COVID-19 Update: Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities Testing Update, Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Inductees Announced, and Ohio To Work Initiative Begins

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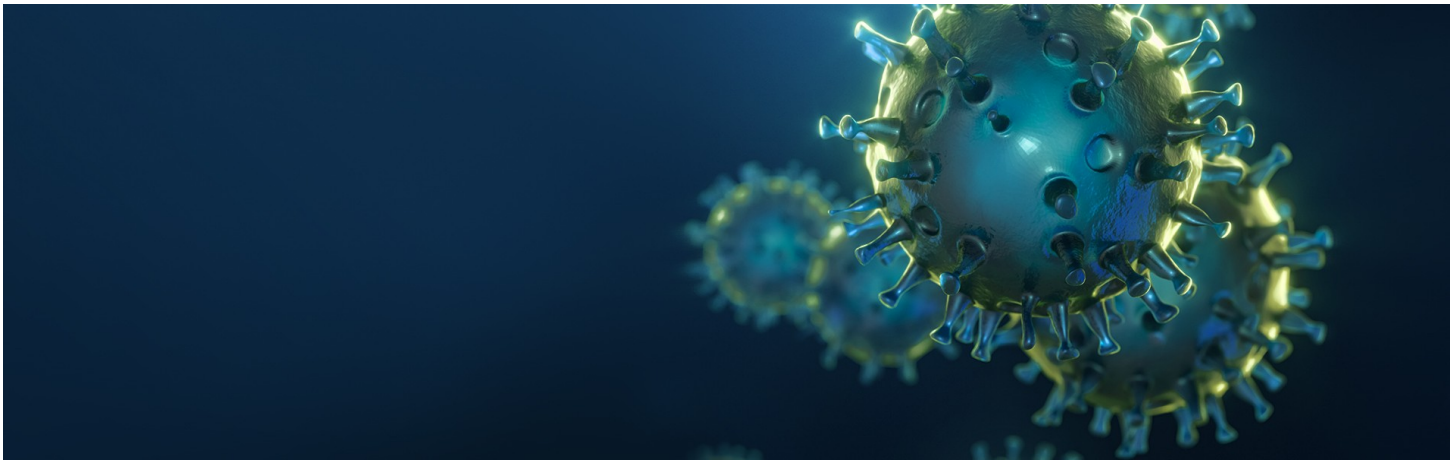


(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today gave the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

TESTING IN NURSING HOMES AND ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES

Governor DeWine and Director Ursel McElroy of the Ohio Department of Aging provided an update on testing in nursing facilities, assisted living facilities, adult day centers, and adult day cares. Directory McElroy explained that frequent testing in congregate settings is important to control the spread of the virus.

She also mentioned that adult day care and senior centers will open on September 21st. The facilities will test staff every other week and participants if they present symptoms. Outdoor visitation started at Ohio

nursing homes on July 20th. If visitors have questions about protocols or concerns about a facility in their area, they can contact the Ohio Department of Aging. The Department of Aging is working on a dashboard to increase transparency about the status of visitation at facilities across the state.

OHIO VETERANS HALL OF FAME

Governor DeWine announced that 20 women and men, representing four branches of the military will be inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame at a virtual ceremony on November 5th. These Ohioans, from 16 counties, have continued to serve the United States as well as Ohio, as business owners, community volunteers, scientists, advocates, engineers, and much more.

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame was established by Governor George Voinovich in 1992. Governor Voinovich established the Hall of Fame to recognize Ohio veterans' military service, as well as their service to Ohio and their communities after leaving the military. A total of 895 of Ohio's Veterans have been inducted into the Hall of Fame.

The virtual ceremony can be viewed on November 5th at OhioVets.gov.

