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## COVID-19 Update: Updated County Risk Levels, Election Update

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

### UPDATED COUNTY RISK LEVELS

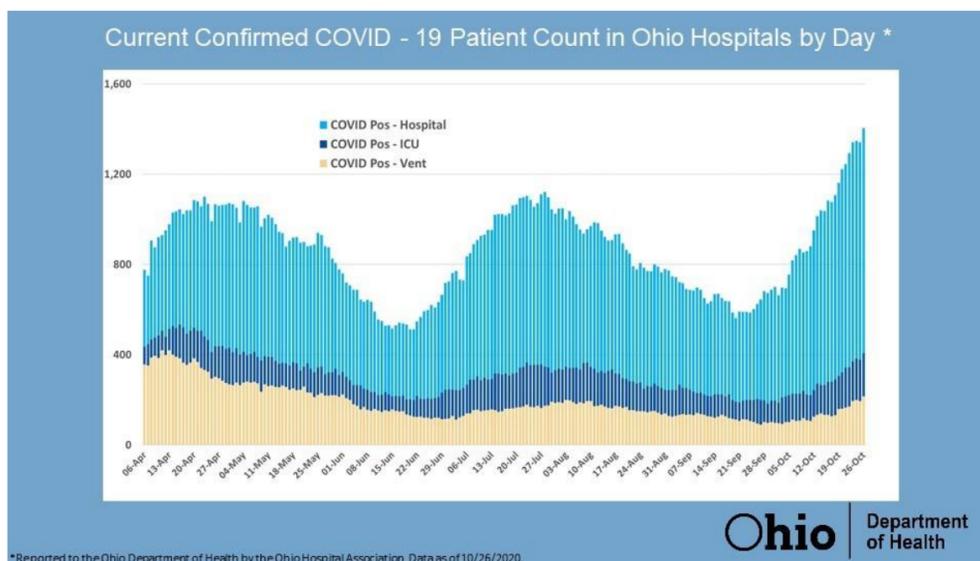
Governor DeWine today announced that 82 of Ohio's 88 counties are now considered high incidence counties as defined by the federal government. This means that the county has seen more than 100 cases per 100,000 residents in the last two weeks.

