

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_11.24.2020

Tues., November 24	351304 Confirmed Cases	371908 Total Cases (CDC)	8604 New Cases	25069 Number of Hospitalizations	4483 ICU Admissions	5728 Confirmed Deaths	6118 Total Deaths (CDC)
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)

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

New orders/actions

1. The new county alert map will be released tomorrow due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please check the state's website tomorrow after 2 pm for the latest alert levels: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system> and travel advisories: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/families-and-individuals/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory/COVID-19-Travel-Advisory>
2. The next press conference(s) will be either Monday, November 30 and/or Tuesday, December 1 – announcement to come in the next couple of days.

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 – the Governor said there are approximately 6,000 outstanding tests. As noted, yesterday's number was particularly high due to delayed results from two labs.

The 7-day average test positivity rate is 13.5% (one day is 13.6%). 4,449 confirmed COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized, up from 3,649 a week ago. There have been 156,211 new cases this month to date – there were only 61,710 cases in the entire month of October.

Governor DeWine announced that Ohio will receive its first batch of vaccines on December 15. The governor said he hopes this date will hold. In response to questions, the Governor said the first batch will come from Pfizer, with the second batch from Moderna approximately a week later. He does not have specific numbers on how many doses will come at a time, but officials are hoping the flow will be steady once it starts. The state is prioritizing those individuals in direct contact with COVID patients and congregate care staff to receive the vaccines first – the priorities are being finalized in conformity with national priorities and will be publicized once final.

The governor asked schools to consider conducting winter sports without fans. While not an order, he stated that this would be best practice between at least now and the beginning of the year given the current level of spread and the increased likelihood of contracting the virus while indoors.

Lt. Governor Husted announced that the third round of BWC refunds will start going out to businesses, local governments and schools on December 10. He also reminded all bars and restaurants that there are grants available from the Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund. The fund is designed to assist Ohio's on-premise liquor permit holders to provide \$2,500 assistance payments to permit holders to help them through the financial difficulties experienced during the COVID-19 pandemic. Husted noted that less than 50% of permit holders have applied to date. See <https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/> for more information.

Four guests joined the press conference today to provide their personal experiences with COVID-19:

1. Stephanie and Ryan Marshall (Columbus) – Stephanie is a respiratory therapist at Grant Medical Center in Columbus. Stephanie, who is still receiving oxygen, was hospitalized twice due to COVID and pneumonia earlier this month.
2. Susan Norvell (Middletown) – Susan, her husband and her twin daughters all tested positive for COVID. While one daughter was asymptomatic and Susan and her second daughter had mild symptoms, her husband Keith was sick at home for about 12 days before needing to be admitted to the hospital and eventually to the ICU in his local hospital. Less than 24 hours after arriving in the hospital, he was placed on a ventilator and life flighted to the ICU at the University of Cincinnati. Keith remains in the hospital today and has been there for over two weeks. As Susan pointed out, her family has experienced all the varieties of COVID and she stressed that people must take it seriously act to protect themselves and their families.
3. Dr. Matthew Colflesh (Steubenville) – Dr. Colflesh practices at Trinity Health System in eastern Ohio, where COVID didn't really penetrate until the last couple of months o. After seeing a maximum of 5-9 COVID patients at a time in the spring and summer, their hospital is now treating closer to 35 COVID patients at a time. The hospital is much more stressed and, like other systems, facing a growing shortage of staff, particularly nursing staff, due to infection/exposure.
4. Jasmine Shavers, RN (Dayton) – Jasmine works on a COVID ICU unit at Miami Valley Hospital in Dayton. She said the ICU unit is full, with patients that are sicker and requiring more intensive care than previously. Jasmine shared stories about some of the patients she has cared for that have passed away. She strongly encouraged people to stay home for the holidays and not gather with family. With the hospitals full, she is concerned that people will not follow that recommendation.

