

Governor Mike DeWine's Comments

3/20 Press Conference

- A nursing home in Miami County has discovered nine residents with presumptive positives for COVID19.
- The Governor is signing an Executive Order to be effective for the close of business on Monday that will close senior citizen centers.
- Senior day care centers will also close at the close of business on Monday. Seniors will be able to get service in a different setting.
- **Governor DeWine said he has been made aware of numerous businesses that are remaining open in violation of current orders. He implored folks to discontinue this activity.**
- **If businesses do not comply, the Governor said he hasn't hesitated to take action in the past, and he wouldn't to prevent this either.**
- The Department of Insurance is issuing a requirement for health insurers to allow a grace period for employer premium payments. Employers can delay their premium payments for up to two months. The requirement will also allow employees to remain on their health insurance if their hours have fallen below levels that would disqualify them for health coverage.
- Governor DeWine has sent a letter asking President Trump to unlock funding in the federal Disaster Unemployment Fund to cover additional types of employment, including 1099 earners, among others that are not currently eligible.
- K-12 School districts continue to get students online to continue education. Lt. Governor Husted commended Hilliard for the online program that they have implemented.
- **Lt. Governor talked about what are some of the best practices that Ohio business can engage in. Included in the recommendations are: taking temperature of employees if they have the ability, dedicating people to clean all surfaces that are regularly touched, removing chairs where people who could congregate, staggering breaks and lunch breaks, prohibiting the use of shared kitchen items like coffee pots, and carrying out the 6-foot rule, and disinfecting all equipment between uses.**
- The Governor has said that he is not yet closing daycares. A number of children have already been taken out of daycares, so the numbers of children in care are down significantly.