Incident Overview:

- On March 9, 2020, the first three cases were reported in the State of Ohio in Cuyahoga County, all with recent travel outside of Ohio.
- On March 11, 2020 Ohio’s fourth case was reported in Stark County. This person did not have recent travel history or known exposure to a person known to have COVID-19, making this the first case of community spread in the state of Ohio.
- On March 12, 2020, Ohio’s fifth case was reported in Trumbull County. This person did not have recent travel history or known exposure to a person known to have COVID-19, making this the second case of community spread in the state of Ohio.
- To help prevent further spread of illness, on March 12, 2020, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced a ban in Ohio on mass gatherings of 100 or more people. The ban includes auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, large conference rooms, meeting halls, cafeterias, parades, fairs, and festivals.
- The ban does not include airports, hospitals, shopping malls, typical office environments, restaurants, or grocery stores. The order does not apply to religious gatherings or gathering for exercising First Amendment protected speech. Currently, there is no time frame on when the ban will end, according to Governor DeWine.
- Governor DeWine also said all schools will be on an extended spring break, beginning the end of the school day on Monday, March 16 and lasting until April 3. This applies to all K-12 public, private, and charter schools.
- On March 13, 2020, Governor DeWine issued additional guidance, as cases in the state have increased.
- There will be limited visiting at county jails and correctional facilities.
- It was clarified that education should continue during the three weeks school closure period. No schools are exempt.
- The USDA has approved Ohio’s waiver requests to continue school breakfast and lunch programs. School are now able to provide a “grab and go” option.
- Daycare facilities are not closing at this time. However, parents should consider alternatives in case a closure becomes necessary. Parents are encouraged to remove children from daycare if able. If a child’s primary caregiver is over age 60, considerations for alternative childcare should be made.
- Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today sent a letter to President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence requesting critical personal protection equipment including surgical procedural masks, N-95 respirators, gowns and gloves, etc., for Ohio’s healthcare workers. The letter also requests that the federal government ease certain regulations related to: federal funding, access to meals for students, families, and older adults, administering social and health services, disadvantaged business enterprise and commercial useful function compliance, drone deployment, temporary assistance for needy families, supplemental nutrition assistance program, food and nutrition service, federal matching
funds for Medicaid-funded service, community living and the centers for Medicare and Medicaid services, federal low-income housing tax credit and HOME Programs, home weatherization assistance program, Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) community development block grant - Disaster Relief, HUD 5-year consolidated plan and annual action plan, and survey and certification of health care facilities.

- **On March 14, 2020** Dr. Amy Action announced 26 new cases have been confirmed in Ohio, and the Governor provides further updates.
- Governor DeWine clarified that there is an exemption of this prohibition for those, including clergy, visiting residents in end-of-life care.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Lori Criss announced that she has prohibited visitors to the state psychiatric hospitals and is making every effort to ensure video visitation for patients.
- In partnership with the Ohio Department of Medicaid, Director Criss announced emergency orders that reduce restrictions on telehealth, ensuring that every Ohioan has access to behavioral health Care via telehealth services by landline or cell phone.
- Director Criss encouraged all Ohioans to monitor their mental wellness during this time and described resources available at mhas.ohio.gov/coronavirus.
- Governor DeWine announced that the state had received its personal protective equipment (PPE), such as gloves, gowns, and goggles, from the National Strategic Reserve last night. He asked all health care providers and others that use PPE to conserve their supplies. Governor DeWine requested that dentists and veterinarians postpone elective surgeries. Governor DeWine explained that his health advisory group is in the process of developing guidelines for doctors for postponing elective surgeries that will not put patients at risk. These measures will open up critical treatment beds while preserving the state's limited supply of PPE.
- **On March 15, 2020**, 37 cases of COVID-19 have been reported in 11 counties in Ohio.
- Governor DeWine announced that all bars and restaurants will be closed to dine-in patrons, effective at 9:00 p.m. **March 15, 2020**. Carry-out and delivery service is permitted and encouraged. This restriction is effective until further notice.
- Governor DeWine also announced that an Executive Order will be coming to assist employees impacted by these closures. Workers without paid leave will be able to access unemployment benefits, and modifications will be made so that those receiving benefits due to being quarantined will not be required to actively search for new employment. There will also be loans available to assist small businesses and non-profits.
- Businesses should encourage employees to work from home if that is possible.
- At this time, daycares will remain open, but closures are coming, and parents should be preparing. If possible, parents should keep their kids home from daycare.
- Physician practices, ambulatory surgery centers, dental offices and vet practices give serious consideration to implementing the cancelation of elective surgeries and outpatient procedures or limiting to only necessary procedures to conserve PPE and save hospital beds.
- Effective **March 15, 2020** confirmed cases should continue to be immediately reported to local health departments, but reporting of individual suspected cases is no longer required.
- Healthcare providers should advise patients being tested for COVID-19 that they should self-isolate until informed of the results of testing.
- Healthcare workers potentially exposed to confirmed COVID-19 cases will need to be monitored by their hospital system’s infection control or occupational health personnel.
- Healthcare facilities should have strict visitation and access policies to prevent the spread of infection.
- **On March 16, 2020**, there are 50 cases of COVID-19 in 12 counties, and 14 hospitalizations. Age range is 14-86 with a median age of 51.
- Governor DeWine announced at a press conference that as of close of business day **March 16, 2020**, fitness centers/gyms, bowling alleys, public recreation centers, movie theaters, indoor water and trampoline parks are closed. In accordance with CDC guidelines, mass gatherings are now gatherings of 50 or more people in one space or room. People 65 years and older, pregnant women, and persons that are compromised medically should not leave their home unless absolutely necessary. Voting will be extended to June 2, 2020. In-person voting will be suspended today. The absentee ballot process by
mail will be extended between now and June 2, 2020. There will be a lawsuit filed in the common pleas court of Franklin County, as the Governor does not have authority to extend voting. High risk groups, including persons with heart disease, diabetes, lung disorders, obesity, immunocompromised (treated for cancer), cystic fibrosis, and hemophilia exhibit up to 15 times the fatality rate. “If it is non-essential, you should not be doing it.” Grocery stores, banks, and pharmacies will remain open. If you have PPE that you’re not using, you can drop them off at your local EMA, and they will take them. Businesshelp@development.ohio.gov for businesses. Unemployment.ohio.gov – If you can use the website, it will make the process easier for everyone. 1-877-644-6562 is the toll-free number for unemployment. If you have an employee that is exhibiting signs of illness, send them home. If you don’t have paid sick leave, the employee is eligible for immediate unemployment. Businesses may use Shared Work through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services to manage the size of their work force and help others gain important skills.

