

**THIS WEEK**  
AT THE  
**STATEHOUSE**  
OCTOBER 9, 2020



**CURRENT COVID STATS**

Ohio:

- 154,746 confirmed cases
- 16,200 hospitalizations
- 4,674 confirmed fatalities

United States:

- 7.53 million cases
- 211,132 fatalities

World:

- 36.36 million cases
- 1.06 million fatalities

**NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

Monday:

Tuesday:

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

\*\*No scheduled legislative events

**President Trump Cancels Ohio Media Buys**

Following his diagnosis of COVID-19, President Trump has pulled his media buys in Ohio through at least October 12<sup>th</sup>. The Biden campaign remains on the air in the state, but has focused on the media markets in Ohio that overlap both Pennsylvania and Michigan as polls continue to show a tied presidential race.

**COVID Numbers Rising in Ohio**

Governor DeWine announced Thursday that COVID-19 numbers are rising in Ohio, with the seven-day rolling positivity average up to 3.3% after hitting a low of 2.9% in September. According to the Public Health Advisory System, 18 counties are now “red”, and 96% of Ohioans live in red or orange counties. Hospitalizations have shown marked increases in rural populations, and among older Ohioans.

**Jobless Claims Increase for Third Consecutive Week**

The Department of Job and Family Services announced that initial jobless claims have increased for the third week in a row, with over 18,000 claims for the first time since August. This week shows a 4% increase from the week before in initial claims, and residents have filed 299,030 continued jobless claims.

**Householder Named in Lawsuit**

Former House candidate Bobby Mitchell, who lost the Republican primary for the 78<sup>th</sup> House District seat, filed a complaint against the Growth & Opportunity PAC in March and amended it to include

Householder on alleged defamation. The complaint asks for money in damages, and judgements against the defendants.

## **Introduced Bills**

**HB 773 – Library Funding:** To increase the Public Library Fund, to allocate the increase to libraries equally, and to make an appropriation.

**SR 561 – Pandemic Work:** To commend the Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio's hospitals, and Ohio's hospital workers for their work during the COVID-19 pandemic.

**SR 562 – Pandemic Workers:** To recognize the contributions and community service of essential working individuals during the COVID-19 emergency.

**SR 563 – National Guard:** To recognize the Ohio National Guard for exemplary service in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.