COVID-19 Update: September Summary, Prevalence Testing, Updated Risk Levels, Worker Upskilling

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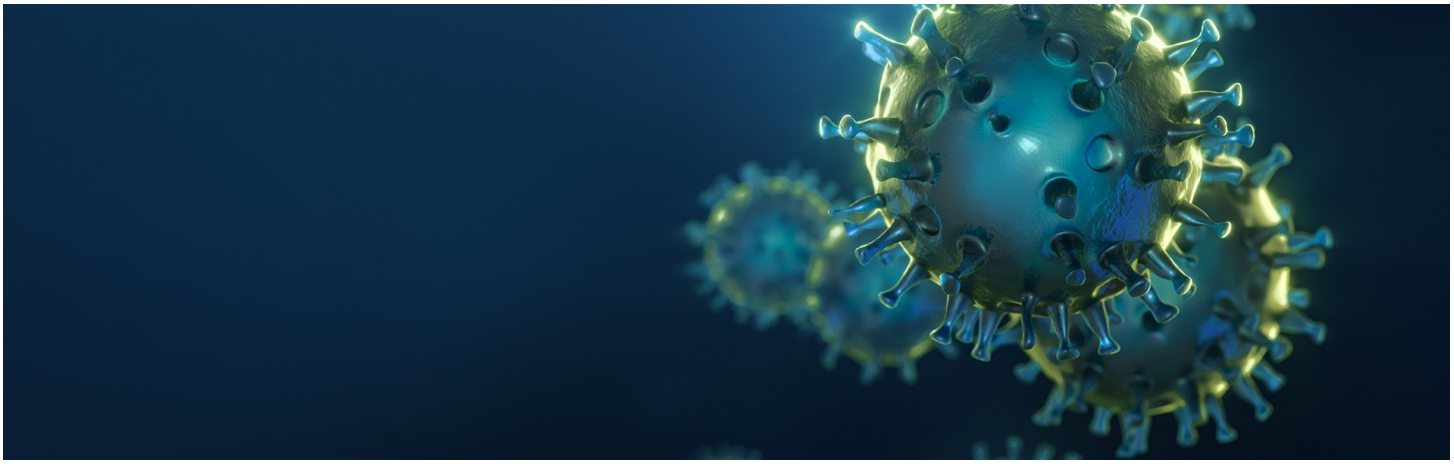


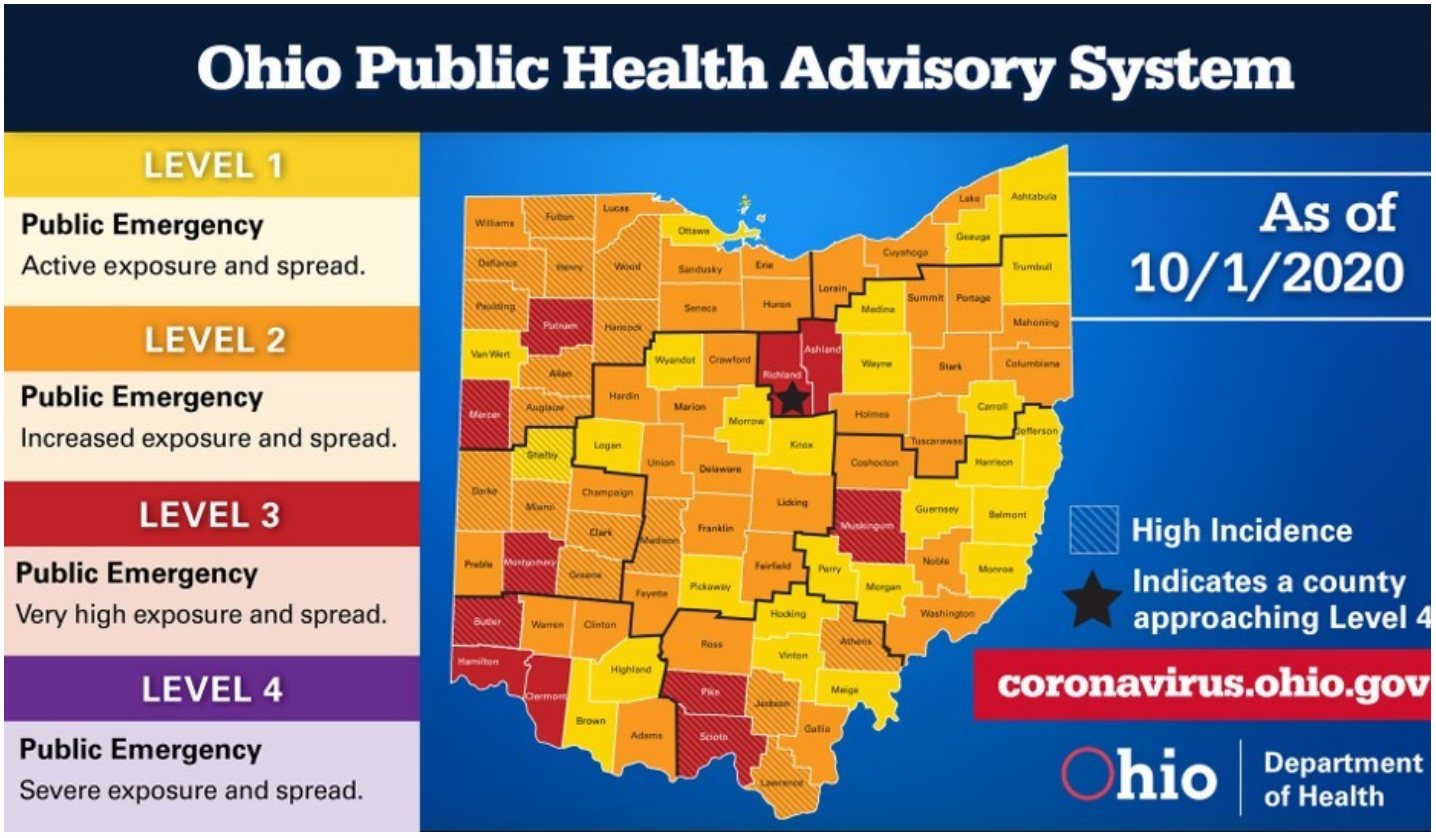
(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

