

Below are notes from Governor DeWine's daily press conference.

Today there were two special guests—Dept. of Rehabilitations and Corrections Director Annette Chambers-Smith (DRC had their third staff member die from COVID-19—a total of 3 staff and 61 prisoners) and a woman named Stacey who is a COVID-19 survivor and told her personal story (she was exposed to COVID-19 on March 8, was in the emergency room on March 28, she was put in a medically induced coma while being treated, and two months later she is better but still using a walker to get around).

### **Governor Mike DeWine**

- Governor DeWine wore a University of Findlay tie today
- Governor showed a video of how public transportation is helping during this crisis
- Governor made a point to let the public know that it was not the state that was setting the “no visitors” policies at hospitals and other long-term care facilities, but that those decisions are made at the facility.
- The Governor will share more about the Minority Health Strike Force on Thursday
- OhioMHAS had a few positive tests at the Twin Valley Behavioral Health Hospital in Columbus. OSU is arranging testing for all of the patients and staff to be tested
- Due to positive tests at the Sandusky veteran's facility they have tested all patients and staff at Ohio's two veterans facilities. Currently 23 residents and 3 staff at the Sandusky location tested positive and zero confirmed cases at the Georgetown facility.
- The Governor spent a lot of time discussing the reported incidents over the weekend of crowded bars not following the state's Orders on social distancing. The Governor actually read that part of the Order that pertains to bars and restaurants
- The Governor said that some of those pictures that were being shared on social media of bars in Ohio made the national press. He did say that he understands that the overwhelming majority of bars and restaurants did follow proper procedures.
- The Governor said “we are marshaling all the resources at our disposal to assemble a large contingent of law enforcement and health officials from across state agencies and from local communities. We will coordinate with them as part of the Dept. of Public Safety's Ohio Investigative Unit. They will surge in to conduct safety compliance checks in crowded bars and restaurants. They will issue administrative citations that could result in the revocation of liquor licenses. Further, we will work with municipal prosecutors to take ethical potential criminal actions against these bad actors.”
- The press conference ended with a video of a local band “McGuffey Lane” playing an inspiring song

### **Lt. Governor Jon Husted**

- Lt. Governor Husted made a point to mention that the state has never closed a church
- The state will coordinate with OHSAA to determine how to deal with school-related sports
- Both the Governor and Lt. Governor spoke to the fact that the Order for bars and restaurants says that the patrons need to be seated

### **Ohio Specific Numbers**

- 28,454 confirmed cases
- 4,998 hospitalizations

- 1,328 admissions to ICU
- 270,041 total tested Ohioans
- 1,504 deaths

#### **Dr. Amy Acton**

- The number of cases shows that Ohio is in a “plateau” phase
- The “R naught” factor shows that we are at a 1:1.2 spread of the virus
- Cincinnati Tech is working on a study to show the efficacy of face coverings and have showed that they help stop 80% of the droplets from leaving. Dr. Acton said that it is not perfect, but it is the “Swiss cheese” method that if we do a bunch of different practices that it all helps.