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OHIO COVID-19 UPDATE
October 12, 2020

BY THE NUMBERS

3,434
ICU admissions
▲ 6

170,179
total cases
(including 9,858 probable)
▲ 1,430

5,005
total deaths
(including 308 probable)
▲ 6

16,442
hospitalizations
▲ 43

242
currently in ICU
▲ 21

949
currently hospitalized
▲ 64

123
currently on ventilator
▲ 17

Number in the bottom right corner indicates the change in 24 hours.
These numbers are updated every day at 2pm EST on www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.
Unemployment numbers are released every Thursday.

THE LATEST NEWS

GOVERNOR: The Governor did not hold a press conference today.

VENTILATOR: If your organization has ventilators you are asked to continue filling out the ventilator inventory form by Wednesday at 5pm each week.

2020 GENERAL ELECTION

With the Coronavirus pandemic, this year's election will look a little different than normal. As news about casting a ballot is constantly developing, we wanted to provide you with some helpful information and links all in one spot so you can make sure your voice is heard.

ABSENTEE VOTING

REQUEST AN ABSENTEE BALLOT: If you have not already done so, you can request an absentee ballot by either:

1. [Downloading, printing and mailing your request](); or
2. [Have a request form mailed to you]() for you to fill out and return

Once you have filled out your absentee request form, mail it to your County Board of Elections Office. A list of all **88** counties' addresses [can be found here](). You absentee request must be received by your County Board of Elections by Saturday, October 31st by noon.

Once you have mailed your request for an absentee ballot, you can [track the status of your ballot here]().

VERIFYING YOUR BALLOT: Once you receive your ballot in the mail, you can access a sample ballot online that you can use to verify that your ballot is the correct one for your precinct. You can [access your sample ballot by clicking here]() and following the prompts. Voters must compare the "AB Style" number in the bottom right corner of the ballot to a sample ballot linked to their address to determine if their ballot is correct.

It has been [reported]() that nearly 50,000 Franklin County ballots are incorrect. The Franklin County Board of Elections will be mailing a new ballot to those who received the incorrect one. If you have received the incorrect ballot, you can either wait for a replacement ballot to arrive in the mail and cast it, or show up at the Franklin County Board of Elections, 1700 Morse Road, during early voting hours to cast an in-person absentee ballot.

Once you have received an absentee ballot—regardless of whether it's correct or not—you cannot vote in-person on Election Day. Doing so will result in your ballot being cast as a provisional ballot. You are, however, eligible to cast your ballot in-person during the *early* voting period if you no longer wish to mail an absentee ballot. If you have already received an absentee ballot in the mail, your local board of elections will ask for it back and give you a new ballot at the early in-person voting site. You're not required to return the other ballot as a condition for getting a new one, however.

RETURNING YOUR BALLOT: You have two options for returning your absentee ballot once you have filled it out. You can either:

1. Mail your ballot back
    *   Your ballot will include instructions for how to return it and will list how much postage you need. A forever stamp is worth $.55. However, any ballot without sufficient postage will still be delivered per the US Postal Service policy to not delay ballots.
    *   Your ballot must be postmarked by November 2nd

2. Take your ballot to the secure ballot drop box

- Each county has a box that is located at the Board of Elections office. A list of all 88 counties' addresses can be found here.

You can use the ballot tracking tool to track if your ballot has been received by your Board of Elections.

EARLY IN-PERSON VOTING

LOCATION: Each county has a location in which voters can cast early in-person ballots. For most counties, that location is the board of elections office. Six counties have separate early voting sites: Lucas, Trumbull, Clark, Marion, Ashtabula and Summit. Click here for a list of early voting location addresses.

SCHEDULE: Early in-person voting begins October 6th and runs through Monday, November 2nd and at 2pm. The early voting locations are open the two Saturdays (8am to 4pm) and two Sundays (1pm to 5pm) leading up to the election. Click here for a voting schedule.

ELECTION DAY IN-PERSON VOTING

In-person voting is available on Election Day. You can find your polling location here. Voters are encouraged to wear a face mask when inside the voting facility, however poll workers have been instructed to not refuse anyone the opportunity to vote if they do not have a mask.