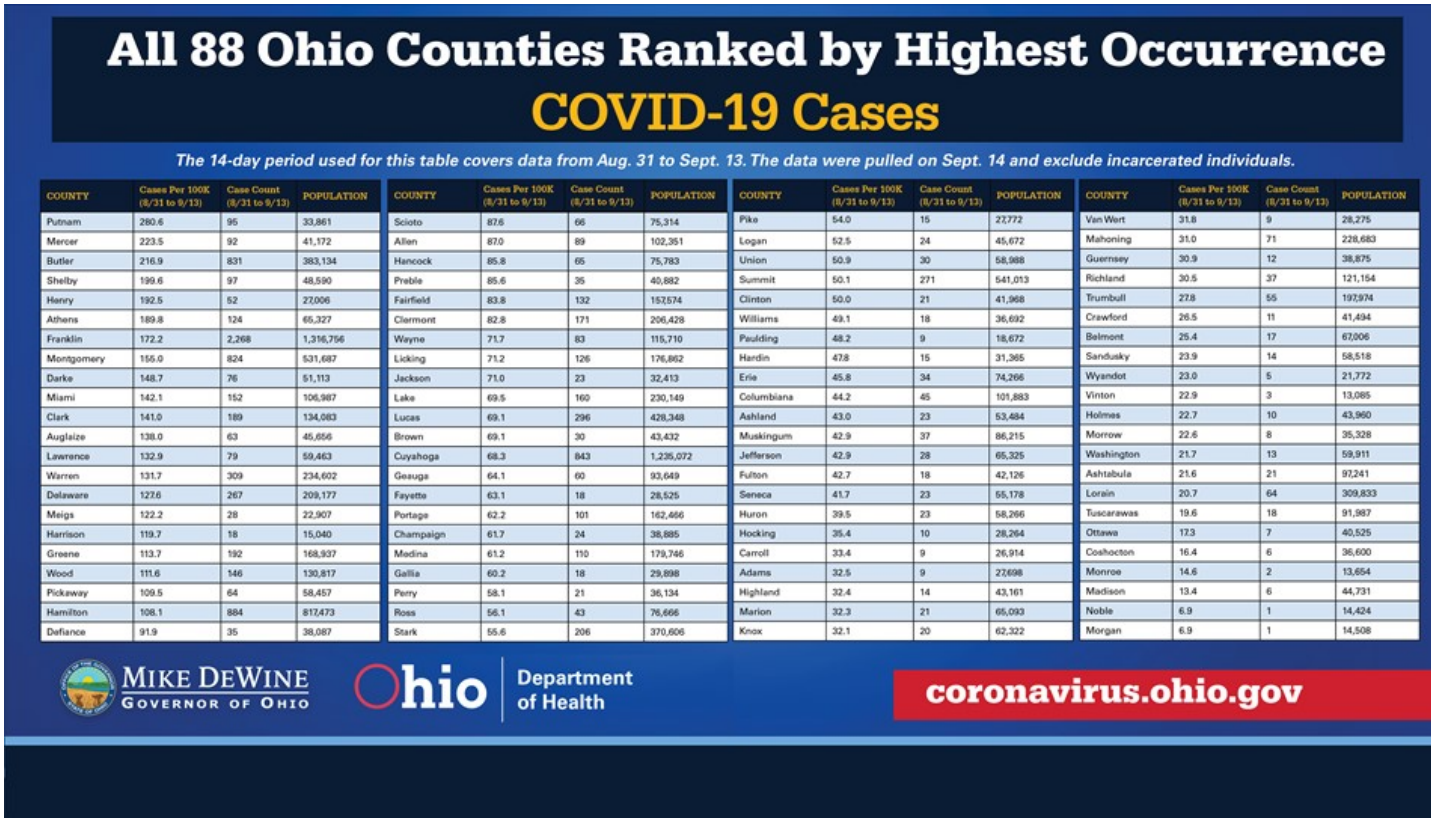
OHIO TO WORK

Governor DeWine, along with JP Nauseef, president and CEO of JobsOhio, announced that JobsOhio and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation and the Ohio Development Services Agency will launch a pilot initiative called Ohio To Work. The Initiative will help connect Ohioans looking for a job to a new job opportunity. Ohio To Work brings together employers, nonprofits, educators, and training providers to help Ohioans reskill and restart their careers. Individuals participating in Ohio To Work will be provided a career coach, be invited to virtual career fairs, and be connected to employers ready to hire. The first Ohio To Work initiative will be launched in Cleveland-Cuyahoga County. Ohioans can learn more at OhioToWork.com.

