

OH Gov. DeWine COVID-19 update_9.15.2020

Tuesday, Sept. 15	132118 Confirmed Cases	139485 Total Cases (CDC)	1001 New Cases	14481 Number of Hospitalizations	3111 ICU Admissions	4207 Confirmed Deaths	4506 Total Deaths (CDC)
Monday, Sept. 14	131235 Confirmed Cases	138484 Total Cases (CDC)	1079 New Cases	14378 Number of Hospitalizations	3097 ICU Admissions	4126 Confirmed Deaths	4419 Total Deaths (CDC)
Sunday, Sept. 13	130196 Confirmed Cases	137405 Total Cases (CDC)	837 New Cases	14314 Number of Hospitalizations	3088 ICU Admissions	4122 Confirmed Deaths	4415 Total Deaths (CDC)
Saturday, Sept. 12	129453 Confirmed Cases	136568 Total Cases (CDC)	1242 New Cases	14284 Number of Hospitalizations	3088 ICU Admissions	4118 Confirmed Deaths	4411 Total Deaths (CDC)
Friday, Sept. 11	128297 Confirmed Cases	135326 Total Cases (CDC)	1240 New Cases	14236 Number of Hospitalizations	3081 ICU Admissions	4110 Confirmed Deaths	4403 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 Thursday, September 17.

The top 10 counties by cases per 100,000 residents over the last two weeks – Putnam, Mercer, Butler, Shelby, Henry, Athens, Franklin, Montgomery, Darke, and Miami – continue to be mostly rural counties, though several are also the home of universities and colleges.

Director Ursel McElroy of the Department of Aging joined today to provide an update on testing in nursing homes. The state is now providing testing kits to homes and providing transportation to labs for testing. The collection of specimens is now mainly being handled in-house by nursing home staff. The National Guard is now primarily involved in the logistics of delivering and collecting testing kits. Assisted living facilities have also implemented a testing program. Adult day care centers and recreation centers will be allowed to open on September 21, with a testing program primarily for the staff. All of these facilities are also subject to all screening, cleaning, data collection, etc. for appropriate infection control measures.

Governor DeWine and J. P. Nauseef, President of JobsOhio, announced a new program, Ohio to Work. JobsOhio, employers, nonprofits, training providers and more have joined together to help people to identify new career opportunities, obtain training and coordinate with employers looking to hire. Potential employees will be paired with a coach to move through the program and connecting with training. The program will start in Cuyahoga County within the month, with plans to spread across the state in the coming months. More than 30 employers have signed up and committed to interviewing people participating in Ohio to Work. For more information – see <https://ohiotowork.com/>.

Superintendent Timothy Hopkins of Brookville Local Schools (Montgomery County) joined to talk about the progress of the school year. Brookville, a district of about 1500 students, has been in school, in person for 4 weeks. Hopkins noted that things have gone well and that everyone is glad to be back together. Superintendent Robert O'Leary of Vandalia Butler Schools (Montgomery County) also joined. Vandalia Butler has approximately 3000 students and has been mostly in person since beginning 3 weeks ago, about 15% of students are remote. O'Leary said opening has gone well as students and staff have adapted to new processes and procedures. Both are utilizing outdoor spaces to help with spacing concerns during lunch, for band practice, etc.

Governor DeWine noted that things appear to be going well on campus at universities – in class, in libraries and dorms. But he noted that there are still a lot incidents of students congregate off campus and not following spacing or mask requirements. He encouraged students to be careful.

As reported in our last briefing Dr. Joan Duwve was announced as the next Director of the Department of Health on Thursday. Later that evening, Dr. Duwve withdrew herself from consideration for the position. In response to media questions, Governor DeWine said that he accepted that Dr. Duwve's decision to remove herself from consideration as the next Director of the Department of Health was for personal reasons, not directly responding to the question of whether she withdrew due to concerns of personal safety, citing the treatment of Dr. Acton. Governor DeWine added that he didn't think the challenges of running the Ohio Department of Health are any different from the same position in other states. In addition to the Director position, the state is also seeking a medical director for the Department following the previous medical director's retirement.

