
FISCAL UPDATE Article

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COVID-19 — OHIO — 3/27/2020

Stay-at-Home Order. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a mandatory Stay-at-Home order for the state of Ohio from March 23, 2020, through April 7, 2020. All child care centers in the state must operate under a temporary pandemic license and are under the following restrictions until April 30 at the earliest:

- There may be no more than six children in a classroom, and there must be a one-to-six ratio of staff to children.
- Children whose parents are employed by the same entity should be kept together whenever possible.
- The same teachers and children in each room should be maintained whenever possible.
- There should be limited use of shared space or mixing of groups.
- Parent interaction should be limited at drop-off and pickup.

Ohio residents are instructed to only leave the home for essential functions, such as work and obtaining necessities, such as medications and groceries. Public transportation is not advised at this time.

Confirmed Cases. There are currently 867 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. Of these cases, there have been:

- 223 hospitalizations
- 91 ICU admissions
- 15 deaths

Federal Funding. The Ohio Department of Health received \$15.6 million in federal funding through the [Coronavirus Preparedness and Response Supplemental Appropriations Act](#). Of this amount, \$3.2 million was awarded to 51 Ohio health centers. The funding will be used to provide emergency medical supplies and personal protective equipment to health care workers and first responders throughout the state.

Unemployment Benefits. The governor has expanded flexibility for Ohio residents to receive unemployment benefits by making these benefits available to all claimants who are requested by medical professionals to remain isolated or quarantined as a consequence of COVID-19, even if there is no official diagnosis of the disease.

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