

**WEEK IN REVIEW**

Friday, June 4, 2021

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending June 4, 2021

Throughout the week, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic, as well as other state initiatives.

On **Monday**, Governor Mike DeWine and First Lady Fran DeWine observed the federal holiday of Memorial Day and ordered that all flags throughout the State of Ohio be lowered in recognition.

On **Tuesday**, Governor Mike DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud signed [an order](#) rescinding the following COVID-19-related health orders:

- The Director's Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Jails and Detention Facilities.
- The Director's Order to Release Protected Health Information to Ohio's First Responders.
- The Director's Order Requiring the Use of Facial Coverings in Child Education Settings.
- The Director's Order for Retail and Business Compliance for Facial Coverings through the State of Ohio.
- The Second Amended Director's Order on Adult Day Support Services and Vocational Habilitation Services.
- The Third Amended Director's Order on the Opening of Senior Centers.
- The Third Amended Director's Order on the Opening of Adult Day Services Centers.

The rescissions go into effect at 12:01 a.m. on June 2, 2021.

The following orders will remain in effect:

- Order to Require Screening for Admissions to State Operated Psychiatric Hospitals or to Department of Youth Service Facilities signed March 14, 2020
- The Director's Order Designating The Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center a Public Health Laboratory signed March 27, 2020.
- The Director's Order to Facilities to Notify Residents, Guardians and Sponsor of Positive or Probable Cases of COVID-19 signed April 15, 2020.
- The Director's Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade signed September 3, 2020.



- The Director of Health's Order Designating Dayton Children's Hospital as a Public Health Laboratory signed December 23, 2020.
- The Director's Seventh Amended Order to Permit Access to Ohio's Nursing Homes, with Exceptions signed March 22, 2021.
- The Amended Director's Order to Permit Access to Ohio's Residential Care Facilities, with Exceptions signed March 22, 2021.
- The Director's Amended Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of all Residential Care Facilities signed May 4, 2021.
- The Director's Amended Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of all Nursing Homes signed May 4, 2021.

Also on **Tuesday**, Governor Mike DeWine reminded Ohioans of the importance of getting vaccinated against COVID-19 and for those that are not fully-vaccinated to wear masks indoors, as statewide mask mandates lift Wednesday.

“Ohioans have done a great job during the pandemic. And, with more than 5 million Ohioans who have received at least the first dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, we are getting back to living the lives we want. However, it is important that we all still remember that there are a significant number of Ohioans who remain unvaccinated and are at-risk, including everyone under the age of 12. It's important that those not fully vaccinated continue to wear masks indoors and follow other preventative measures to keep themselves as healthy as possible,” said Governor Mike DeWine.

More than 5.3 million Ohioans have received their first vaccinations and 4.6 million have completed the vaccination series.

An individual is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second dose of Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccines or two weeks after the single dose of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine.

For businesses and organizations looking to update signage in their facilities, [appropriate signs](#) are available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Ohioans can find the vaccination site nearest them at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov.



On **Wednesday**, Governor Mike DeWine was joined by several members of the Ohio House of Representatives and Ohio Senate to sign a coronavirus pandemic relief bill.

[House Bill 170](#), sponsored by Representative Adam Bird and Representative Tracy Richardson, provides \$787.3 million coronavirus relief assistance to Ohio's public and private schools. Additionally, House Bill 170 provides \$173 million to the Ohio Department of Health for COVID-19 testing and vaccine distribution efforts, and \$7 million to further support the Ohio National Guard's response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Additionally, Governor DeWine signed the following bills in private.

[House Bill 76](#), sponsored by Representative Scott Oelslager, enacts the Ohio Industrial Commission's Fiscal Year 2022-2023 biennium budget.

[House Bill 133](#), sponsored by Representative Brett Hudson Hillyer, modifies commerce and property tax valuation complaints.

On **Wednesday**, Lt. Governor Husted visited the Memorial Tournament Salute to Service event in Dublin, where he had the opportunity to speak with veterans and other members of the military and thank them for their service.

During his remarks, the Lt. Governor reinforced the DeWine-Husted Administration's mission of making Ohio the most military-friendly state in the country.

On **Thursday**, Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

OHIO VAX-A-MILLION

Ohio Vax-A-Million's newest winners joined Governor DeWine Thursday morning to discuss why they chose to be vaccinated and their excitement of being selected during this week's drawing.

Jonathan Carlyle from Toledo in Lucas County won this week's \$1 million prize, and Zoie Vincent from Mayfield Village in Cuyahoga County won this week's college scholarship prize.