Upcoming Calfee events

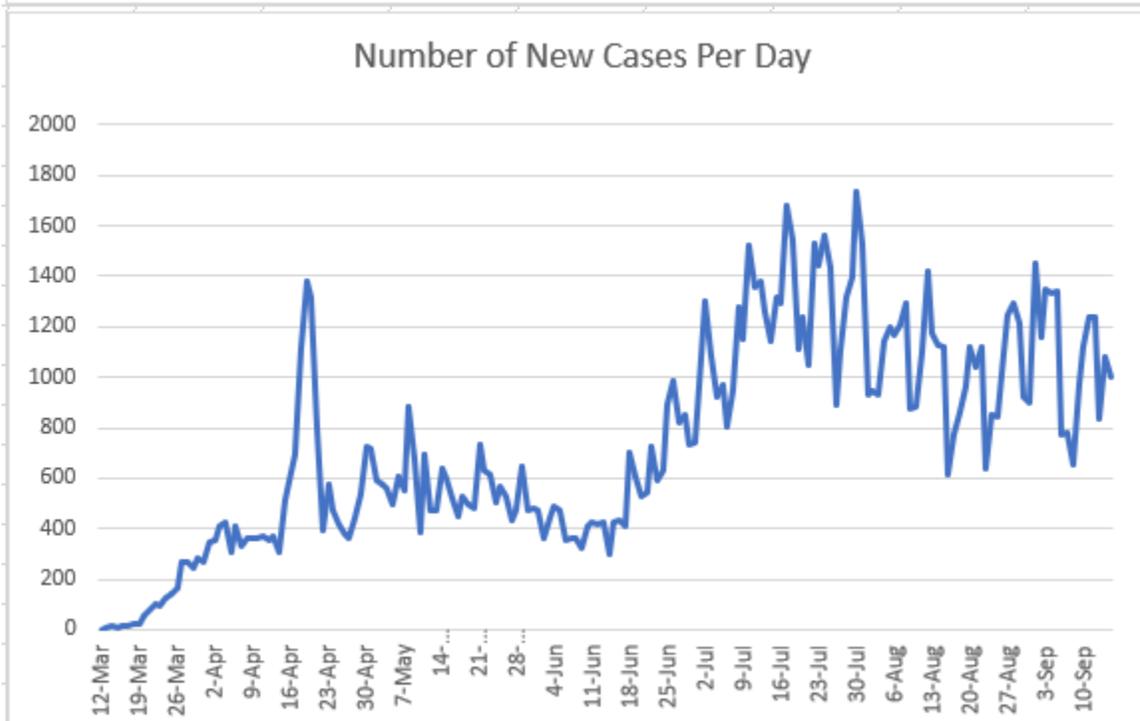
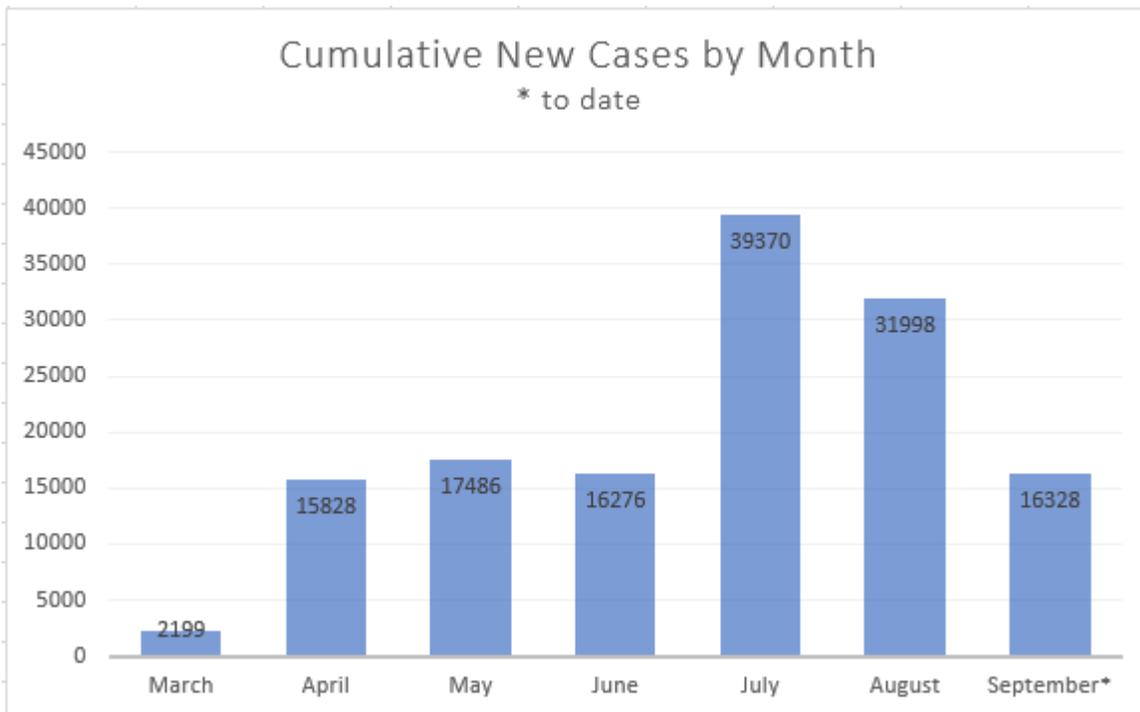
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Other items of note

- State Sen. Bob Peterson (R-Washington Court House), president pro tempore of the Ohio Senate, has tested positive for COVID-19. Peterson, along with Senate President Larry Obhof (R-Medina), have placed themselves under quarantine. A spokesperson for the Senate Majority Caucus says Peterson is doing "ok." Obhof has placed himself under quarantine because he had a brief interaction with Peterson during an outdoor event last week. The spokesperson says Obhof's quarantine is out of an abundance of caution.
- New York City's lockdown in the spring reduced the spread of the coronavirus by 70 percent, but more consistency with mask-wearing would have brought it down even further, according to a forthcoming study from Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health and the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. According to the study, which has not yet been peer-reviewed, reducing contact rates by closing schools and telling people to stay home "likely contributed to the largest reduction in transmission in the population overall." But masks also played a crucial role, the researchers wrote. New York City began requiring face coverings on April 12, which helped reduce transmission by an additional 7 percent overall, and by 20 percent among people 65 or older.
- Several large public universities in the Midwest have canceled spring break for 2021, citing fears that students who leave campus for a week or more to travel could spread the coronavirus. At Kansas State University, the University of Iowa, Iowa State University and the University of Northern Iowa, the start of the spring semester will be delayed until late January, with no major breaks taking place until classes conclude in May. The University of Nebraska is weighing plans to follow suit. At Ohio State University, students will get a brief respite from coursework in the form of two single-day "instructional breaks" that take place midweek, theoretically reducing the likelihood that students choose to leave campus.

Ohio COVID-19 Data Curves

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



Friday – 2,512,184 tested – 28,813 new tests reported
Saturday – 2,559,896 tested – 47,712 new tests reported
Sunday – 2,586,621 tested – 26,725 new tests reported
Monday – 2,616,007 tested – 29,386 new tests reported

Tuesday – 2,652,164 tested – 36,157 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 the³Calfee COVID-19 Resource Center:

<https://www.calfee.com/covid-19-resource-center>