All 88 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence COVID-19 Cases															
The 14-day period used for this table covers data from Oct. 12 to Oct. 26. The data were pulled on Oct. 26 and exclude incarcerated individuals. Shaded counties meet the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention definition of "high incidence" of COVID-19.															
COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (10/12 to 10/26)	Cases Count (10/12 to 10/26)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (10/12 to 10/26)	Cases Count (10/12 to 10/26)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (10/12 to 10/26)	Cases Count (10/12 to 10/26)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (10/12 to 10/26)	Cases Count (10/12 to 10/26)	POPULATION
Tuscarawas	886.9	294	33,367	Shelby	277.9	152	54,500	Delaware	184.3	74	40,047	Jefferson	184.3	84	45,235
Auglaize	538.8	246	45,656	Clark	276.7	371	134,083	Franklin	185.5	2,443	1,316,756	Adams	133.6	37	27,686
Mercer	476.5	197	41,172	Phelan	276.4	113	40,882	Williams	182.8	67	36,682	Washington	133.5	80	58,911
Holmes	396.1	175	43,960	Lorain	272.4	162	59,463	Pickaway	181.3	106	58,463	Crawfordsville	133.2	1,848	1,238,072
Allen	384.0	383	102,261	Hancock	270.5	205	75,781	Richland	177.5	215	121,154	Carrill	130.0	26	20,814
Crawford	379.4	187	47,494	Montgomery	269.3	1,426	521,687	Delaware	166.2	206	206,177	Champaign	126.0	49	38,366
Meigs	372.5	51	13,864	Tazewell	266.3	244	91,367	Brown	158.9	69	43,427	Townsend	124.3	246	193,974
Henry	370.3	160	33,006	Miami	262.4	287	108,867	Madison	156.7	71	44,731	Ashland	123.4	66	53,484
Noble	339.7	49	14,424	Scioto	261.6	197	75,314	Ohio	151.9	64	40,826	Seneca	123.2	68	55,178
Van Wert	335.5	96	28,275	Guernsey	259.9	101	38,875	Mahoning	154.9	364	228,683	Columbiana	120.7	123	107,883
Jackson	335.4	110	32,413	Marion	253.5	165	65,093	Lucas	152.7	654	428,346	Perry	113.5	41	36,134
Paulding	337.4	63	18,872	Clinton	252.6	106	41,968	Summit	150.6	816	541,013	Sandusky	112.8	68	60,116
Paul	311.9	242	76,666	Licking	248.9	421	170,582	Putnam	147.1	239	162,466	Garage	112.1	106	93,449
Wayne	299.0	346	112,710	Vinton	246.9	31	12,066	Madison	146.3	262	179,746	Lake	111.7	297	250,149
Highland	296.6	128	43,161	Fairfield	231.4	385	163,574	Stark	145.2	638	439,608	Morgan	103.4	15	14,508
Greene	296.6	601	168,837	Fayette	227.9	65	28,525	Eric	144.1	107	74,266	Lorain	101.0	313	309,833
Butler	296.5	1,130	383,134	Muskingum	227.3	196	86,216	Wyandot	142.4	31	21,772	Bermont	86.6	58	67,008
Adams	296.4	189	60,327	Pike	208.8	58	27,772	Union	140.7	83	58,988	Hocking	84.9	24	28,264
Warren	292.4	686	234,682	Clermont	208.8	401	204,438	Gallia	140.5	42	29,698	Hamilton	73.1	31	42,540
Tuscarawas	292.0	123	42,128	Hardin	202.2	60	21,260	Coshocton	136.3	51	36,600	Ashland	68.9	67	92,241
Darke	281.7	144	51,113	Morrow	203.8	72	35,328	Logan	130.8	62	46,672	Huron	68.2	38	58,266
Hamilton	279.2	2,382	615,473	Wood	201.0	263	130,817	Knox	134.8	84	62,522	Meigs	54.8	13	23,907

High incidence counties are highlighted blue.

Governor DeWine also announced that number of patients treated in Intensive Care Units at hospitals throughout the state are at the highest rate since the beginning of the crisis. He said that based on the indicators we have not yet reached the peak of our hospitalizations, and the ICU utilization has doubled since the beginning of October. Governor DeWine explained that most of Ohio's cases are a result of community spread.

"As the virus spreads in the community from gatherings where people aren't wearing masks or social distancing, it directly impacts our ability to keep our schools open, to protect our vulnerable elderly in nursing homes, and to keep our hospitals from being over-run and exceeding capacity," said Governor DeWine.



\*Reported to the Ohio Department of Health by the Ohio Hospital Association. Data as of 10/26/2020.

Governor DeWine reminded Ohioans of the fundamental ways to stop the spread of the virus.

- Wear a mask when you are out in public, when you go to a store, and when you are with friends.
- Keep your distance.
- Wash your hands often.
- Keep your building well-ventilated.

He also asked Ohio businesses to allow employees to work from home, when possible; to remind employees of the ways they can stop the spread of the virus; and require customers to wear masks.

Governor DeWine also called on community leaders to inventory where they are in the battle against COVID-19. He asked them to work together to assess where they are, what they need to do, and set goals in their fight against the virus. The Governor and Lt. Governor will begin calls with the community leaders to develop strategies forward, starting with the three counties on the watch list.

### ELECTION UPDATE

Governor DeWine was joined by Secretary of State Frank LaRose today for an update on the election on November 2, 2020. Secretary LaRose outlined the precautions that the Board of Election offices are taking to keep Ohioans safe while voting. Secretary LaRose also reminded Ohioans that they can cast their vote early in person, by mail or on election day.

Additional information about the election, such as hours of polling locations, can be found at [VoteOhio.gov](http://VoteOhio.gov).

### CURRENT COVID-19 DATA

There are 202,740 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 5,239 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 18,433 people have been hospitalized, including 3,771 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting [coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://coronavirus.ohio.gov).

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

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.