

# THIS WEEK AT THE STATEHOUSE JULY 31, 2020



## CURRENT COVID STATS

### Ohio:

- 89,626 confirmed cases
- 9,968 hospitalizations
- 3,442 confirmed fatalities

### United States:

- 4.58 million cases
- 154,000 fatalities

### World:

- 17.3 million cases
- 674,000 fatalities

## NEXT WEEK'S SCHEDULE

### Monday:

### Tuesday:

-Governor DeWine press conference at 2:00 PM

### Wednesday:

### Thursday:

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

### Friday:

## New Speaker Elected

On Thursday morning the Ohio House of Representatives voted to remove Larry Householder from his position as Speaker of the House. The vote was unanimous although a few representatives were not present for the vote. Speaker Householder maintains his position as a state representative, and the chamber elected to not remove expel him from his position as a state representative at this time. Early in the evening the Ohio House selected Representative Bob Cupp (R – Lima) to serve as the new Speaker for the Ohio House. The vote was 55 – 38 with only three Republicans voting no and the entire Democratic caucus voting no. It is not yet known who will be a member of Speaker Cupp's leadership team.



## Governor DeWine

This week Governor DeWine announced new restrictions on county fairs happening throughout Ohio. Due to outbreaks at fairs Governor DeWine has ordered that all county fairs now operate as only junior fairs, meaning that they cannot operate rides and there is a 10:00 PM curfew set for fairs. Additionally, Governor DeWine has asked for Ohio Liquor Control to issue a new rule making final sales for liquor in Ohio at restaurants and bars end at 10:00 PM. Additionally, he is asking that they increase the number of alcoholic beverages that individuals may purchase for carryout with an entrée from two drinks two three. If passed, the rule would go into effect tonight at 10:00 PM. More information on this will be forthcoming

## Unemployment Claims

Last week, 27,937 Ohioans filed initial unemployment claims, marking a decrease in claims compared to the week prior in which 30,138 new applications were filed. To date, the state has sent out over \$5.7 billion dollars in unemployment since pandemic-related claims began 19 weeks ago. Nationally, the U.S. Department of Labor reported about 1.4 million new unemployment claims last week, which is roughly even with the week prior.

## Introduced Bills

**HB 733 – Collective Bargaining:** To make employees of the General Assembly and any state agency of the legislative branch subject to the Public Employees' Collective Bargaining Law and to require a public employer to collectively bargain with an exclusive representative of those employees.

**HB 734 – Foreclosures:** To modify some delinquent property tax foreclosure proceedings and to prohibit certain tax-delinquent persons and associates from purchasing any tax-foreclosed property or delinquent tax certificates.

**HB 735 – Law Enforcement ID:** To require certain law enforcement officers to wear a clearly visible badge and identification on their person while on duty and to impose a fine on the appointing authority of an officer who fails to comply.

**HB 736 – Eastern European Commission:** To create the Commission on Eastern European Affairs and the Office of Eastern European Affairs and to make an appropriation.

**HB 737 – Campaign Finance:** To modify the Campaign Finance Law regarding independent expenditures and political action committees.

**HB 738 – HB6 Repeal:** To repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.

**HB 739 – Campaign Finances:** To modify the campaign finance law, to name this act the Ohio Anti-Corruption Act, and to amend the versions of sections 3517.10, 3517.105, and 3517.106 of the Revised Code that are scheduled to take effect January 1, 2021, to continue the provisions of this act on and after that effective date.

**HB 740 – Electric Security Plans:** Regarding the significantly excessive earnings determination for an electric distribution utility's electric security plan.

**HB 741 – Retirement Benefits:** To add extortion and perjury and certain federal offenses to the offenses that may result in forfeiture or termination of public retirement system benefits.

**SB 345 – Bingo Laws:** To allow charitable organizations to conduct electronic instant bingo and to make other changes to the law governing bingo.

**SB 346 – Energy Repeal:** To repeal the changes made by H.B. 6 of the 133rd General Assembly to the laws governing electric service, renewable energy, and energy efficiency and the changes made to other related laws.

**SB 347 – Campaign Finance:** To modify the Campaign Finance Law regarding independent expenditures and political action committees.