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COVID-19 Update: Demographic Dashboard, Contact Tracing, Mask Donation

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today gave the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

DEMOGRAPHIC DASHBOARD

Governor DeWine today unveiled a new case demographics dashboard on coronavirus.ohio.gov.

The new dashboard gives citizens access to COVID-19 case data by race or ethnicity. The data can be broken down by age and county and compared to the overall Ohio population.

"Improving data collection and reporting, as well as creating a publicly-available dashboard, were recommendations from the COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force," said Governor DeWine. "This dashboard will help better track health inequities and disparities, and we believe this data will also help put critical decisions into context for policymakers."

CONTRACT TRACING

Governor DeWine today encouraged Ohioans to answer the call if contacted by a contact tracer.

Contact tracing slows the spread of COVID-19 by notifying people who may have been exposed to COVID-19 and advising them to monitor their health for signs and symptoms; helping those who may have been exposed get tested; asking people to self-isolate or self-quarantine if appropriate; helping people identify the resources they need to safely stay at home.

Contact tracers will not disclose a person's identity to their contacts, however, those who test positive will be encouraged to notify those they've been in contact with so that these individuals also respond to contract tracers and begin to isolate.

Answer the call. Protect your loved ones and fellow Ohioans.

What can I expect?

If you test positive for COVID-19, someone from the health department may reach out to:

- Check-in on your health.
- Help connect you with resources needed to safely stay at home (e.g., food or medical assistance).
- Ask where you have recently spent time with others.
- Discuss who you have interacted with.

During contact tracing, health department staff will not ask you for sensitive information, such as:

- Money
- Social Security
- Salary
- Bank account information
- Credit card numbers

Go to coronavirus.ohio.gov for more information.

Source: "COVID-19 Contact Tracing: Protecting Against COVID-19," Ohio Department of Health.

FACE MASK DONATION

Lt. Governor Husted announced that Ford is donating 2 million medical grade face masks to the state of Ohio for healthcare providers, first responders, underserved populations, and senior living communities. The donation is part of the Ford Fund's commitment of 100 million medical-grade face masks through 2021.

The company, currently manufacturing 2.5 million medical-grade masks a week for its employees and at-risk communities, is growing the number of mask-making machines by mid-to late-October to increase production and deliver on its goal. Ohio's Department of Administrative Services and Development Services Agency have partnered with JobsOhio to work with the Ford Government Relations Team, as well as many others, to secure lifesaving personal protective equipment since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic.

OHIO BENEFITS

On Monday, September 14, 2020, the Ohio Department of Administrative Services sent voter registration forms to 59,000 individuals who previously requested these forms through the Ohio Benefits system but had not yet received them due to a system error.

Ohio Benefits provides online services for Ohioans who receive benefits through programs within Ohio Medicaid and Ohio Department of Job and Family Services. Pursuant to legal requirements, Ohio Benefits offers users an opportunity to receive a voter registration form at their request.

Of the 59,000 Ohioans affected by the error, a review determined that approximately 18,900 were already registered to vote, 7,500 received voter registration forms from Ohio Benefits through other transactions, and 32,400 had not yet received a form at the time of the review.

The deadline to register to vote is October 5, 2020. Citizens can register online at VoteOhio.gov.

SMALL BUSINESS WEEK

Lt. Governor Husted also recognized National Small Business Week, which celebrates America's entrepreneurs and small business owners. Ohio is home to more than 965,000 small

businesses that account for 99.6 percent of the businesses in the state. Together they employ 2.2 million people, which is 45 percent of Ohio's total employees. Additionally, small businesses created more than 44,000 jobs in 2019.

CURRENT COVID-19 DATA

There are 145,850 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 4,635 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 14,899 people have been hospitalized, including 3,210 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Rankings of Ohio's 88 counties by highest occurrence can be found below.

All 88 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence COVID-19 Cases

The 14-day period used for this table covers data from Sept. 7 to Sept. 20. The data were pulled on Sept. 20 and exclude incarcerated individuals.

