

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_11.30.2020

Mon., November 30	398371 Confirmed Cases	421063 Total Cases (CDC)	6631 New Cases	26864 Number of Hospitalizations	4682 ICU Admissions	6009 Confirmed Deaths	6429 Total Deaths (CDC)
Sun., November 29	392129 Confirmed Cases	414432 Total Cases (CDC)	7729 New Cases	26507 Number of Hospitalizations	4644 ICU Admissions	5979 Confirmed Deaths	6399 Total Deaths (CDC)
Sat. November 28	384544 Confirmed Cases	406703 Total Cases (CDC)	6895 New Cases	26262 Number of Hospitalizations	4608 ICU Admissions	5963 Confirmed Deaths	6378 Total Deaths (CDC)
Thurs and Fri. November 26 and 27	378082 Confirmed Cases	399808 Total Cases (CDC)	17065 New Cases	25960 Number of Hospitalizations	4571 ICU Admissions	5932 Confirmed Deaths	6346 Total Deaths (CDC)
Weds. November 25	361623 Confirmed Cases	382743 Total Cases (CDC)	10835 New Cases	25486 Number of Hospitalizations	4527 ICU Admissions	5869 Confirmed Deaths	6274 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 500 – 1000 cases each day have not been reported, starting on November 16. A new technology platform and an update to the reporting to reflect new CDC guidelines will be put in place sometime in the next 10 days. This will result in a one-day surge of tests accounting for the backlog, which currently stands at around 7,500 cases. **Please note that Thursday's (Thanksgiving Day) data was reported together with data from Friday, November 27. An average figure for those two days would be approximately 8500 cases/day.**

The state updated the Alert Level Map on Wednesday, November 25. [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#)

- Level 1 (yellow) – 0
- Level 2 (orange) – 9
- Level 3 (red) – 70
- Level 4 (purple) - 4
 - continuing - Franklin
 - new counties - Montgomery, Lake and Lorain
 - starred – Adams, Clermont, Hamilton, Medina, Portage, Richland, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Warren and Wood

The top 10 counties by cases per 100,000 residents over the last two weeks are Darke, Hardin, Lake, Miami, Allen, Marion, Tuscarawas, Muskingum, Jefferson and Mahoning. The top 10 all have incidence rates many multiples in excess of the CDC's high incidence rate – all 10 exceed 900 cases/100,000. Darke County's rate is now over 1,325 cases/100,000. The 7-day average test positivity rate is 14.5% (one day is 14.9%), up from 13.4% one week ago.

5,060 (18.77% capacity) confirmed COVID-19 patients are currently hospitalized, up from 4,359 a week ago. 1,180 (24.82% capacity) COVID-19 patients are in the ICU.

Dr. Andy Thomas, Chief Clinical Officer of OSU Wexner Medical Center and leader of Zone 2, joined to provide an update on the state's hospitals. He noted that there has been a 200% increase in COVID positive patients in the hospital since November 1. There were approximately 1,700 COVID patients in the hospital on November 1, which was a record high at that point.

Dr. Thomas, as lead of Zone 2 hospitals, was able to provide more detail on those regions of the state – which includes Central and Southeastern Ohio. He noted that the rural hospitals in Southeastern Ohio are really starting to enter a danger zone in terms of their capacity, both regular and ICU beds. One out of every 3 patients in the state's ICUs and on ventilators are COVID patients, which risks crowding out other patients. In addition to concerns about space, the hospitals continue to have staffing issues. Some hospitals have even begun to experience issues with running short of ventilators and morgue space.

Governor DeWine announced a new program to help improve air quality and reduce transmission of the virus for residents in nursing homes, assisted living center and adult day centers. The program, which will be administered by the Bureau of Workers Compensation, will offer grants for up to \$15,000 for things like HVAC inspections, portable air filtration systems, new filtration systems, maintenance on current systems and other interventions. For more on this \$28 million program, see the BWC's website at: www.bwc.ohio.gov

The Governor asked all employers to consider sending all employees home that can work from home. He noted that this step is important in helping limit people's exposure and hopefully will help keep people out of the hospitals. To that end, state employees who were originally going to return to their offices on January 4, will continue to work from home for the foreseeable future, potentially into the spring.

