

Below are the updates from the October 23, 2020 press conference with Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted. **The next press conference is currently scheduled for Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.**

Here's the news from today:

- **Ohio's COVID-19 case data is below:**

- 179,424 confirmed cases
- 11,006 probable cases
- 190,430 total cases
- 17,682 hospitalizations
- 4,850 confirmed deaths
- 311 probable deaths
- 5,161 total deaths
- 3,657 ICU admissions

◦ **More data is available on the COVID-19 Dashboard [HERE](#).**

- **Governor DeWine released Ohio's updated [Public Health Advisory System](#) map:**

- **Upgraded to Level 3 (Red):** Allen, Crawford, Geauga, Hardin, Lake, Lorain, Ottawa, Tuscarawas, and Wayne
- **Watchlist Counties:** Clark, Cuyahoga, and Hamilton

- **CALL TO ACTION:** Governor DeWine unveiled a [new advertisement](#) that will begin airing across the state to serve as a visual reminder of how quickly COVID-19 can domino out of control. **Please consider sharing this ad with your networks to help amplify its important message.**

- Former New Jersey Governor Chris Christie virtually joined today's public briefing to discuss his recent diagnosis with COVID-19. Governor Christie spent a week in ICU fighting the disease. Governor Christie's full interview is available on the [Ohio Channel's YouTube page](#).
- Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced the launch of the "Dayton MASKots" campaign facilitated through the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce to slow the spread of the coronavirus while supporting Ohio sports. This campaign challenges team mascots around the region and state to "mask up" and post a picture of their mascot with a mask on. This could be for a K-12 school, college or university, or other sports team. **Ohioans can use the hashtag #DaytonMASKots to join this effort.**
- The Lt. Governor announced that Ohio recently received two RAPIDS apprenticeship rankings: number four in the U.S. for number of apprentices and number one among the 28 states with state apprenticeship systems. ApprenticeOhio programs provide full-time work during the training period as well as decent wages – so Ohioans can earn while they learn. **More information can be found at [Apprentice.Ohio.gov](#).**
- Ohioans can apply for unemployment benefits online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, at [unemployment.ohio.gov](#). It is also possible to file by phone at **877-644-6562** or TTY at **888- 642-8203**, **Monday through Friday 7AM to 7PM, Saturday 9AM to 5PM, and Sunday 9AM to 1PM**. Employers with questions should email [UCTech@jfs.ohio.gov](mailto:UCTech@jfs.ohio.gov).

As always, [Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](#) and the Department of Health hotline, **1-833-4-ASK-ODH** are great resources for those who have questions.