Curbside voting will be offered for individuals who request it. Health guidance issued by the Secretary of State to County Board of Elections can be found here.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM

Ohio's Public Health Advisory System is updated every Thursday
The system consists of four levels that provide Ohioans with guidance as to the severity of the problem in the counties in which they live. The levels are determined by seven data indicators that identify the risk level for each county and a corresponding color code to represent that risk level.
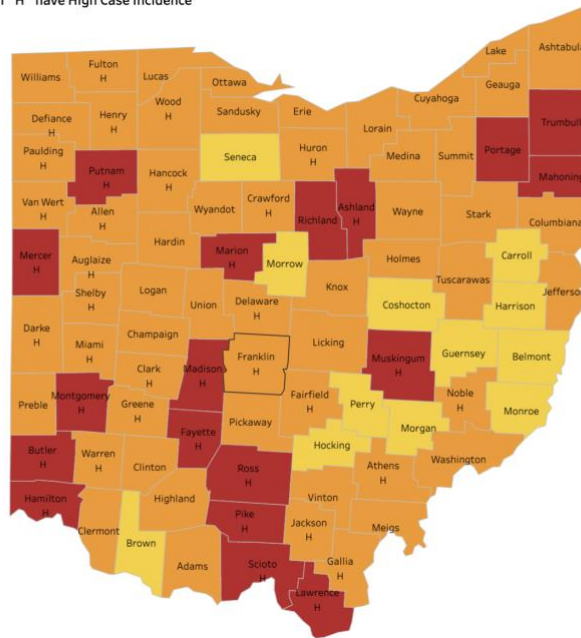Indicators Overview // Risk Level Guidance

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Counties with an "H" have High Case Incidence

All county profiles are updated every Thursday and can be viewed on the Coronavirus website's dashboard. [Click here to view the interactive dashboard.](#)

TESTING LOCATIONS

DeWine has started a walk-up/drive-up testing initiative with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and their affiliate members (Community Health Centers) and the Ohio National Guard. These sites will also include other local community-based organizations i.e., faith-based organizations, community centers, food pantries, etc.

Testing for this initiative will be available for individuals with or without symptoms. The test has no out-of-pocket cost to the patient and individuals of any age are able to access the test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian.

For an exhaustive list of all the locations in the state that are offering testing, [click here](#).

Pop-Up Testing Sites

WANT TO GET TESTED FOR **COVID-19?**

ANYONE CAN GET A **NO-COST** TEST AT THESE LOCATIONS | WEEK OF OCT. 12– OCT. 18

OCT. 13 **Springfield**
Rocking Horse
Community Health Center
651 S. Limestone St.
Springfield, Ohio 45505
5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

OCT. 14 **Findlay**
Marion Township House
16003 OH-568
Findlay, Ohio 45638
3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Ironton
Ohio University Southern
1804 Liberty Ave.
Ironton, Ohio 45840
1:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

OCT. 15 **Columbus**
PrimaryOne Health
2300 W Broad St.
Columbus, Ohio 43204
9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Youngstown
New Covenant Church
of the Nazarene
304 Matta Avenue
Youngstown, Ohio 44509
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

OCT. 18 **Cincinnati**
Hamilton County Sheriff's
Office Parking Lot
(Maslow's Army)
1000 Sycamore St.
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202
10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Kent
Stanton Middle School
175 Hudson Rd.
Kent, Ohio 44240
10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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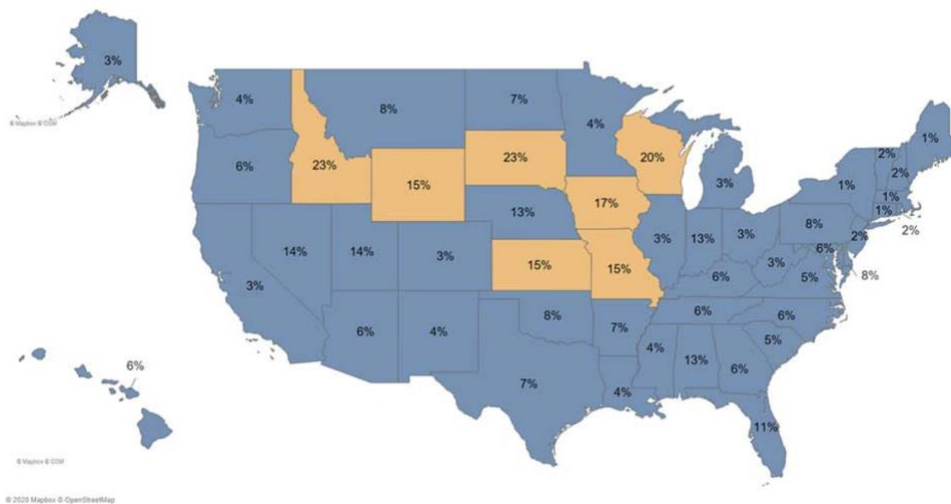
Those entering Ohio after travelling to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The list of states will be updated every week on Wednesday. Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates of October 7, the affected states are highlighted in yellow below.

