

THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE NOVEMBER 6, 2020



CURRENT COVID STATS

Ohio:

- 226,796 confirmed cases
- 20,246 hospitalizations
- 5,165 confirmed fatalities

United States:

- 89.58 million cases
- 234,264 fatalities

World:

- 48.53 million cases
- 1.23 million fatalities

NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday:

Tuesday:

- House Criminal Justice Committee (10:00 am)
- House Transportation & Public Safety Committee (10:00 am)
- Senate Energy & Public Utilities Committee (10:00 am)
- House Health Committee (11:00 am)
- Senate Session (1:30 pm)
- Senate Finance Committee (2:30 pm/after session ends)
- Senate Education Committee (3:00 pm)
- House Civil Justice Committee (3:00 pm)

Wednesday:

Thursday:

Friday:

Republicans Maintain Majority in Ohio

After Tuesday's election, Ohio House and Senate Republicans maintained a majority in both chambers. In the House, the GOP lost one seat, and proceeded to pick up four seats previously held by Democrats. In the Senate, Democrats lost one seat to the GOP.

Bureau of Workers' Compensation Finalizes Employer Dividend

After being announced last week, the \$5 billion dividend called for by the Governor to help Ohio businesses was approved by the Board of Directors on Monday. This money is in addition to the CARES Act funding that was approved the week prior.

Health Department Vacancies Filled

During Thursday's COVID-19 Press Conference, Governor Mike DeWine announced a number of new additions to the Ohio Health Department. Stephanie McCloud was named Director of ODH, and Interim Director Lance Himes will transition to a senior deputy role in the department. Additionally, Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff was tapped to serve as the state's chief medical officer.

Substantial Increase In New Jobless Claims

According to the Department of Job and Family Services, Ohioans filed for 21,263 initial claims for unemployment compensation last week. This is a marked increase of 21% from the week prior. Lt. Governor Husted has addressed the issue by encouraging Ohioans to visit the Ohio Means Jobs website.

Columbus Renewable Energy Issue Passes

Voters in Columbus approved Issue 1, called the Columbus Community Choice Aggregation plan, that sees that the city will bulk purchase energy for participating residents and businesses with the aim of increasing demand for local renewable resources and jobs.

Introduced Bills

SB 375 – County Fairs (Hoagland, Schaffer): To void the Director of Health's July 30th order regarding county fairs and to declare an emergency.