Governor DeWine again asked several healthcare providers from a variety of healthcare settings to appear today to provide testimony on how they are coping with the pandemic and the current situation in their facility:

- Stacey Morris – COVID Unit Nurse Manager, Akron General Hospital, Akron
- Carrie Watkins – Assistant Director of Nursing, Genacross Lutheran Services, Toledo
- Dana Pence – ICU Nurse Manager, Ohio Health Riverside Hospital, Columbus
- Jamie Giere – COVID Unit Team Leader, Upper Valley Medical Center, Troy

The Governor stated that he hopes to have more detail on vaccine distributions during Thursday's press conference.

Current Travel Advisory: Those entering Ohio after travel to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days. Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates on November 25, the affected states are: Wyoming (57.3%); South Dakota (43.4%); Iowa (41.1%); Idaho (41.0%); Kansas (38.2%); **Pennsylvania** (25.3%); New Mexico (24.0%); Alabama (22.4%); Missouri (22.1%); Montana (21.0%); Arizona (20.0%); Utah (19.0%); Mississippi (18.0%); Oregon (16.0%); Wisconsin (15.3%); and Tennessee (15.3%).

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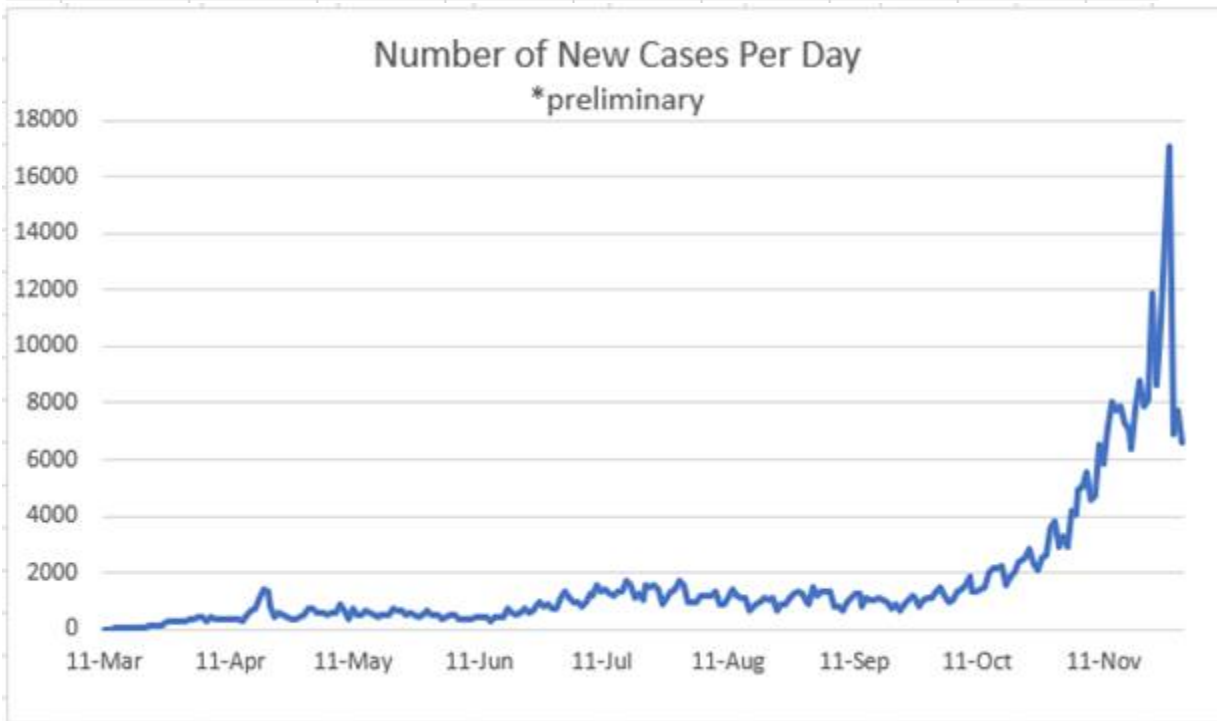
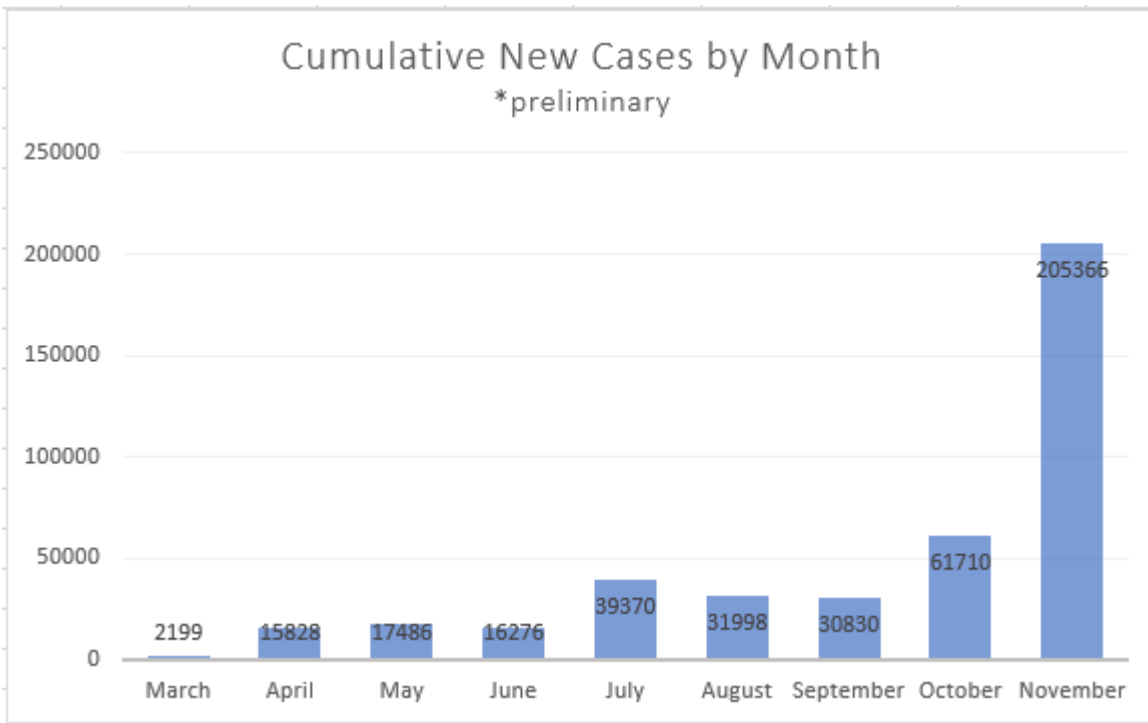
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Other items of note

