

At today's press conference, he provided more details on the path to opening back up Ohio on May 1st and said that there would be a more concrete plan next week. The Governor is not going to have a press conference tomorrow or Sunday.

Governor said that he would make an announcement on schools next week (would not say if the school closings would go beyond May 1).

The Governor said that he supported the President's plan, which included each state doing it differently to meet their own needs. Governor said that he has two Governor groups that he is working with. Informally, he has been working with Kentucky Governor Beshear, and Indiana Governor Eric Holcomb. He also said that Ohio is working with the Great Lakes Governor's in another group of Indiana, Minnesota, Michigan, Kentucky, Wisconsin, and Illinois. But every state has to fashion a plan for their own state.

"Our plan will be by Ohioans for Ohioans"

Governor Mike DeWine

- Wished his daughter Anna a happy birthday. He said that Anna is a journalist
- Governor wore a Toledo Mud Hens pin and a Akron Rubber Ducks tie
- Governor said that the Rubber Ducks would have had their opening day today and they are having a virtual opening. There is a virtual game and Governor DeWine will throw the first pitch. (however that works?)
- Spirit of Columbus award was created to honor former Columbus resident Jerrie Mock, who on this day in 1964 landed at Port Columbus airport, making history being the first person to fly solo around the world. Today, the Spirit of Columbus award was given to Dr. Amy Acton. Governor shared a video of notable Columbus individuals congratulating her on this achievement.
- Reporter asked about commuting Tom Noe of Toledo (known for "Coin Gate" back in 2006 when Noe was convicted of stealing \$13 million from a \$50 million investment in coins at BWC) and asked about getting restitution from him. Governor DeWine said that Tom Noe would not make restitution in prison. Governor also said that he commuted Alexis Martin, who was 15 years of age when she committed the crime, 17 when she went to prison and was a child human trafficking survivor. "The ultimate decision is mine. And I take that responsibility extremely seriously"
- Recognized Orthodox Easter this Sunday
- Closed out press conference with video honoring children of military families

The Path Forward to Restart (Governor showed a slide that had these three things as the keys of reopening)

1. Public health measures and compliance
2. Protecting the most vulnerable
3. Businesses operating with safely with safeguards

Governor said that after May 1, these things will be expected at businesses:

- Distancing—the six foot is the norm and more distancing is better

- People should be wearing a mask
- Barriers—putting barriers up when they physically can't separate
- Surfaces sanitized and cleaned
- Employees wearing gloves
- Making it easier for employees and customers to wash their hands
- Staggered arrival times
- Staggered lunch
- Employees who can work from home, should do that
- Taking temperature of employees

Other Information from the Governor

- The virus will be out there and our life will be guided by that. We want to make sure that everyone has as much information as much as possible.
- We are going to see testing over time. Can't be done overnight. Tests will be run to see if people may have had it before.
- We are doing a lot of testing in our prisons—in one dorm 152 tested positive and 60 of them had no symptoms. So we know that many people are carrying the virus and will not show symptoms
- Granted 7 commutations of prisoners

Lt. Governor Jon Husted:

- Said they are using the business group and talking to our healthcare professionals on the plan to reopen Ohio
- Everyone has unique situations—large businesses to restaurants. We have regional differences and developing a strategy for those situations
- We will provide more details next week on this plan and make sure that people have the information in advance of May 1st

Dr. Amy Acton

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 9,107 confirmed cases (>1-106 years in age, with median age 54)
- 693 new cases in the last 24 hours
- 2,424 hospitalizations
- 740 admissions to ICU
- 87 out of 88 counties with confirmed cases
- 418 fatalities
- 77,000 tested in Ohio