COVID-19 SITUATION REPORT 12
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Holmes County

- Confirmed Cases*: 3

*Please note: HCGHD will not be sharing information about individuals under public health supervision or under voluntary quarantine for COVID-19 in our county. As is our normal practice when we monitor situations of infectious disease in the community, information will be shared as is necessary to protect the public while respecting individual's privacy. The same will be done with COVID-19.

Ohio

- Confirmed Cases: 5,512
- Hospitalizations: 1,612
- ICU Patients: 497
- Age Range: <1—101 years
- Median: 54 years
- Deaths: 213

Worldwide cases

- Worldwide: 1,498,833
- United States: 434,861
- Spain: 152,449
- New York: 149,316
- Italy: 139,422

OVERVIEW:

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) is a respiratory illness that can spread from person to person. The virus that causes COVID-19 is a novel coronavirus that was first identified during an investigation into an outbreak in Wuhan, China. The World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a global pandemic on March 11, 2020.

For Ohio information: 
https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/

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The Ohio Liquor Control Commission passed an emergency rule to allow establishments with an existing on-premises liquor permit to sell and deliver alcohol, including high-proof liquor in limited quantity, for off-premises consumption.

Breweries can also now sell beer and wine that are not their own without food purchase, but food purchase is required for the sale of high-proof liquor. Under the rule, patrons can purchase no more than two drinks per meal.

All drinks must be closed and remain closed during transport as per the open container law cited in ORC 4301.01(B)(6).

Drinks cannot contain more than two ounces of spirituous liquor per container. This rule will remain in effect for up to 120 days unless rescinded by the Liquor Control Commission, whichever occurs first.

Similar emergency rulings have been enacted recently in other states, such as New York and Texas, to provide some financial relief to restaurants and bars that have had to close their dining rooms to contain the spread of COVID-19.

As always, patrons are encouraged to drink responsibly and obey all applicable laws.

Essential Workers Returning Home

With Ohioans working at essential businesses (like grocery stores, gas stations, pharmacies, etc.) during this pandemic, some may be worried about the risk to those who live with them who may be exposed if there had been exposure to the virus in the workplace. Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton, M.D., MPH, strongly recommends that any essential employees returning from work take the following actions to protect their household members:

- Clean all “high-touch” surfaces, such as counters, tabletops, doorknobs, bathroom fixtures, toilets, phones, keyboards, tablets, and bedside tables, every day. Also, clean any surfaces that may have body fluids on them.
- While at home and work, make sure to follow standard precautions to protect yourself, and encourage your household members to do the same.
- Wash your hands for at least twenty seconds with soap and water. Do this often, especially after being in contact with high-touch surfaces or other people.
- Always keep at least six feet between yourself and others if possible.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Encourage your employer to follow guidance from the CDC and Ohio Department of Health to prevent the spread of infection in a workplace.

If you or your loved ones believe you may have COVID-19, the sick household member should:

- Self-isolate alone in a separate room and use a separate bathroom than the rest of the family, if available, to prevent the spread of infection to other family members.
- Prohibit visitors who do not have an essential need to be in the home.
- Avoid sharing household items: you should not share dishes, drinking glasses, cups, eating utensils, towels, bedding, or other items.

For answers to your COVID-19 questions, call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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