

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Clients, colleagues and friends,

Today's update from the office of Governor Mike DeWine included an update of 50 positive cases, the closure of additional businesses, revising the mass gatherings order to reduce to 50 people, and trying to delay Election Day voting in the interest of public health. A summary of today's comments is below:

- **New closings:** As of COB today, the following businesses will be ordered to close: fitness centers and gyms, bowling alleys, public rec centers, movie theaters, indoor water parks and indoor trampoline parks
- **Current confirmed cases:** Now have 50 confirmed cases in Ohio
 - Age range – 14-86
 - Median age – 51
 - 20 females; 30 males
 - 14 hospitalizations
 - Individuals ages 65+ should avoid leaving the house. If you have an elderly neighbor, offer to help
 - We are still on the upswing of this curve
- **Public gatherings:** Ohio will modify our order of banning public gatherings to no more than 50 people to comply with CDC guidelines
- **Primary election:**
 - Governor DeWine doesn't have the power to extend/delay the election. It rests with the legislature and the courts. A lawsuit will be filed today for the court to consider.
 - Governor DeWine's recommendation is:
 - No in-person voting tomorrow
 - Allow the Board of Elections to continue to receive absentee ballots via mail
 - Postpone in-person election to June 2
 - The votes that have already been collected via absentee ballot will still be counted
 - Nobody should have to choose between their constitutional right and their health
- **Three major priorities right now:**
 - Managing our healthcare system
 - Working with our vulnerable populations
 - Ramping up public health communication
- **High-risk groups:**
 - Ages 65+ older are significantly at higher risk
 - Diabetics and individuals with pre-existing conditions
 - Isn't solid data for risk of pregnant women
- **Will remain open:** Grocery stores, banks, and access to medicine
- **Food and beverage industry:**
 - If you have PPE (protective gear) that you are not using, get them to your healthcare providers
 - Carryout and delivery are still permitted
- **Unemployment Compensation:**
 - Had 12,000 applications this past Sunday
 - Use website (call lines continue to see long wait times): unemployment.ohio.gov

Keeping you all in our thoughts – stay safe and healthy!