

- Governor gave a shout out to NEOMED—Northeast Ohio Medical Center
- Governor said that he does a call each morning with Ohio mayors—spoke to Cleveland Mayor Jackson today and then showed an inspiring video
- Thanked manufacturers, especially Ohio companies helping us to make the PPE
- Showed chart of hospital build out—there are three ways we have helped 1. cut down on elective surgeries, 2. physical build out of increased capacity (national guard has been out to look at many sites), 3. hospitals themselves are creating additional rooms
- Gave a shout out to our healthcare providers
- Signed an order expanding telehealth—legally allowing more work to be done (see highlights above)
- Talked about the CDC recommendation on masks. Governor said that he would be wearing one (one that Fran made for him)
- Governor encouraged employers to support masks being worn by employees
- Spoke about Battelle and their mask sterilization work—they have agreed to charge nothing for two weeks (you can get them sterilized 20 times before the mask has degradation)
- Governor talked about four weeks ago how hard it was when they shut down the Arnold Classic—“four weeks later and doesn’t seem like a difficult decision” and gave a shout out to Mayor Ginther
- Recognized Palm Sunday “tomorrow is Palm Sunday. In the Christian tradition, it marks the triumphal entrance of Jesus into the City of Jerusalem. It begins Holy Week.” “A week of death, but also a week of hope” “It will be a different palm Sunday because we can not gather together—it is much too dangerous”
- Governor showed a picture of the Grafton Farm in Steubenville where they have a big light display on their farm that says “We will Prevail” with a sign of the cross.

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

- LG said that his wife Tina wears a mask the one day of the week when she goes to the grocery
- Announced the broadband wifi hot spot program (see highlights above)
- Gave a shout out that the election is April 28th through absentee only!
- Gave a shout out to Census 2020—get your forms in!
- LG gave a shout out that University of Dayton basketball coach Anthony Grant was awarded coach of the year and UD player Obi Toppin was awarded player of the year
- LG gave a shout out to Chris Spielman—auctioning off his sports memorabilia to try and raise \$40,000 for coronavirus relief efforts
- When a reporter asked about what people should do who can’t get through for unemployment, the LG said that everything will be backdated

#### **Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy**

- Ohio has 2.8 million older adults, and many family and loved ones
- Older Ohioans bring much wisdom and strength
- Spoke to the fact that older adults are at high risk for COVID-19
- Dept. of Aging is preparing—helping with hygiene and administering medication, meals, etc.

- How do you get food when you are told to not go out? What if no one can visit and help? What if others in my facility have COVID?
- We are having difficulty with people with alzeyhemers or dementia. We know that routine is very important, but hard right now.
- Please keep an eye out for our older adults
- The increase for food delivery is a challenge
- Made a plea to keep in touch with your older adults

## Dr. Amy Acton

### *Ohio Specific Numbers*

- 3,739 Confirmed cases (<1-102 years in age) (51% female, 48% male, <1% unknown)
- 1,006 hospitalizations (27% of all cases)
- 326 admitted to the ICU
- 748 healthcare workers (20% of all cases)
- 76 out of 88 counties reporting cases
- 41,871 tested
- 102 deaths

### *Other Information from Dr. Acton*

- Dr. Acton gave a shout out to NEOMED, her alma mater and talked about how she worked three jobs to get through med school
- She said that next week we will be talking more about our regional hospital system. “what you do when you are sick, you continue to do that. Do what you have always done. Most people can stay at home. If you are having trouble breathing, THAT is when you call and may have to come in. But the state will move people to where they need to be. You do not have to worry about that”
- She talked about Chris Cuomo’s piece covered by Anderson Cooper and that although it’s tough, you can ride it out.
- 75% of Ohio Department of Health is money comes form the federal government. “We have a CDC funded person at ODH. We are doing a lot with the CDC, but also with our state partners.”
- “We had a clunky old system. We worked with our universities and now we are tracking things that we never had”
- Google data shows us our movements—and Ohio has really reduced our activity: Retail and rec down -43%, +10 in residence, +117 at parks, -35% workplace, -19% pharmacy
- Dr. Acton talked about the importance of wearing a mask and shows a handmade mask by Adjutant General Harris’ wife. It’s about 80% effective—but it adds up collectively to not transmitting the virus,
- Recent studies show that wearing a mask can stop the transmission. And in Asia and other countries around the world, it is seen as polite and “cool” the “right thing to do”
- “I need you to wear your mask and your cape now”, “Don your cape, and when you’re out and about, don your mask”
- [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)
- Up to 25% of people won’t ever know that they have coronavirus