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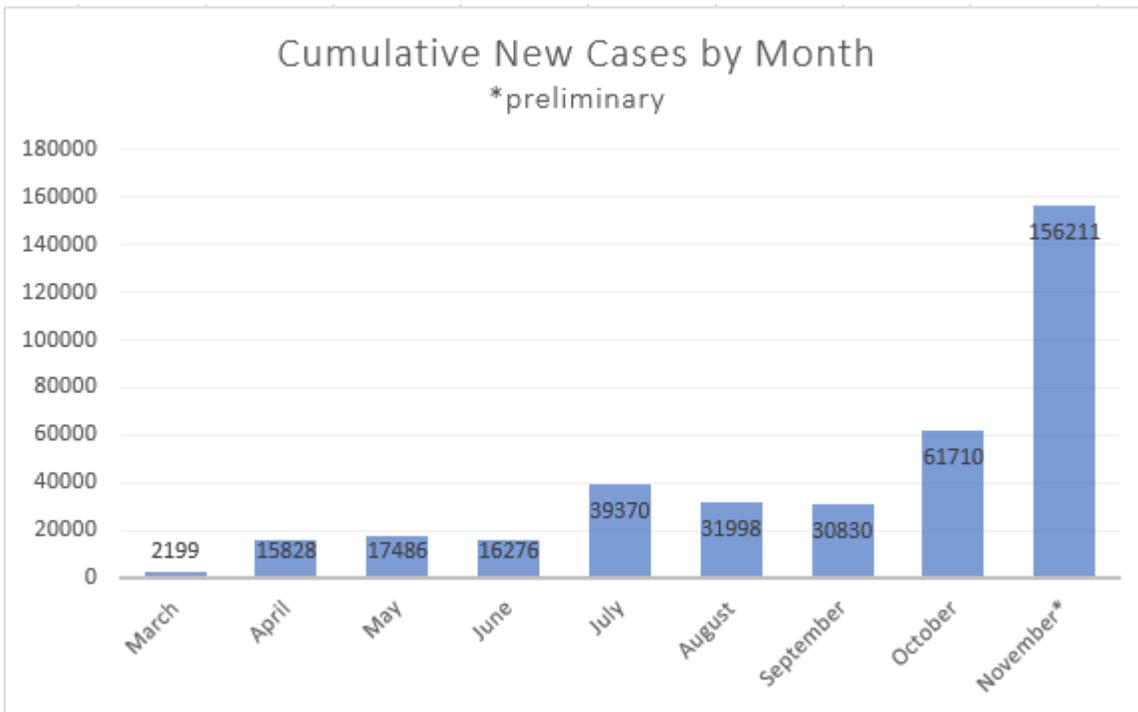
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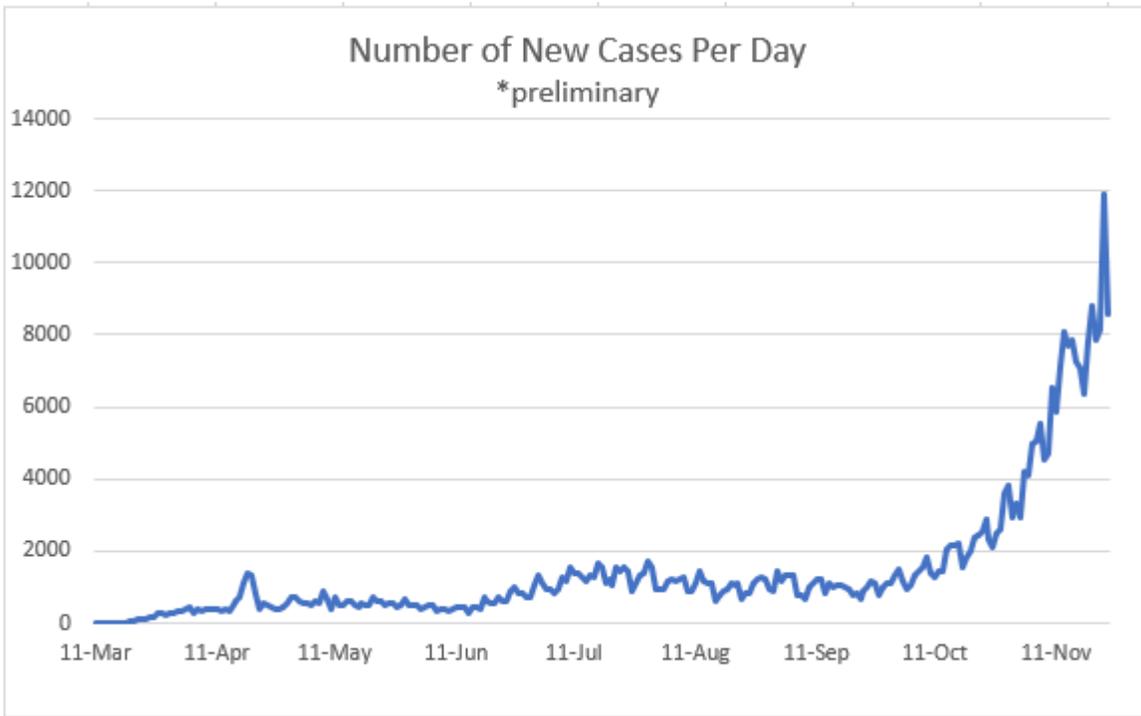
1. Pennsylvania and Nevada, two key battleground states, on Tuesday certified President-elect Joe Biden's wins, even as President Trump continued to fight results in court and insisted he will "never concede."
2. The number of coronavirus patients hospitalized across the United States shattered records on Monday, topping 85,700. Although some of the hardest-hit states are beginning to report fewer new infections, Thanksgiving travel and gatherings could reverse that trend. Even after cases peak, deaths will continue rising for several weeks.

3. In an effort to ensure that its workers gain protection from the coronavirus, Ford said it has purchased a dozen specialty freezers that can store Pfizer’s coronavirus vaccine at ultralow temperatures, ensuring that the doses stay viable if they are eventually approved and distributed to the U.S. population. “The health and safety of our workforce is our top priority,” Ford spokeswoman Kelli Felker told The Washington Post on Tuesday in an emailed statement. “We ordered a dozen freezers to make a COVID-19 vaccine available to our employees on a voluntary basis when it becomes available.” The American automaker joins state governments and hospitals in securing the freezers, which are capable of generating the extreme cold required to safely store the vaccine shots for an extended period. Reuters first reported Ford’s move.

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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