| COUNTY | Cases Per 100K (9/7 to 9/20) | Cumulative Cases (9/7 to 9/20) | POPULATION | COUNTY | Cases Per 100K (9/7 to 9/20) | Cumulative Cases (9/7 to 9/20) | POPULATION | COUNTY | Cases Per 100K (9/7 to 9/20) | Cumulative Cases (9/7 to 9/20) | POPULATION | COUNTY | Cases Per 100K (9/7 to 9/20) | Cumulative Cases (9/7 to 9/20) | POPULATION |
|--------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|------------|
| Adams | 239.3 | 95 | 41,371 | Clerk | 80.2 | 121 | 124,283 | Champaign | 69.1 | 37 | 86,400 | Butler | 28.3 | 26 | 127,154 |
| Ashtabula | 219.3 | 61 | 23,941 | Columbiana | 69.6 | 86 | 74,767 | Clerk | 58.9 | 218 | 176,509 | Cuyahoga | 28.7 | 9 | 38,814 |
| Belmont | 205.3 | 102 | 49,320 | Champaign | 64.3 | 174 | 215,423 | Coshocton | 57.5 | 72 | 1,236,072 | Delaware | 28.9 | 28 | 102,947 |
| Berlin | 195.7 | 107 | 44,317 | Cincinnati | 59.7 | 97 | 54,968 | Lucas | 56.9 | 26 | 49,472 | Franklin | 28.5 | 11 | 28,475 |
| Breakeyville | 184.7 | 32 | 16,883 | Clinton | 59.7 | 32 | 75,314 | Madison | 55.9 | 66 | 86,680 | Hamilton | 28.3 | 9 | 28,276 |
| Buckeye | 183.8 | 181 | 108,887 | Franklin | 59.4 | 127 | 273,088 | Franklin | 52.9 | 15 | 48,525 | Wayne | 27.6 | 6 | 27,772 |
| Butler | 148.9 | 843 | 263,134 | DeWitt | 59.9 | 38 | 38,287 | Meigs | 52.9 | 12 | 23,907 | Wesley | 27.9 | 12 | 40,960 |
| Calamity | 141.9 | 201 | 124,777 | Adair | 57.7 | 79 | 62,261 | Lain | 48.7 | 12 | 24,148 | Madison | 26.8 | 13 | 44,331 |
| Carroll | 142.8 | 73 | 51,719 | Chatham | 56.2 | 189 | 1,012,179 | Madison | 42.9 | 82 | 178,768 | Knott | 26.7 | 16 | 62,322 |
| Cass | 140.2 | 94 | 45,856 | Crown | 56.8 | 23 | 41,432 | Washington | 42.9 | 37 | 86,275 | Belmont | 26.4 | 17 | 41,008 |
| Champaign | 138.8 | 187 | 138,817 | Lewis | 56.5 | 278 | 428,348 | Madison | 41.2 | 24 | 58,268 | Lorain | 24.9 | 17 | 68,835 |
| Chillicothe | 138.8 | 271 | 15,840 | Putnam | 55.9 | 38 | 35,134 | Greene | 39.5 | 37 | 63,848 | Tuscarawas | 24.2 | 48 | 182,916 |
| Clinton | 138.8 | 1,829 | 1,378,758 | Paulding | 55.8 | 13 | 18,872 | Row | 37.9 | 29 | 78,288 | Summit | 23.9 | 14 | 68,578 |
| Columbiana | 138.8 | 38 | 27,172 | Logan | 52.9 | 176 | 176,862 | Tuscarawas | 32.9 | 24 | 41,997 | Washington | 23.4 | 14 | 18,211 |
| Coshocton | 132.8 | 787 | 471,887 | Carroll | 49.9 | 26 | 28,668 | Warren | 38.9 | 13 | 36,338 | Highland | 23.2 | 12 | 42,167 |
| Crawford | 132.7 | 43 | 12,413 | Ashtabula | 49.4 | 35 | 53,464 | Crawford | 38.1 | 16 | 41,884 | North | 22.8 | 3 | 14,424 |
| Cuyahoga | 122.7 | 289 | 148,837 | Portage | 49.2 | 128 | 162,880 | Columbiana | 35.3 | 38 | 121,863 | Cathartes | 19.1 | 7 | 36,480 |
| Darke | 118.8 | 37 | 27,094 | Wilkes | 42.7 | 27 | 38,493 | Madison | 35.1 | 11 | 37,288 | Franklin | 17.7 | 9 | 28,264 |
| DeWitt | 118.8 | 293 | 274,812 | Fulton | 41.7 | 39 | 42,128 | Meigs | 34.8 | 40 | 178,710 | Ohio | 16.8 | 6 | 45,520 |
| Delaware | 118.4 | 87 | 58,817 | Putnam | 41.2 | 35 | 40,987 | Whitman | 34.1 | 76 | 228,492 | Monroe | 14.9 | 27 | 18,264 |
| Franklin | 118.4 | 788 | 4,174,713 | Columbiana | 39.7 | 163 | 541,213 | Jefferson | 32.7 | 32 | 96,325 | Madison | 13.8 | 27 | 14,568 |
| Hamilton | 118.4 | 51 | 54,119 | Ohio | 39.2 | 44 | 74,268 | Clinton | 32.4 | 14 | 41,968 | Franklin | 7.6 | 1 | 10,980 |





Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the [Ohio Channel's YouTube page](#).

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.