

# THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE

OCTOBER 23, 2020



## CURRENT COVID STATS

### Ohio:

- 181,869 confirmed cases
- 17,866 hospitalizations
- 5,184 confirmed fatalities

### United States:

- 8.39 million cases
- 222,447 fatalities

### World:

- 41.57 million cases
- 1.13 million fatalities

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Monday:

### Tuesday:

- Joint Medicaid Oversight Committee (11:00 am)

### Wednesday:

### Thursday:

### Friday:

## Campaign Finance Filings Show House Democrats Largest Fundraising Period in Over a Decade

In the most recent filing period, House Democrats show their largest fundraising total since the 2009-2010 cycle, when the party last controlled the house, with over \$1.7 million being raised. The House Republicans maintain the financial advantage, with \$3.5 million raised in the same period.

## Secretary of State's Directive Moves Up Canvass Deadline

In a directive sent to election officials in all 88 counties, Secretary of State Frank LaRose has created an expedited schedule for the coming canvass of general election votes. The directive calls for the process to begin no earlier than November 14, and to conclude by 2 pm on November 18. The decision, made to allow for timely completion of any recount of statewide election, has drawn concern from lawmakers who worry votes submitted in the window after election day will not be counted.

## ODA Requests Transfer of \$28M to Fund H2Ohio

After a successful first year of the H2Ohio Initiative, the Department of Agriculture requested that the Controlling Board approve the transfer of \$28 million in surplus funds from FY 2019 to FY 2021. Funding for year two during FY 2021 was not included in the budget, hence the request in order to continue the implementation of water quality programs.

## Ohio COVID Cases and Hospitalizations Continue to Rise

Ohio's COVID cases have continued to increase, with a record number of hospitalizations since the beginning of the pandemic. Currently, 69 of Ohio's 88 counties are considered high incidence, with three counties (Clark, Cuyahoga, and Hamilton) being on the watch list to move to the highest stage on the state's advisory system (purple).

Monthly Financial Report for September 2020: <https://obm.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/obm/home/news-and-events/mfr-10-13-20>

## **Introduced Bills**

**HB 776 – Road Naming:** To name a portion of State Route 725 in Montgomery County as the "SGT Gary Lee McKiddy Memorial Highway."

**SCR 18 – Pete Rose:** To urge the Commissioner of Major League Baseball to remove Peter Edward "Pete" Rose from Major League Baseball's permanently ineligible list as soon as possible, and to urge the Baseball Writers' Association of America and the National Baseball Hall of Fame to include Rose on the Hall of Fame ballot.