

## OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update\_9.10.2020

Thursday, Sept. 10	127106 Confirmed Cases	134086 Total Cases (CDC)	1121 New Cases	14164 Number of Hospitalizations	3070 ICU Admissions	4064 Confirmed Deaths	4354 Total Deaths (CDC)
Wednesday, Sept. 9	126046 Confirmed Cases	132965 Total Cases (CDC)	973 New Cases	14083 Number of Hospitalizations	3054 ICU Admissions	4034 Confirmed Deaths	4324 Total Deaths (CDC)
Tuesday, Sept. 8	125144 Confirmed Cases	131992 Total Cases (CDC)	656 New Cases	13967 Number of Hospitalizations	3042 ICU Admissions	4009 Confirmed Deaths	4298 Total Deaths (CDC)

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

### New orders/actions

- Governor DeWine announced that Dr. Joan Duwve will be the new Director of the Ohio Department of Health beginning approximately October 1, 2020.
- The next press conference will be Tuesday, September 15.

The state updated the Alert Level Map this afternoon. [Ohio Public Health Advisory System](#)

- Level 1 (yellow) – 40
- Level 2 (orange) – 42
- Level 3 (red) – 6 – Putnam, Butler, Preble, Montgomery, Mercer. Summit
  - No starred counties
  - dropped to Level 2 – Wayne, Lucas
- Level 4 (purple) - 0

The top 10 counties by cases per 100,000 residents over the last two weeks – Putnam, Butler, Mercer, Shelby, Montgomery, Auglaize, Franklin, Henry, Meigs, and Darke – continue to be mostly rural counties and spread geographically around the state.

Governor DeWine opened the press conference today by encouraging all eligible individuals get the flu vaccine. He, First Lady Fran DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted all received the vaccine today during the press conference. Governor DeWine stressed that it is important to get the flu vaccine this fall to help keep illness down and allow focus on COVID-19.

Dr. Michael Frandsen, president of Wittenberg University in Springfield (Clark County), joined the press conference to discuss their return to campus experience. Wittenberg has experienced a small outbreak and contributed to Clark County meeting the CDC's high incidence rate. He noted that contact tracing is showing that positive individuals on campus tend to have a higher number of contacts than individuals in the general

community. Wittenberg is managing its own contact tracing effort and campus-wide testing is happening this week.

Dr. Joan Duwve was announced as the new Director of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH). Dr. Duwve, a native Ohioan, will join ODH around October 1. Dr. Duwve holds more than 20 years of experience in public health. Dr. Duwve is currently serves as the Director of Public Health for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC). Prior to her work at DHEC, she served as the Associate Dean of Practice for the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health in Indianapolis, Ind., and developed and directed the ECHO Center to train primary care providers in rural communities to treat patients with complex conditions like HIV and hepatitis C. Dr. Duwve also served as the Chief Medical Officer with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Medical Director for the Department's Division of Public Health and Preparedness. Before transitioning to full-time public health work, she practiced family medicine in Indiana for 11 years. Dr. Duwve holds an undergraduate degree from The Ohio State University, a Medical Doctor degree (MD) from Johns Hopkins University and a Master of Public Health (MPH) from the University of Michigan.

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 September 9, the affected states are: North Dakota (19.3%); Kansas (18.4%) South Dakota (18.2%); and Alabama (17.9%).

