

Highlights

- Governor said that today he asked hospitals to come to him with a plan for getting back to when they can start treating patients with non-COVID 19 elective procedures
- Lt. Governor said that ODJFS will have an online tool that will allow 1099 workers or those that currently don't qualify for state assistance but will qualify for federal benefits the ability for them to process their claims by May 15th
- The Ohio State Highway Patrol developed a statewide collection and distribution system for the collection on N95 masks, which will be sterilized by Battelle (at no cost right now). The patrol will pick them off and drop them off at the patrol collection sites.
- There is a new collaboration between OSU and University of Toledo to make more testing kits. Soon we will have 15,000 3D printed swabs for COVID-19 test kits that will be shared with hospital systems across Ohio, with the goal being 200,000.
- Lt Governor said that pre-pandemic there were 40 people working in the unemployment call center and now there are 1,194 people working in the call center and it is still not enough. Also said that Ohio had more claims in the last month than in the last 2 years.
- 7,791 confirmed cases and 361 fatalities

Governor Mike DeWine

- Governor wore a Shawnee State tie. His daughter's good friend Becky went there—he gave her a shout out
- Highlighted Ohio innovation and collaboration among researches and manufacturers
- Shared a video of a couple who helped solve the mask shortage. The wife is a doctor at Ohio Health and the husband is an engineer at Battelle and over dinner talked through the concept that Battelle could sterilize PPE: <https://www.nbcnews.com/health/health-news/dinner-table-chat-between-husband-wife-may-help-solve-coronavirus-n1183716>
- Gov spoke to the new collection of emergency responder masks and that Battelle is going to sanitize at no cost (see highlights above)
- Gov gave a PSA on Census. Said that Ohio is at 52% response rate and that Michigan is at 55%. [2020census.gov](https://www.census.gov)
- Prison situation: 2 more inmates have died at Pickaway Correctional facility due to presumed coronavirus (total of 3). Governor spoke to his plan for early release. Also, our prison has dropped by over 300 inmates because of the efforts by local courts. He thanked the judges who have acted. The Governor today approved 105 more inmates for early release and have instructed DRC to continue to use the new criteria for early release
- Is asking industry "how would you protect your employees and customers once you are open again" "we want to learn from the businesses that have been deemed essential—the LG will be leading this effort.
- Governor said that today he asked hospitals to come to him with a plan for getting back to when they can get back to the healthcare that has been delayed or deferred (treating patients with non-COVID 19 elective procedures)
- The monster is still out there loose and it will be until we have a vaccine. And we are going to have to live with this. And when we open up, we will have to do things differently."
- Got question on liquor renewable permits and if they are going to make establishment pay for a license they can't use. The Governor said that they are trying to figure out and deal with it in a fair way.

- Shared a video of famous Ohioans doing a PSA on coronavirus. Katie Smith, Allison Janney, Jack Hanna, Joe Burrow, etc.

Lt. Governor Jon Husted

- Acknowledging the fact that the unemployment system needed work: "I believe that ODJFS knows and understands that customer service needs to get better. System was built in 2004. There is a plan for a cloud-based system, but that system does not exist right now. When the unemployment rate was 1.4% it worked fine."
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- Ohio had more claims in the last month than in the last 2 years.
- Additional improvements were highlighted by the LG: Adding 300 people. By end of the week, there will be a voice service to speed up. Adding new . will begin administering the \$600 federal unemployment. E-application improvements. 2000180 is the claim number used for this mass layoff. May 1st there will be 13 additional weeks added under the CARES Act.
- There are 669 employers with 41,433 jobs available at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/jobsearch
- LG shared feedback from a reporter's question yesterday that a donut shop in Centerville had 50 employees and only 4 claims had been processed. The LG said that he looked into this and really it was 28 out of 40 claims had been processed, 8 claims need more info for processing, and 3 of the individuals did not meet the threshold however maybe when we have the new system we can help those people.

Dr. Amy Acton

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 7,791 confirmed cases (<1-104 years, median age is 54) (4,207 females and 3,746 males)
- 2,237 hospitalizations (29%)
- 677 admissions to ICU (9%)
- 700 are in long-term care facilities
- 1,606 are healthcare workers (21%)
- 87 out of 88 counties
- 361 fatalities
- 71,552 tested

Other Information from Dr. Acton

- Dr. Acton spoke about the book "The Good Enough Parent" by Bruno Bettelheim
- Questions on the peak—Dr. Acton said that we may never have the actual number of people so our data is very hard to read
- Dr. Acton shared that Maryland and NY now have universal mask/face cover orders. She said that we have not done this, but know that wearing them are very, very important