

Below are today's notes from the Governor's daily press conference. Two other developments are the creation of the Ohio House 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force and the Ohio tax receipts.

According to the Office of Budget and Management, the state tax receipts in March were down \$159.4 million, or 10% from what analysts projected. The DeWine Administration has already instructed agencies to freeze new contracts and identify cuts of up to 20%.

Speaker Householder announced the 2020 Economic Recovery Task Force, consisting of a 24-member panel and will be chaired by Rep. Paul Zeltwanger, and Rep. Terrence Unchurch as vice chair.

Republican members of the task force are: Rep. Paul Zeltwanger (chair), [Rep. Brian Baldrige](#) (R-Winchester), [Rep. Rick Carfagna](#) (R-Genoa Township), [Rep. Jon Cross](#) (R-Kenton), [Rep. Jay Edwards](#) (R-Nelsonville), [Rep. Dave Greenspan](#) (R-Westlake), [Rep. Brett Hillyer](#) (R-Uhrichsville), [Rep. Adam Holmes](#) (R-Zanesville), [Rep. Don Jones](#) (R-Freeport), [Rep. Laura Lanese](#) (R-Grove City), [Rep. George Lang](#) (R-West Chester), Rep. Jeff LaRe (R-Violet Twp.), [Rep. Jena Powell](#) (R-Laura), [Rep. Dick Stein](#) (R-Norwalk), [Rep. Reggie Stoltzfus](#) (R-Minerva), [Rep. D.J. Swearingen](#) (R-Huron), and [Rep. Nino Vitale](#) (R-Urbana).

Minority members: Rep. Unchurch (vice chair), [Rep. Jack Cera](#) (D-Bellaire), Rep. Galonski, Rep. Leland, [Rep. Jessica Miranda](#) (D-Forest Park), [Rep. Michael Sheehy](#) (D-Oregon), and [Rep. Thomas West](#) (D-Canton).

Highlights

- Announced a collaboration "Office of Small Business Relief" will help to coordinate with all the small business programs and will be housed at the Development Services Agency and can be found at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/businesshelp
- Today, the Ohio Liquor Control Commission passed an emergency rule to allow establishments with an existing on-premises liquor permit to sell and deliver alcohol—including high-proof liquor in limited quantity, for off-premises consumption (under the rule, patrons can purchase two, prepackaged drinks per meal. All drinks must be closed and remain closed during transport as per open container law)
- Currently \$114 million has been paid to 180,000 people in unemployment benefits
- Ohio has 4,782 confirmed cases, 1,354 hospitalized, and 167 fatalities

Governor Mike DeWine

- Today the Governor wore a Kent State tie
- Spoke about our libraries and that they are continuing to offer programming. www.library.ohio.gov/public-covid19-programs
- Snap eligible households can soon pick up a pre-packaged box of food at their local food bank. This took a federal waiver.
- ODJFS announced that for those who did not already receive the maximum month allotment that they would be issued an additional payment beginning this week
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- Spoke to the prison staff and the importance of taking care of their health and well being. Prison numbers are on the decline.
- Governor made pitch for inmates to have early release, under certain conditions and for judges and prosecutors to waive the 60 days notice so they can take them directly to the parole board. Governor said there is a group of 26 inmates statewide that are 60+ or older who have one or more chronic health conditions. There is a group of 141 inmates who qualify for emergency release under Ohio's Overcrowding Emergency statute. These are inmates that live in "open bays" with 80-300 people and sleep in close conditions. The potential for fast spread is greater. Ohio Revised Code allows the Director of Rehabilitations and Corrections authority to release inmates with coordination with the Ohio Parole Board in case of an emergency (90 days or less of the date of release). When determining who would be on the lists for early release the Governor said that they narrowed list down and removed sex offenders, homicide, kidnapping and abduction, ethnic intimidation, domestic violence, and those who have been denied in the past for judicial relief.

Lt. Governor Jon Husted

- Said that he spends a lot of time with small and medium sized businesses and then the Administration tries to work on ways to assist based on the challenges
- Announced a collaboration "Office of Small Business Relief" will help to coordinate with all the small business programs and will be housed at the Development Services Agency
- There are now 30,000 jobs posted at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/jobsearch
- Reporters pushed hard on the fact that there are many people who still cannot access unemployment benefits and the LG said that they have increased their capacity by 20% and that people will have backdated payments.
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Dr. Amy Acton

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 4,782 confirmed cases (>1-101 years in age) and median age is 54
- 1,354 hospitalized (28% of cases)
- 417 admissions to the ICU (9% of total cases)
- 976 of all cases are healthcare workers (28% of all cases)
- 81 out of 88 counties
- 50,000 people tested
- 167 fatalities

Other information from Dr. Acton

- Dr. Acton spoke to Ohio's hard work and sacrifices over the last couple of weeks and has really helped to flattened the curve

- We see hotspots in Detroit, nursing homes, and prisons—which is why we have to build out our healthcare system capacity
- In response to the state's call to donate medical equipment, they had 805 responses and have identified 901 ventilators
- PSA on domestic violence and human trafficking