#### Upcoming Calfee events

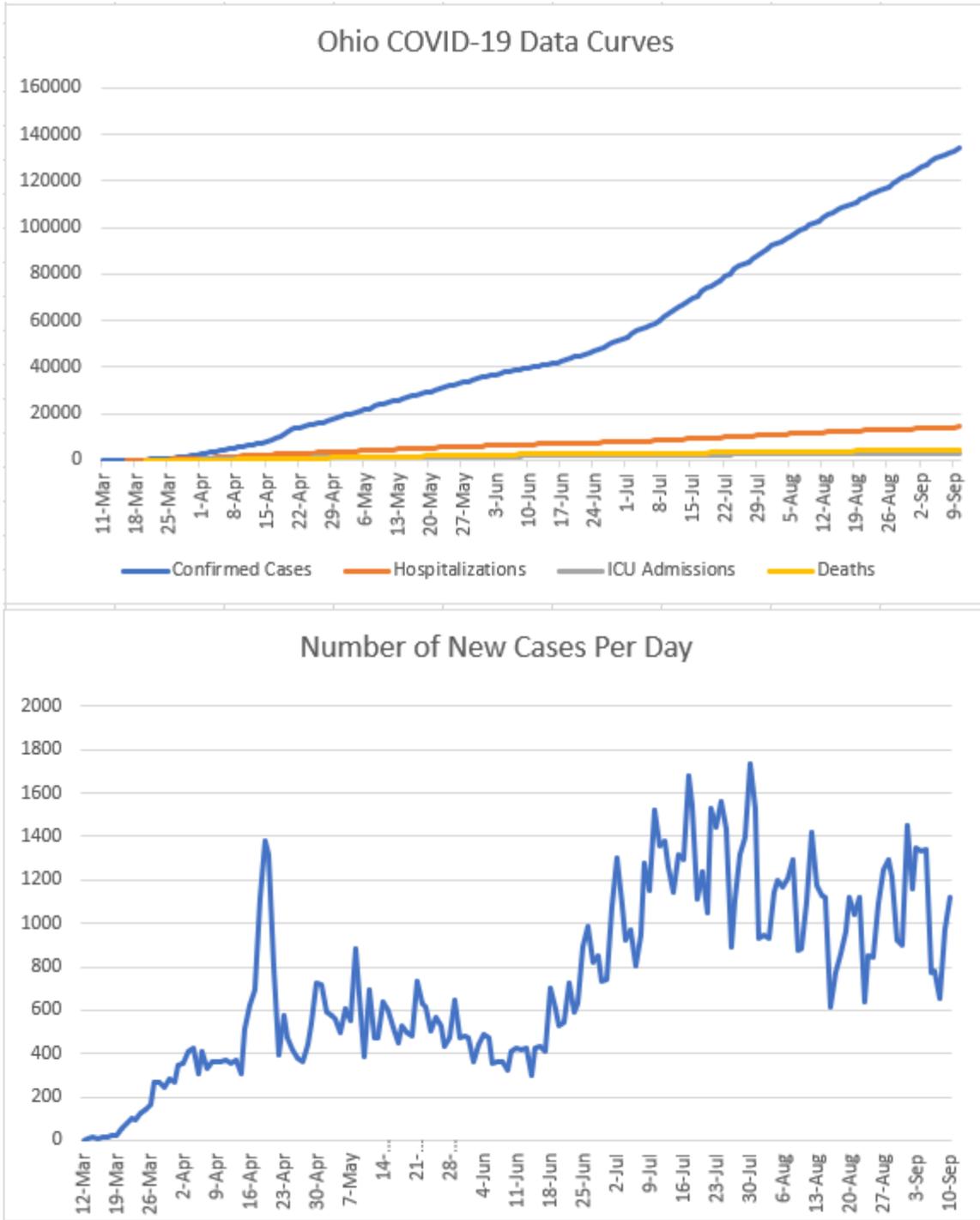
If you missed a prior webinar and would like to catch up, please visit: [Calfee Webinars](#)

#### Other items of note

- Ohioans filed 17,983 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to data released by the Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) on Thursday. The total represents a 4% decline from the previous week, when residents filed 18,719 new jobless claims. ODJFS reported Ohioans filed 328,515 continued claims last week, down 447,787 compared with the state's peak earlier this year. The agency said it has distributed more than \$6.3 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 799,000 Ohioan over the last 25 weeks. The U.S. Department of Labor reported 884,000 initial jobless claims were filed nationwide last week, even with the prior week.
- U.S. Senate Republicans plans to hold a vote Thursday on a pared-down coronavirus relief bill. Democrats intend to block the measure in a move that could push any new economic stimulus negotiations until after the November elections.
- The University of Wisconsin at Madison will switch to fully online classes over the next two weeks, campus officials said, as more than one-fifth of students tested for the coronavirus returned positive results. The change, which becomes effective Thursday, will also include a shutdown of libraries, the student center and academic buildings at the campus of approximately 30,000 students — the latest in an increasingly long list of universities to shut down in-person activities because of the pandemic. Rebecca Blank, the university's chancellor, had previously said that ramped-up testing would lead to an inevitable rise in positive tests, according to the Capital Times. But in a letter to students Monday urging them to stay home, she said the high positive rates “have not been good” and are “not due solely to an increase in testing.”
- A major coronavirus vaccine trial is on hold as an independent committee investigates whether a case of spinal inflammation in a single British participant is linked to the vaccine — a step that several experts said is a sign of the protections in place to ensure the safety of products ultimately used in millions of healthy people. The hold on human testing of the vaccine candidate being developed by the pharmaceutical company AstraZeneca and the University of Oxford was confirmed by the company in a statement, calling it a “routine action.” “The announcement yesterday about the AstraZeneca vaccine is a concrete example of how even a single case of an unexpected illness is sufficient to require a clinical hold for the trial in multiple countries,” Francis Collins, director of the National Institutes of Health, said at a Senate hearing.

## Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

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



Wednesday – 2,463,645 tested – 20,948 new tests reported

Thursday – 2,483,371 tested – 19,726 new tests reported

**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>