

Below are notes from Governor DeWine's daily press conference. Additionally, the Ohio Legislature is back in session at the Statehouse.

## Highlights

- Testing—the state is expanding testing capacity thanks to Thermo Fisher and Roe Dental Lab partnership. The testing will be prioritized for: severely ill, and moderately ill with underlying medical conditions. Priority #1—those with symptoms who are hospitalized and healthcare workers. #2—those with symptoms who residents of long-term care facilities, first responders, 65+ in age, those living with underlying conditions, and #3—other Ohioans without symptoms who live in a long-term care facility or congregate living and those designated by public health officials to evaluate/manage community outbreaks (such as in workplaces, and other large gatherings). Governor said increased testing does not replace infection control and prevention.
- Bureau of Motor Vehicles—BMVs will open later this month—no date right now. They will all have their own plan. State has suspended expirations for now.
- 20,474 confirmed cases, 3,809 hospitalizations, and 1,056 deaths

## Governor Mike DeWine

- Recognized the 50th anniversary of the Kent State shootings and had a moment of silence (the flags are also being flown at half staff)
- Talked about the restaurant group's work and said that they are almost finished with a plan. We will have a plan this week for reopening
- May 12th will be the reopening of retail, however a lot of businesses are doing curbside.
- The Dept. of Health is now showing trends for 21 days, as well as five days, and hospitalizations are on the rise.
- Governor DeWine strongly condemned the protesters who have been disrespectful to reporters and Dr. Acton. "I respect the First Amendment. I am fair game. But it is not fair game to be disrespectful or obnoxious to the news media. To treat them with disrespect and to not practice social distancing with them, I find that very sad". "In addition, I'm the one who makes policy decisions. Members of my cabinet work hard, but I set the policy. When you don't like the policy, again, you can demonstrate against me. That's fair game."
- "I continue to appeal to every Ohioan. Wearing a face covering is the right thing to do."
- Reporter asked questions about the working groups not having actual workers at the table, but only employers, both the Governor and Lt. Gov said, "We tried to be geographically diverse. We took appointments from all the caucuses, and health officials who are looking at public health"
- When asked if he would veto a bill that will take away Dept. of Health authority, "I have not seen the language. I reserve any comment until I see the language."
- Governor honored Don Shula who died—he was a member of the national guard and played for the Cleveland Browns
- Ended the press conference with a video from the MAC because of the number of Ohio schools in the MAC (Akron, BG, Miami, Kent, Toledo, OU, and others)

### **Lt. Governor Husted**

- Gave the BMVs update that they will open later this month—no date right now. will all have their own plan.
- Said that he appreciates the feedback from legislators, businesses and others
- Toledo reporter asked about marinas and boating (Michigan has lifted its ban). Lt. Gov said that marinas have been in the order as allowing to be open. They will have to comply with the requirements like everyone else.

### **Dr. Acton with Ohio by the Numbers**

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- 3,809 hospitalizations
- 1,090 admissions to ICU
- 1,056 deaths