

Below are notes from the Governor's daily press conference. The Governor's special guest was Kimberly Hall, Director of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

Highlights

- Governor DeWine directed the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation to send \$1.6 billion in dividends to Ohio employers this spring, which is 100% of the premiums employers paid in policy year 2018. BWC will apply the dividend to an employer's outstanding balances first, including the recent installment deferrals. Out of the total, \$1.4 billion will go to private employers and \$200 million will go to local government taxing districts (counties, cities, schools, etc.)
- Dr. Acton showed some new modeling that had Ohio's initial peak projections at 9,800 per day and our new models (thanks to social distancing and measures put in place early) now shows Ohio's peak at 1,600 cases per day
- By the end of the week, ODJFS will have 1,000 employees taking calls to help people impacted from sudden employment, businesses, parents who need childcare, and families in need of food
- Apple CEO Tim Cook just donated 100,000 N95 masks to Ohio's medical workers
- 5,148 confirmed cases, 1,064 hospitalization, and 193 fatalities

Governor Mike DeWine

- Governor recognized the death of John Dawson, a corrections officer who died from coronavirus. John was 55 years old and had worked at the Marion Correctional Institution since 1996.
- Governor is wearing a blue tie to honor Child Abuse Prevention Month. Gave a PSA on child services workers and thanked them for their work. Ohio is grateful for the work they do 24-7.
- Ohio is trying to get more masks and gloves
- The use of Battelle and the recycling of these masks is so vitally important—they now have the ability to sterilize 160,000 N95 masks each day
- Governor made a public plea to every hospital and everyone using mask—"Every mask is precious. Do not throw any away. We can use them 20 times. They mark the mask each time."
- Governor talked about calling Apple CEO Tim Cook last night and thanked him for the 100,000 N95 masks he is donating to Ohio medical workers
- Talked about how the National Guard is helping to distribute food to needy families—thanked them for their service
- Dr. Acton and Adjutant General Harris are working on getting our capacity in hospital beds ready
- 113 Public Health Departments—thanked them for their service and all the front-line workers
- Tina Husted (wife of Lt. Governor) asked the Governor to share a Harmony Project video thanking our healthcare workers
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- Ohio launched an ad campaign to support small businesses

Kimberly Hall, Director of Ohio Department of Job and Family Services

- Spoke to the 8 programs that impact Ohio families lives every day at ODJFS
- By the end of the week, ODJFS will have 1,000 employees taking calls to help people impacted from sudden employment, businesses, parents who need childcare, and families in need of food
- ODJFS is working to meet the needs of unemployed
- Childcare is critical —and more than 22,000 programs have been approved to operate for essential employees
- Nutrition assistance is also critical right now and there will be additional assistance to those enrolled in SNAP

Lt. Governor Jon Husted

- There are now 33,000 jobs posted from 478 employers on www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/jobsearch
- The good news—thanks to the Governor and YOUR actions, Ohio is in a much better place and has helped to slow the spread
- Bad news—more people are going to the hospitals, more people are dying—and these people have families and loved ones
- LG spent a lot of time talking about how we will continue to practice social distancing for quite some time. After we reemerge, we won't go back to crowded areas for awhile. Businesses should plan to keep space, clean surfaces, and continue to put an emphasis on hygiene. Vulnerable populations will still have to take care and protect themselves.

Dr. Amy Acton

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 5,148 confirmed cases (<1-101 years in age) and median income is 54
- 52% female, and 48% male
- 1,064 healthcare workers (21% of total cases)
- 1,495 hospitalizations (29% of cases)
- 472 admissions to ICU
- 83 out of 88 counties are reporting cases
- 193 fatalities
- 53,341 people tested in Ohio

Other information from Dr. Acton

- We are experiencing shortage of testing, and shortages of PPE
- We still need this equipment in our hospitals for births, car accidents, and other healthcare matters outside of COVID-19

- We want to be the state that flattened the curve quickly and the state that got out of this quickly
- Dr. Acton talked about the “6 degrees of separation from Kevin Bacon” again
- Initial peak projections had Ohio at 9,800 per day and our new models (thanks to social distancing) shows Ohio at 1,600 cases per day.
- “This is what you have done. This is because of you. This is what you have done”
- We know that we will have hot spots like nursing homes and prisons. But we are able to move quickly and make changes and help. When we see a flare up—we are crushing it.
- Dr. Acton recognized that she is Jewish and her husband is Episcopal and they will be celebrating differently—she gave a shout out to please don’t risk anything and please celebrate carefully
- “My matzo ball soup is the best! Just saying”
- Dr. Acton recognized Child Abuse Prevention month and spoke to the fact that she was a victim of child abuse.