

Below are my notes from Governor DeWine's daily press conference. Today's special guest was Travis, an emergency room nurse and COVID-19 survivor. Ohio Department of Medicaid Director Maureen Corcoran will be on tomorrow to talk about nursing homes.

Highlights

- No announcement on childcare center re-openings and no date will be announced until there is a plan and they have more facts
- A list of the current advisory groups working on the Responsible RestartOhio: Personal Service, Restaurants, Casinos and Racinos, Travel and Tourism, Fairs, Outdoor Recreation, and Gyms
- There will be a \$500 rebate to purchase high proof spiritous liquor to eligible permit holders
- Ohio is currently testing 14,275 a day and will be at 22,000 a day soon
- 24,777 confirmed cases and 1,357 deaths

Governor Mike DeWine

- Video on safety measures in the workplace as businesses reopen
- "Tomorrow, 90% of Ohio's economy will be open"
- No announcement on childcare and no date will be announced until there is a plan and they have more facts
- "To be candid the mistakes I have made in my career have come about when I haven't had all the facts or didn't dig deep enough"
- "Reopening child centers is just too important to do until we have all the protocols in place. Child care centers cannot reopen until we have the most science based and safety-based plan put together"
- Governor spoke to the rebate program: \$500 rebate for liquor permit holders—this will apply once a license holder begins ordering.
- Special guest was Travis, an emergency room nurse who is a COVID-19 survivor. Got sick at the end of March. Within a week symptoms got worse and shortness of breath to where he couldn't walk. Was in ICU for four days. In hospital for eight days. After a month he is feeling good now and back in the emergency room working.
- Question from reporter: federal guidance is for states to test all healthcare workers and patients in nursing homes within the next two weeks. Governor DeWine said that he was not sure we would be able to do this.
- Reporter asked question on testing and why we are not moving more quickly and Dr. Acton talked through the difficulty of protocols and process of getting the kits out

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 24,777 confirmed cases (age > 1-108 with median age 50), (13,407 males and 11,211 females)
- 4,413 hospitalizations (18%)
- 1,217 admissions to ICU
- 1,357 deaths
- 209,153 tested in Ohio