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Please note resources and updates are evolving rapidly.

State Updates

- Governor DeWine, Lt. Governor Husted and Dr. Acton reported the following data at their daily 2:00 PM press conference:
 - 247 confirmed cases
 - 58 individuals hospitalized
 - 3 deaths
 - Confirmed cases across 33 of the 88 counties in the state (*Dr. Acton continues to highlight that the “data” is a snapshot and the conditions in Ohio right now are far more challenging than the data indicates).
- Lt. Governor Husted announced that the **Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation (BWC) is delaying premium installment payments** due for March, April and May until June 1, 2020. As the June 1st date gets closer, this issue may be reconsidered. Additionally, BWC will not cancel coverage or assess penalties for amounts not paid because of COVID-19. For more information, please see: [link](#)
- The Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) will issue waivers for haulers carrying heavy or oversized loads of essential goods. Information available at **ODOT’s website at www.transportation.ohio.gov**
- Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton gave increasingly strong direction that Ohioans stay home whenever possible. They used images and explanation from this New York Times [article](#) to support their points. Governor DeWine said, “What we do now will ultimately determine how many Ohioans will die.”
- Information and updates on the Administration’s response can be found here. Video from Saturday’s full update from state officials can be viewed on the [Ohio Channel’s website](#).
- States across the country have issued orders to shut down major aspects of business and society to combat the spread of the virus. Illinois was the latest example with the [order](#) issued this past Friday. Other examples include [Pennsylvania](#), [New York](#) and [California](#).

Federal Updates

- The President indicated work on the phase 3 stimulus package was bipartisan and positive and would continue over the weekend. Reportedly, a high-level negotiation meeting is taking place as of this writing on the \$1.6 trillion plus bill. Senate Republicans released their proposal this past Friday. Senate is expected to use HR 748 as the legislative vehicle for the stimulus package.
 - Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said Sunday that a tentative stimulus package in response to the coronavirus outbreak will include two weeks of loans to small businesses and an average payment of \$3,000 to a family of four.

- The President discussed the previously announced travel rules with U.S., Mexico, and Canada to restrict non-essential travel across borders.
- President Trump spoke with small business representatives on Friday – an opportunity that was afforded to several GCP small business leaders – and assured them that the Administration is going to utilize the full extent of its authority to help small business with the economic impact of COVID-19.
- The President announced he was working with FDA to speed up approval of medical supplies manufactured by companies under the Defense Production Act invoked this week.
- FDA is reportedly "moving mountains" to approve anti-viral drugs that are proving safe in clinical trials to treat COVID-19.

Please see the below, under “Resources” for more detailed guidance from a variety of federal departments and agencies.

Local Updates

- The City of Cleveland reported 7 new cases of coronavirus, bringing the City of Cleveland total to 24. Additional information: [link](#)
- Cuyahoga County closed all building to the public earlier in the week. Online services can be found here: [link](#)

Resources

Federal Guidance

- **WH** - President Donald J. Trump Is Taking Necessary Safety Measures at the Border to Prevent Further Spread of the Coronavirus ([Click here](#))
- **WH** – President Trump Announces More Actions to Confront Global Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Caring for someone at home ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Older Adults ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - COVID-19: What people with HIV should know ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - FAQs about Hand Hygiene for Healthcare Personnel ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Communication Resources for Travelers ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - If You Are at Higher Risk ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Coronavirus and Travel in the United States ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Interim Guidelines for Collecting, Handling, and Testing Clinical Specimens from Persons for Coronavirus Disease 2019 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Strategies for Optimizing Supply of N95 Respirators ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Schools, Workplaces & Community Locations ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - People with Asthma and COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Facemasks ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Strategies for Opt (Cimizing the Supply of Eye Protection ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of Isolation Gowns ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Environmental Cleaning and Disinfection Recommendations ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Interim Guidance for Businesses and Employers ([Click here](#))

- **CDC** - Get Your Community- and Faith-Based Organizations Ready for Coronavirus Disease 2019 ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Clean & Disinfect ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Preventing the Spread of Coronavirus Disease 2019 in Homes and Residential Communities ([Click here](#))
- **CDC** - Interim Guidance for Administrators of US K-12 Schools and Childcare Programs ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA provides guidance on production of alcohol-based hand sanitizer to help boost supply, protect public health ([Click here](#))
- **FDA** - FDA allows expanded use of devices to monitor patients' vital signs remotely ([Click here](#))
- **CMS** - CMS Approves Washington State's Request for 1135 Medicaid Waivers ([Click here](#))
- **DHS** - US-Canada Joint Initiative: Temporary Restriction of Travelers Crossing the US-Canada Land Border for Non-Essential Purposes ([Click here](#))
- **DHS** - Joint Statement on US-Mexico Joint Initiative to Combat the COVID-19 Pandemic ([Click here](#))
- **Treasury** - Treasury and IRS Issue Guidance on Deferring Tax Payments Due to COVID-19 Outbreak ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Chief of the National Guard Bureau Air Force Gen. Joseph L. Lengyel Press Briefing on COVID-19 Response ([Click here](#))
- **DOD** - Defense Health Officials Detail COVID-19 Aid Effort ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Secretary Sonny Perdue Salutes the Heroes in the US Food Supply Chain ([Click here](#))
- **USDA** - USDA Rural Development Now in Enterprise-Wide Remote Operational Status ([Click here](#))
- **ED** - Helping Students Adversely Affected by School Closures, Secretary DeVos Announces Broad Flexibilities for States to Cancel Testing During National Emergency ([Click here](#))
- **ED** - Delivering on President Trump's Promise, Secretary DeVos Suspends Federal Student Loan Payments, Waives Interest During National Emergency ([Click here](#))
- **SBA** - SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to [Louisiana](#), [Colorado](#), [Tennessee](#), [Kentucky](#), [Vermont](#), [Mississippi](#) Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Coronavirus
- **EPA** - Administrator Wheeler Meets with Disinfectant Manufacturers Highlighting Agency Work to Fight Coronavirus ([Click here](#))
- **HUD** - In Case You Missed It | Secretary Carson Applauds Governor for Taking Action to Protect Homeless ([Click here](#))
- **DOT** - PHMSA Guidance to State Partners Regarding COVID-19 ([Click here](#))
- **VA** - VA national cemeteries to adjust operations in response to COVID-19 ([Click here](#))