Positivity Rate Over and Under 15% by State

EXECUTIVE ORDERS

October 8 – [Department of Health Order: Nursing Home Visitation](#)
September 25 – [Department of Health Order: Rescinds one-game-per-calendar-day rule](#)
September 23 – [Department of Health Order: Allows restaurants to reopen self-serve areas](#)
September 4 – [Department of Health Order: Requiring Schools to Disclose Positive Cases](#)
August 31 – [Department of Health Order: Utilization of Non-Congregate Shelters for Isolation](#)
August 31 – [Department of Health Order: Opening of Adult Day Care Services & Senior Centers](#)
August 28 – [Department of Health Order: Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, & Professional Sports](#)
August 25 – [Executive Order: Revising Child Care Orders to Accommodate School-Aged Kids](#)
August 25 – [Department of Health Order: Entertainment Venue Opening Requirements](#)
August 21 - [Director's Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of all Residential Care Facilities](#)
August 19 - [Director's Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club, and Professional Sports](#)
August 13 – [Department of Health Order: Facial Coverings in Child Education Settings](#)
August 10 – [Executive Order: ODE Emergency Rules for Students Returning to School](#)
August 8 – [Executive Order: DSA Rules for Community Action Agency Performance Assessments](#)
August 8 – [Executive Order: MHAS Rules for Licensing Residential Facilities](#)
August 8 – [Executive Order: ODJFS Rules for Daycares](#)
August 1 – [Department of Health: School Athletics Restrictions and Guidelines](#)
July 31 – [Executive Order: Liquor Control Commission Limits on Alcohol Sales](#)
July 31 – [Department of Health: Limiting County Fairs to Junior Fair Activities](#)
July 23 – [Department of Health: Statewide Mask Mandate](#)
July 16 – [Executive Order: Extending Telehealth Administrative Rules](#)
July 7 – [Department of Health: Requirement for Face Masks for High Risk Counties](#)
July 7 – [Department of Health: Extends Certain Employer Requirements](#)
July 2 – [Executive Order: Authorizing 100% Federal Funding for SharedWork Ohio Benefits](#)
June 30 – [Department of Health: Order to Extend Expiration Date for Various Orders](#)
June 18 – [Executive Order: Return to Work Criteria for Unemployment](#)
June 16 – [Department of Health: Order to Reopen County Fairs with Limitations](#)
June 5 – [Department of Health: Amended Dine Safe Ohio Order](#)
June 4 – [Department of Health: Amended Nursing Home Visitation](#)
June 2 – [Department of Health: Amended Requirements for Non-Essential Surgeries](#)
May 29 – [Director's Updated and Revised Order for Business Guidance and Social Distancing](#)
May 20 – [Director's Order that Rescinds and Modifies Portions of the Stay Safe Ohio Order](#)
May 20 – [Director's Order that Reopens Campgrounds, with Exceptions](#)
May 20 – [Urgent Health Advisory – Ohioans Protecting Ohioans](#)
May 14 – [Department of Health: Labs in Ohio to Report Results of COVID-19 Tests](#)
May 7 – [Executive Order: Implementing Additional Spending Controls to Balance the State Budget](#)
May 1 – [Department of Health: Stay Safe Ohio Order](#)

April 20 – [Department of Health: DeWine Extends School Closures Through End of the School Year](#)

April 15 – [Department of Health Order: Requiring Facilities to Notify Residents, Guardians of Positive Case](#)

April 14 – [Department of Health Order: Reporting of COVID to Dispatch Agencies](#)

April 13 – [Department of Health Order: Prohibiting Liquor Sales to Out-of-State Customers in Northeast Ohio](#)

April 10 – [Executive Order: Directing Spending of FY 2020 TANF Funds to Foodbanks and Homelessness](#)

April 7 – [Executive Order: Permitting the Carry Out of Up to Two Cocktails at Restaurants](#)

April 4 – [Executive Order: Expanding Telehealth for Mental Health and Counseling Services](#)

April 2 – [Department of Health Order: Stay at Home Continuation to May 1st](#)

April 1 – [Executive Order: Suspend Commercial Mortgage Payments for 90 Days](#)

April 1 – [Department of Health Order: Prohibiting Hospitals from Using Private Labs for Testing](#)

March 31 – [Ohio Department of Health: Mandate Tracking of Ventilators in the State](#)

March 31 – [Ohio EPA Order: To Temporarily Prohibit Water Utility Shut Off](#)

March 30 – [Department of Health Order: School Closures Extended to May 1st](#)

March 22 – [Board of Pharmacy Emergency Rule: Dispensing Chloroquine & Hydroxychloroquine](#)

March 22 – [Department of Health Order: All Persons Remain at Home Unless Essential Work](#)

March 22 – [Ohio Department of Health Order: Closure of Child Care Facilities](#)

March 21 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Adult Daycare Services for Developmental Disabilities](#)

March 20 – [Department of Insurance Order: Payment Grace Period, Continuation of Coverage](#)

March 20 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Senior Centers](#)

March 19 – [Executive Order: Expand Access to Telemedicine for Medicaid Population](#)