CURRENT COVID-19 DATA

There are 139,485 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 4,506 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 14,481 people have been hospitalized, including 3,111 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Rankings of Ohio's 88 counties by highest occurrence can be found below.



All 88 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence
COVID-19 Cases

The 14-day period used for this table covers data from Aug. 31 to Sept. 13. The data were pulled on Sept. 14 and exclude incarcerated individuals.

COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (8/31 to 9/13)	Case Count (8/31 to 9/13)	POPULATION
Putnam	280.6	95	33,861
Mercer	223.5	92	41,172
Butler	216.9	831	383,134
Shelby	199.6	97	48,590
Henry	192.5	52	27,006
Athens	189.8	124	65,327
Franklin	172.2	2,268	1,316,756
Montgomery	155.0	824	531,687
Darke	148.7	76	51,113
Miami	142.1	152	106,987
Clark	141.0	189	134,083
Auglaize	138.0	63	45,656
Lawrence	132.9	79	59,463
Warren	131.7	309	234,602
Delaware	127.6	267	209,177
Meigs	122.2	28	22,907
Harrison	119.7	18	15,040
Greene	113.7	192	168,937
Wood	111.6	146	130,817
Pickaway	109.5	64	58,457
Hamilton	108.1	884	817,473
Defiance	91.9	35	38,087
Scioto	87.6	66	75,314
Allen	87.0	89	102,351
Hancock	85.8	65	75,783
Preble	85.6	35	40,882
Fairfield	83.8	132	157,574
Clermont	82.8	171	206,428
Wayne	71.7	83	115,710
Licking	71.2	126	176,862
Jackson	71.0	23	32,413
Lake	69.5	160	230,149
Lucas	69.1	296	428,348
Brown	69.1	30	43,432
Cuyahoga	68.3	843	1,235,072
Geauga	64.1	60	93,649
Fayette	63.1	18	28,525
Portage	62.2	101	162,466
Champaign	61.7	24	38,885
Medina	61.2	110	179,746
Gallia	60.2	18	29,898
Perry	58.1	21	36,134
Ross	56.1	43	76,666
Stark	55.6	206	370,606
Pike	54.0	15	27,772
Logan	52.5	24	45,672
Union	50.9	30	58,988
Summit	50.1	271	541,013
Clinton	50.0	21	41,968
Williams	49.1	18	36,692
Paulding	48.2	9	18,672
Hardin	47.8	15	31,365
Erie	45.8	34	74,266
Columbiana	44.2	45	101,883
Ashland	43.0	23	53,484
Muskingum	42.9	37	86,215
Jefferson	42.9	28	65,325
Fulton	42.7	18	42,126
Seneca	41.7	23	55,178
Huron	39.5	23	58,266
Hocking	35.4	10	28,264
Carroll	33.4	9	26,914
Adams	32.5	9	27,698
Highland	32.4	14	43,161
Marion	32.3	21	65,093
Knox	32.1	20	62,322
Van Wert	31.8	9	28,275
Mahoning	31.0	71	228,683
Guernsey	30.9	12	38,875
Richland	30.5	37	121,154
Trumbull	27.8	55	197,974
Crawford	26.5	11	41,494
Belmont	25.4	17	67,006
Sandusky	23.9	14	58,518
Wyandot	23.0	5	21,772
Vinton	22.9	3	13,085
Holmes	22.7	10	43,960
Morrow	22.6	8	35,328
Washington	21.7	13	59,911
Ashtabula	21.6	21	97,241
Lorain	20.7	64	309,833
Tuscarawas	19.6	18	91,987
Ottawa	17.3	7	40,525
Coshocton	16.4	6	36,600
Monroe	14.6	2	13,654
Madison	13.4	6	44,731
Noble	6.9	1	14,424
Morgan	6.9	1	14,508

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

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