

Below are my notes from Governor DeWine's daily press conference and some additional COVID-19 related information.

Highlights

- Governor DeWine said that more details would be next week on reopening of business in Ohio, "There will be a big announcement next week"
- Governor said, "I will make one prediction: the Bengals will pick Ohio's Joe Burrow as their #1 draft choice"
- Dr. Mark Weir from The Ohio State University gave a long detailed presentation on modeling and how it will be used to advise Ohio businesses and others on how to mitigate risk. Dr. Weir's presentation included everything from how cough and sneeze droplets move and contaminate surfaces, how to minimize the spread of the disease as Ohio begins the long process of reopening, and personal precautions of good hand hygiene and wearing masks
- 14,694 confirmed cases and 656 deaths

Governor Mike DeWine

- Tonight is the start of the NFL draft, so the Governor had Bengals and Browns helmets on either side of him. "I will make one prediction: the Bengals will pick Ohio's Joe Burrow as their #1 draft choice" and then mentioned that next year the draft is in Cleveland
- Governor wore a tie from Walsh University in North Canton, where the pro-football Hall of Fame is—mentioned Will O'Gorman at ODOT is a graduate
- Today marks the beginning of Ramadan, which is the ninth and holist month of the Islamic calendar
- Governor clarified from yesterday on the reasoning for stopping elective procedures and surgeries were because of constraints in capacity and personal protection equipment. He spoke to the Order that stopped elective surgeries unless there was a risk of life, risk of rapidly developing conditions, or something major to personal health. But said since then it has become apparent that people were not going to their doctors when they should have. He said that opening up our healthcare system again will be determined on PPE and testing available and the full implementation of infection control practices. But if you need emergency care or your condition worsens, call your doctor.
- Reporter asked about the business plan and why it has not been rolled out yet. "We are looking at variables like when we can get more testing. I need to review further and we are not quite ready yet. These are significant decisions that impact people's lives from a health and an economic view. Trying to balance those without having to start over. We want do in a logical day. Tomorrow will be a good news story, but it will not be about when businesses will open. But will move to that."
- Reporter question on 14-day quarantine and Governor said that he doesn't know when that will change
- Ended press conference with a feel-good video of all all the businesses in Ohio who have taken action to be a part of fighting COVID-19

Lt. Governor Jon Husted

- Lt. Gov gave a shout out to Adam Trautman from University of Dayton as an NFL draft pick and wished him luck
- There are now 50,000 businesses posted at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/jobsearch
- Said that we have to continue to assess things when businesses open and which business open, we are relying on people like Dr. Weir on how it spreads.

Dr. Mark Weir, EIT PH.D.

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- Dr. Weir, with other experts, has been helping to model and lead Ohio's efforts on best practices to limit infections
- Virus can stay viable in the air in a dry environment for up to three hours. On some surfaces—like stainless steel, it can be 72 hours.
- They did a study on specific surfaces, but many disinfectants can remove 99% of the virus
- When you freeze something, you damage cells. When you damage a cell, it is no longer viable. Same thing with viruses, so freezing will help kill the virus
- Cooking is good to kill a virus. Viruses do not survive heat very well.
- There are a range of effects, there are no silver bullet. Persistency and vigilance.
- Movement of air—recirculation of air can move the virus. Simplest solutions are the best—thick filter, HEPA filter or superior filters. Facilities should use more outside air (it is harder and more expensive but may be the best interest for limiting risk)

Ohio Specific Numbers

- 14,694 confirmed cases (> 1-106 years in age, median age of 51) (59% males and 41% females)
- 2,960 hospitalizations
- 900 admissions to ICU
- 656 confirmed deaths