March 18 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Hair and Nail Salons, Tattoo Parlors](#)

March 17 – [Executive Order: Allowing Temporary Child Care Facilities for Health Care Employees](#)

March 17 – [Department of Health Order: Non-Essential Surgeries in Hospitals](#)

March 16 – [Department of Health Order: Closure of Polling Locations](#)

March 16 – [Department of Health Order: Prohibit Mass Gatherings of 50 or More, Including Bowling Alleys, Recreation Centers, Movie Theatres, Indoor Water and Trampoline Parks](#)

March 16 – [Executive Order: Lifting Certain Unemployment Compensation Benefit Restrictions During an Emergency](#)

March 15 – [Department of Health Order: Closing Restaurants & Bars, with Exception of Carry-Out & Delivery](#)

March 13 – [Joint Director Order: Amended Order Prohibiting Access to Nursing Homes for Visitors, Non-Essential Personnel](#)
March 11 – [Joint Directors Orders: Limiting Access to Ohio Nursing Homes](#)
March 9 – [Executive Order: Declaring a State of Emergency in Ohio](#)

OHIO TIMELINE

October 12 –deaths rise to 5,005 total (308 probable), cases rise to 170,179 (9,858 probable)

October 9 – Ohio sees the largest single-day increase in the course of the pandemic; deaths rise to 4,994 total (308 probable), cases rise to 166,102 (9,622 probable)

October 8 – Ohio sees the largest single-day increase in positive cases since July 30; deaths rise to 4,983 total (309 probable), cases rise to 164,262 (9,516 probable)

October 7 – deaths rise to 4,970 total (309 probable), cases rise to 162,723 (9,442 probable)

October 6 – deaths rise to 4,947 total (309 probable), cases rise to 161,299 (9,316 probable)

October 5 – deaths rise to 4,931 total (309 probable), cases rise to 159,964 (9,203 probable); the President released from Walter Reed Medical Center

October 2 – deaths rise to 4,905 total (308 probable), cases rise to 156,809 (9,012 probable); the President and First Lady test positive for COVID-19

October 1 – deaths rise to 4,817 total (303 probable), cases rise to 155,314 (8,876 probable)

September 30 – deaths rise to 4,804 total (303 probable), cases rise to 153,987 (8,796 probable)

September 29 – deaths rise to 4,783 total (303 probable), cases rise to 152,907 (8,642 probable)

September 28 – deaths rise to 4,746 total (302 probable), cases rise to 151,802 (8,521 probable)

September 25 – deaths rise to 4,734 total (301 probable), cases rise to 148,894 (8,211 probable)

September 24 – deaths rise to 4,715 total (301 probable), cases rise to 147,744 (8,112 probable); nursing homes and developmental disability facilities to allow visitors beginning October 12th

To view the Ohio Timeline prior to September 24, 2020, please [click here.](#)

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RESOURCES & GUIDANCE

Click the squares below for a link to the described information

CENTERS FOR DISEASE CONTROL & PREVENTION

CDC COVIDView Weekly Update

Interim Guidance for EMS & Public Safety Personnel

Guidance for Health Professionals

Strategies for Optimizing PPE

Safety Protocols for Exposed Critical Infrastructure Workers

HCP Return-to-Work Criteria

Guidance for Cleaning & Disinfecting Businesses

OSHA Guidance for Preparing Workplaces

Health Advisory: Multisystem Inflammatory Syndrome

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

ODH COVID-19 Dashboard

ODH Testing Data

Ohio Testing Locations

PPE Resource Management

Sector Specific Opening Requirements

Sharing COVID Diagnosis with First Responders

Guidance for Discontinuation of Isolation

Ohio Myths vs. Facts

COVID-19 Reporting Requirements	Responsible Restart Health Care Guide

STATE MEDICAL BOARD

Telemedicine	Education & Licensure

Primary & Outpatient Care

OHIO BOARD OF PHARMACY

Pharmacy Guidance & Response Efforts	Chloroquine & Hydroxychloroquine

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MEDICAID

ODM Amended Provider Agreement	ODM Telehealth FAQs
ODM Resource Page	ODM Telehealth Guidance

OHIO BOARD OF NURSING

Nurse Mobility Statement	APRN & RN Guidance

Initial Nurse Licensing Guidance

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH & ADDICTION SERVICES

COVID Careline

First Responder Mental Health Resources

Guidance for Mental Health Providers

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF INSURANCE

Access to Coverage During COVID-19

Temporary Suspension of Pharmacy Audits

Coverage for Expired Driver's License

BUREAU OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION

BWC COVID FAQs

FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA)

COVID-19 Rumor Control

PPE RESOURCES

Battelle DCON Process and Instructions

OMA PPE Exchange