UPDATED COUNTY RISK LEVELS

Governor DeWine today released Ohio's updated Public Health Advisory System map. New health data compiled by the Ohio Department of Health found that 11 counties currently have a very high risk of exposure and spread (Level 3): Ashland, Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Mercer, Montgomery, Muskingum, Pike, Putnam, Richland, and Scioto. Richland County is on the borderline of a Level 4 public emergency with severe exposure and spread.

"We have 11 red counties, which is more than we've seen at any point in September," said Governor DeWine. "Although many Ohioans are working hard to keep this virus in check, unfortunately, we are seeing a rebound in some areas of the state. This pandemic isn't over, so please continue to stay home if you're sick,

wear a mask when you're out, and keep at least six feet between you and those outside of your household."



A county-by-county breakdown outlining the presence of COVID-19 in all of Ohio's 88 counties can be found on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System's website.

SEPTEMBER SUMMARY

Governor DeWine today released new data summarizing cases, hospitalizations, and deaths reported in Ohio's 88 counties so far in September. The counties are ranked by cases per 100,000 people.

Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths in September

County	Cases per Capita	Cases	Hospital Admissions	Deaths	Population
Putnam	688.1	233	30	5	33,861
Mercer	631.5	260	15	1	41,172
Athens	532.7	348	2	0	65,327
Shelby	522.7	254	11	5	48,590
Wood	424.3	555	30	4	130,817
Henry	407.3	110	11	9	27,006
Butler	402.7	1,543	50	21	383,134
Darke	393.2	201	13	5	51,113
Lawrence	390.2	232	29	6	59,463
Auglaize	385.5	176	17	3	45,656
Madison	380.0	170	7	1	44,731
Miami	370.1	396	23	4	106,987
Pike	345.7	96	6	0	27,772
Franklin	337.9	4,449	115	20	1,316,756
Pickaway	325.0	190	8	2	58,457
Defiance	322.9	123	14	4	38,087
Union	310.2	183	3	1	58,988
Montgomery	309.0	1,643	173	22	531,687
Greene	303.7	513	26	11	168,937
Clark	303.5	407	5	9	134,083
Jackson	302.3	98	8	5	32,413
Warren	295.0	692	49	13	234,602
Delaware	279.7	585	6	1	209,177
Allen	264.8	271	33	12	102,351
Fulton	263.5	111	11	0	42,126
Harrison	246.0	37	5	2	15,040
Hamilton	240.9	1,969	62	15	817,473
Hancock	238.8	181	10	4	75,783
Scioto	225.7	170	10	3	75,314
Fairfield	218.9	345	25	4	157,574
Richland	217.1	263	38	1	121,154
Ross	206.1	158	27	10	76,666
Preble	205.5	84	18	3	40,882
Muskingum	205.3	177	24	1	86,215
Seneca	201.2	111	8	1	55,178
Clermont	199.1	411	27	6	206,428
Paulding	192.8	36	5	0	18,672
Gallia	190.6	57	4	4	29,898
Fayette	189.3	54	9	1	28,525
Huron	185.4	108	9	0	58,266
Meigs	183.4	42	6	5	22,907
Adams	180.5	50	6	0	27,698
Marion	179.7	117	11	1	65,093
Erie	179.1	133	25	11	74,266
Portage	173.0	281	17	2	162,466
Lucas	171.8	736	36	8	428,348
Ashland	170.1	91	8	2	53,484
Williams	169.0	62	10	0	36,692
Noble	166.4	24	0	0	14,424
Licking	162.3	287	23	4	176,862
Perry	160.5	58	9	0	36,134
Brown	152.0	66	0	1	43,432
Summit	146.8	794	87	12	541,013
Logan	146.7	67	4	1	45,672
Stark	143.8	533	27	14	370,606
Champaign	138.9	54	4	0	38,885
Lake	134.3	309	21	8	230,149
Clinton	133.4	56	5	4	41,968
Cuyahoga	131.1	1,619	81	37	1,235,072
Wayne	130.5	151	7	5	115,710
Medina	130.2	234	19	1	179,746
Crawford	130.1	54	1	2	41,494
Mahoning	117.2	268	29	4	228,683
Van Wert	116.7	33	1	1	28,275
Geauga	112.1	105	4	2	93,649
Holmes	111.5	49	4	2	43,960
Sandusky	109.4	64	8	2	58,518
Columbiana	106.0	108	11	9	101,883
Wyandot	105.6	23	1	0	21,772
Guernsey	105.5	41	2	1	38,875
Tuscarawas	92.4	85	13	2	91,987
Trumbull	86.4	171	14	5	197,974
Hardin	86.1	27	0	0	31,365
Highland	85.7	37	3	1	43,161
Jefferson	85.7	56	3	0	65,325
Morrow	82.1	29	2	0	35,328
Hocking	81.4	23	0	0	28,264
Carroll	70.6	19	1	0	26,914
Lorain	61.3	190	19	2	309,833
Knox	61.0	38	5	0	62,322
Washington	60.1	36	2	0	59,911
Ottawa	54.3	22	1	0	40,525
Belmont	52.2	35	1	0	67,006
Ashtabula	50.4	49	2	0	97,241
Morgan	48.2	7	1	0	14,508
Vinton	45.9	6	1	1	13,085
Monroe	43.9	6	1	0	13,654
Coshocton	30.1	11	2	1	36,600