Additional information can be found here: CDC - https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
Ohio Department of Health - https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/

- Operations
  Resource Requests
  - #001 – Judge Lucci requested handwashing signs for the courthouse. They were delivered on March 9, 2020.
  - #002 – Ross McDonald requested sanitizing supplies for polling stations.
  - #003- Lake County Free Clinic is running low on N95 masks and gowns.

- Public Health Update
  - An interview was conducted with News Herald and the radio interview on Our Aging World pertaining to COVID-19.
  - The ODH Call Center is open seven days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634). Call center staff includes licensed nurses and infectious disease experts. They will answer questions and provide accurate information about COVID-19, the risk to the public, and the state’s response.
  - Provided COVID-19 update to a local business and law enforcement.
  - Messaging via social media and monitoring social media for news and rumors.
  - Met with Mayors and City Managers about COVID-19 and event planning. Met with or had consultations with United Way, Lake Health,
  - Provided statement from the Health Commissioner to Mentor Schools.

Resources:

Links are accurate to the date of the Situation Report issue.

General

  - What you need to know
  - Share Facts About COVID-19
  - What to do if you are sick
  - Stop the spread of germs poster
  - Symptoms of Coronavirus Disease 2019 poster
  - CDC Protect and Prepares Communities
  - Stay Healthy Wash Your Hands
  o At Home
  o At K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
  o At Colleges and Universities
  o At Work
  o Community and Faith-Based Organizations
  o Large Community Events/Mass Gatherings
  o Healthcare Settings
  o First Responders and Law Enforcement
  o Homeless Shelters

• Frequently Asked Questions (ODH)
• Handwashing
• Keeping Workplaces, Homes, Schools, or Commercial Establishments Safe
• Implementation of Mitigation Strategies for Communities with Local COVID-19 Transmission
• COVID-19 Home Visiting Screening Flowchart

Businesses
Checklist for Businesses/Employers
Preventing Infectious Disease
Guidance for Employers/Businesses

Deathcare Workers and Employers (Coroners, Medical Examiners, Autopsy Technicians, Funeral Directors)
Control and Prevention

Education
Resources for Institutes of Higher Education
Resources for K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs
Spring Break and Student Travel
Guidelines for Childcare & K-12 Schools

Español
Lo que necesita saber sobre la enfermedad del coronavirus (COVID-19)
Detenga la propagación de los microbios
Qué hacer si contrae la enfermedad del coronavirus 2019 (COVID-19)

Faith-Based and Community Organizations

Families/Individuals
Checklist for Families and Individuals
Household Checklist
Self-Monitor and Practice Social Distancing
Preventing Infectious Disease

Fire/EMS
CDC Guidelines for Fire Department &EMS – Recommended Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
Interim Guidance for Emergency Medical Services Systems and 911 Public Safety Answering Points for COVID-19 in the United States
Healthcare Facilities

**Healthcare Professionals**
Checklist for Healthcare Providers
Long-Term Care
Interim Infection Prevention and Control Recommendations for Patients with Suspected or Confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) in Healthcare Settings
Guidance for Outpatient Providers
Evaluating and Testing Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Contingency Capacity Strategies
Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of N95 Respirators: Conventional Capacity Strategies
Surgical Mask and Gown Conservation Strategies – Letter to Healthcare Providers
COVID-19 Emergency Declaration Health Care Providers Fact Sheet
Interim Guidance for the Collection and Submission of Postmortem Specimens from Deceased Persons Under Investigation (PUI) for COVID-19, February 2020

Law Enforcement
What Law Enforcement Personnel Need to Know About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Mental Health
COVID-19 Information for Mental Health Care Providers

Persons at Higher Risk and Special Populations
People at Risk for Serious Illness from COVID-19

Pets
Checklist for Pet Owners and Veterinarians

Pharmacies
Checklist for Pharmacies

Stigma and COVID-19
Be Kind

Travelers
Travelers from Countries with Widespread Sustained (Ongoing) Transmission Arriving in the United States
Traveling from China and Iran Arriving in the United States
Communication Resources for Travelers
Travel: Frequently Asked Questions and Answers
Spring Break and Student Travel
Information and Guidance about Global Travel on Cruise Ships, Including River Cruises, due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Voters
Checklist – Polling Places and Voters