- Potential Republican challengers to Gov. Mike DeWine in 2022 are already shaping up with political insiders noting former Congressman Jim Renacci of Wadsworth as a potential candidate to face off against DeWine in the Republican primary. The Columbus Dispatch reports Reps. Warren Davidson (R-Troy) and Jim Jordan (R-Mansfield), both of whom have been extremely critical of DeWine, may also be potential challengers.
- David Pepper, chairman for the Ohio Democratic Party (ODP), has resigned from his position after nearly six years with the ODP. Pepper made the announcement in a letter sent to the executive committee members of the board, noting that he believes it is time to take the Ohio Democratic Party in a new direction.
- An advisory panel to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is scheduled to meet Tuesday to weigh in on which groups of people should be eligible to receive the first doses of the coronavirus vaccine candidates that may win federal regulatory approval next month. An estimated 21 million healthcare workers are likely to be at the top of the list, with nursing home residents and staff coming soon after. The nation will probably have enough doses for about 20 million people by the end of the year, Adm. Brett Giroir, assistant secretary of health and human services, said Sunday on CNN's "State of the Union." "We have to immunize for impact," he said. "The rest of America will get it in the second quarter, third quarter of 2021, but we could maximize our impact right now."

Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

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



See Note above regarding data – The sharp peak is due to reporting on November 27 which included two days of data.

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>