy in large-scale clinical trials in Britain and Brazil, according to data released early Monday. Because it does not need to be stored at subzero temperatures, it could be more easily distributed than other coronavirus vaccine candidates.
- Guitar Center declared bankruptcy Saturday, a move the company hopes will reduce its debt and buoy its chance at surviving temporary store closures and slowed customer demand for music lessons and instruments during the financial setback of the coronavirus pandemic. The company is the latest retailer to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection. Guitar Center said in a news release it plans to continue business operations at its 297 stores, with the plan to complete its financial restructuring before the end of 2020. The company said it has received \$165 million in new equity investment and plans to reduce its debt by \$800 million. Guitar Center has so far negotiated a total of \$375 million in debtor-in-possession financing from lenders and hopes to raise another \$335 million in senior secured notes.
- President-elect Joe Biden confirmed Monday that he plans to name Antony Blinken as secretary of state, Jake Sullivan as national security adviser and Linda Thomas-Greenfield as U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. He also announced that he plans to add Alejandro Mayorkas to lead homeland security, Avril Haines as director of national intelligence and John Kerry as special presidential envoy for climate.
- In Michigan, a four-member canvassing board tasked with certifying election results could deadlock if both Republican members seek a delay. Biden leads President Trump, who continues to claim that he won the November 3 election, by more than 150,000 votes in Michigan.

Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

The following are graphic representations of reported cases using Ohio Department of Health data and expanded CDC definitions.



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