

**THIS WEEK
AT THE
STATEHOUSE**
JULY 10, 2020



CURRENT COVID STATS

Ohio:

- 57,506 confirmed cases
- 8,570 hospitalizations
- 2,749 confirmed fatalities

United States:

- 3.17 million cases
- 135,000 fatalities

World:

- 12.3 million cases
- 555,000 fatalities

Governor DeWine Announces Face Covering Requirements

This week Governor DeWine announced mask requirements for a number of Ohio counties under the newly formed Ohio Public Health Advisory System. The level is a 4-tiered emergency system based on a number of factors that determine the severity of a COVID-19 outbreak in a given county. Currently, twelve counties are under a level 3 emergency, or red alert. Once a county is under a level 3 warning individuals within that county are required to wear a face covering when out in public. The face covering requirements remains in place as long as a county is under a level 3 or 4 emergency, but the requirement is rescinded if the county falls to a level 2 or below emergency. [See here](#) for more information.



NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

Monday:

Tuesday:

- Governor's Press Conference at 2:00 PM

Wednesday:

Thursday:

-Weekly Unemployment Report
-Governor's Press Conference at 2:00 PM

Competitive Sports Tournaments

This week Governor DeWine announced that the Ohio Department of Health Director has issued an order as well as guidance for contact sport competitions to resume through July 15. Between now and July 15 practices and open gyms with another team or club and inter-club or team play are permitted if all involved agree to the terms set forth by the Ohio Department of Health. Such terms involve COVID-19 testing, health assessments, social distancing when possible, and more. This order is set to expire on July 15 in order to allow this to be a trial period for the resumption of competitive contact sports. More information will come forward once this trial period has expired.

Unemployment Claims

Last week, 33,483 Ohioans filed initial unemployment claims, which represents a drop in initial claims from the week prior, which saw a

slight increase compared to prior weeks. Of the unemployment claims filed between now and March, about 6 percent remain unprocessed, while \$4.9 billion in claims have been paid out. Nationally, 1.31 million Americans filed initial unemployment claims last week, which is also down from the weeks prior. Currently, the national unemployment rate is estimated to be 11.1 percent.

Introduced Bills

HB 722 – Public Nuisances: To add the accumulation of garbage and debris to the conditions that may constitute a public nuisance.

HB 723 – State Property: To provide for the investigation and prosecution by the Attorney General of criminal activity committed at, or on, any facility, building, premises, or property owned or leased by, or otherwise under the control of, the state and to name the act the State Property Protection and Prosecution Act.

SB 335 – Property Taxes: To reduce property taxes on owner-occupied homes to the extent that property taxes increase by more than 3% from the previous year and to name this act the Property Tax Relief and Local Government Support Act.

SB 336 – Injection Wells: To revise the law governing the permitting of oil and gas brine injection wells.

SCR 16 – Law Enforcement: To call for justice for victims of excessive force by police and declare opposition to efforts to defund law enforcement.