Information pulled on 10/1 for case onset dates, hospital admission dates, and death dates from 9/1 to 9/30. Incarcerated individuals are not excluded from this table.

WORKER UPSKILLING

Lt. Governor Husted announced the results of the August 2020 TechCred Application period, which set a record in approving 4,468 credentials through 288 Ohio companies. So far, a total of 983 Ohio employers have been approved for reimbursement, which will yield as many as 11,941 technology-focused credentials for Ohioans. Prior to their election, Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted promised to fund the completion of at least 10,000 micro-degrees per year – a commitment that has been met through this latest round.

PREVALENCE TESTING

Lt. Governor Husted also held an on-air discussion with Dr. Abby Norris Turner of Ohio State University. Dr. Norris Turner described the prevalence testing Ohio State conducted on behalf of the Ohio Department of Health in order to assess how many Ohioans have already contracted COVID-19. The study was conducted over 20 days in July 2020 and included a sample of 727 adults. The study showed that approximately .9 percent of Ohioans were likely infected with COVID-19 during the study, and approximately 1.5 percent had prevalence of COVID-19 antibodies during the study period in July. You will soon be able to access a summary of the study at coronavirus.ohio.gov and viewing the Dashboard Overview page.

WI-FI HOTSPOTS

Lt. Governor Husted thanked the Foundation for Appalachian Ohio for coordinating efforts between Facebook and T-Mobile that will provide Wi-Fi hotspots to libraries in Southeast Ohio. These internet-enabled devices will be available to patrons to check out in the same way they would

borrow a library book or film. The effort aims to give opportunities for at-home internet usage for those who do not have reliable access to broadband. Facebook donated the devices at no charge and paid for 6 months of unlimited network usage on the T-Mobile network. T-Mobile will fund an additional 6 months of connectivity for the devices as well as help get the hotspots ready for use and provide ongoing technical support.

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE ELITE PROGRAM

Lt. Governor Husted also recognized Greater Cleveland Partnership (GCP), Fifth-Third Bank, and JobsOhio for offering financial support so 10 companies will be able to participate in the London Stock Exchange ELITE program. ELITE will work with each of these business owners to develop clear, actionable plans around preparing for future growth, developing world-class strategy and operational functions, and accessing regional and global capital markets.

The London Stock Exchange's ELITE Program is opening their first headquarters in the Americas in Cleveland, Ohio, which Lt. Governor Husted announced while on a business development mission to the United Kingdom in 2019.

CURRENT COVID-19 DATA

There are 155,314 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 4,817 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 15,606 people have been hospitalized, including 3,297 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Video of today's full update, including versions with foreign language translation, can be viewed on the Ohio Channel's YouTube page.

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.

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