

Below are notes from Governor DeWine's daily press conference today. The guest today was Joni Close, President of Sisters of Charity in Canton, Ohio who provided details on the reopening of childcare centers.

### **Highlights:**

All of the below opening will be published online with specific protocols that must be followed:

- May 22—horse racing can begin with spectators prohibited
- May 26—"low contact sports" can resume, like: gyms, fitness centers, tennis, paddle clubs and limited contact sports, pools regulated by public health departments (not water parks and amusement parks right now). Lt. Gov Husted read the CDC guidance that COVID cannot be spread through water and chlorine or bromine should inactivate the virus in water
- May 26—BMVs open
- May 21—Campgrounds will open (under specific conditions)
- May 31—daycares and day camps can open and all public and private providers are eligible for the \$60 million of CARES resources for childcare providers and centers to help fund the safety measures and reduced class sizes (see details below under Joni Close)
- 26,800 confirmed cases and 1,534 deaths

### **Governor Mike DeWine**

- Governor wore a Case Western Reserve University tie
- Governor took a moment of silence for peace officers who were killed in the line of duty to recognize Peace Officer Memorial Day tomorrow. Displayed a picture of four officers killed in the line of duty
- Also recognized the passing of retired Pickaway County Sheriff Dwight Radcliff and former State Representative Andy Thompson
- Spoke to the reopening of schools and said "We don't have a playbook for this sort of thing"
- Governor gave the childcare reopening update (along with Jone Close)
- Governor announced Ohio would be conducting a research project on stopping the spread of COVID-19 in childcare centers
- Gov said of opening childcare centers "our goal is to protect the children in child care, the workers, and the families. We want to have the safest in the nation. Moving forward, childcare is going to look different as long as COVID-19 is still around"
- Governor made announcement that Ohio would use \$60 million of CARES resources for childcare providers and centers to help fund the safety measures and reduced class sizes
- Governor said that he would address the minority healthcare working group next week

### **Joni Close, President, Sisters of Charity Foundation in Canton, Ohio**

- Gave overview of childcare reopening
- May 31—childcare providers will be able to reopen
- Reduced number of children per room
- Daily temp will be taken and anyone over 100 will need to go home
- Classroom group sizes will be smaller (9 for preschool)

- “Cleaning is the word of the day”—cleaning toys, counters, and other surfaces
- Children and teachers will have to wash hands after each activity
- No field trips
- Playgrounds and outdoor play areas will be permitted, but heavily sanitized
- "Children need early childhood education"

#### **Ohio Specific Numbers**

- 26,800 confirmed cases
- 4,718 hospitalizations
- 1,268 ICU admissions
- 1,534 deaths
- 231,795 tested in Ohio