"I actually had COVID-19, and it was the most sick I'd ever been," said Vincent. "(This) played a significant role in my decision to get a vaccination because, if I can guarantee that I'll never feel this way again or my family won't have to feel this way again, I felt like I would definitely take it, and so I did get the vaccine."

"My sister and her husband both came down with COVID, as well as his father who passed from COVID, and she was on me a lot to go and get the vaccination, and that played a very significant role in me getting my vaccination," said Carlyle. "I was putting it off a lot because I was working all the time, but I knew that I needed to get it and that I wanted to get it. When (Governor DeWine) announced Vax-a-Million, as soon as I heard that, a few days later I got the Johnson & Johnson shot."

Ohio Vax-a-Million is a public outreach campaign and initiative to increase awareness of the availability and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccines and provide incentives to Ohioans to get a COVID-19 vaccination. Ohioans 18 and older who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can enter to win one of five \$1 million prizes. Ohioans ages 12-17 who have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine can enter to win a four-year college scholarship to any Ohio state college or university.

For more information and to enter visit ohiovoxamillion.com. To find a vaccine provider near you, visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov.

STATUS OF VACCINATIONS IN OHIO

More than 50 percent of Ohio's adult population has received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine, however, Governor DeWine encouraged more Ohioans, especially those in the 18-59 age-range, to get vaccinated.

Despite the lift in pandemic-related restrictions, Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, chief medical officer at the Ohio Department of Health, reminded Ohioans that the unvaccinated, including everyone under the age of 12, are still at risk.

"COVID remains a very real danger to every unvaccinated Ohioan," said Dr. Vanderhoff. "We often think of COVID as being benign for children, but it is now one of the top 10 causes of death for children in the United States. Vaccination is our best protection against COVID, and we really owe it not just to ourselves to get vaccinated, but to all we care about, including those who are not yet able to be vaccinated. While it is true that younger Ohioans may not have the level of risk that older Ohioans have, bad things can happen to people of any age who get COVID-19."



Also on **Thursday**, Lt. Governor Husted, who serves as Director of the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation, announced the results of the April TechCred application period. Following eight rounds, over 23,700 credentials have been approved through TechCred, exceeding the DeWine-Husted Administration's goal for the first two years of the program.

"Since October of 2019, we have created the opportunity for thousands of Ohioans to earn tech credentials at no cost, helping boost their employability and earning potential, and providing businesses the talent they need to compete and win," said Lt. Governor Husted. "The result is a faster-growing economy in Ohio, where businesses and their employees both earn more and prosper."

The most recent TechCred application period closed at the end of April. Today, **310 Ohio employers** were approved for funding, resulting in Ohio employees earning up to **3,882 tech-focused credentials**.

In addition, more small businesses took advantage of the program this round than ever before, with 124 small businesses requesting credentials.

"Businesses are looking for workers with the skills to compete in the global marketplace," said Lydia Mihalik, Director of the Ohio Development Services Agency. "TechCred helps Ohio businesses upskill their workforce and employees advance their careers."

With the approvals announced today, a total of **1,310 Ohio employers** have been approved for funding, supporting the earning of **23,723 tech-focused credentials** by Ohio employees. This round fulfills a commitment made by Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted to fund 10,000 credentials each year to help close the skills gap for growing technology jobs. This commitment was met within the first 19 months of the program.

"The fact that the DeWine-Husted Administration's goal for TechCred has been exceeded well ahead of schedule speaks not only to the need for this kind of program, but also to the importance of such a program to Ohio's employers and economy," said Ohio Department of Higher Education Chancellor Randy Gardner. "TechCred is yet another way that Ohio is providing educational opportunities while meeting workforce needs."

The ninth TechCred application period opened on **Tuesday, June 1st** and closes **June 30th at 3:00 p.m.**

You can learn more about the program at TechCred.Ohio.gov.



On **Friday**, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine announced the judicial appointment of Brian C. Driscoll to the Clark County Municipal Court.

Additionally, Governor DeWine several appointments, including to the Youngstown State University Board of Trustees, Bowling Green State University Board of Trustees, Edison State Community College Board of Trustees, and more.

As of **Friday**, there have been 1,090,276 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio. Additionally, 19,528 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths have occurred. A total of 57,956 people have been hospitalized, including 7,974 admissions to intensive care units.

CASE DATA/VACCINE INFORMATION

In-depth COVID-19 data for Ohio: coronavirus.ohio.gov.

Ohio's central scheduling system: gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov

Ohio mass vaccination information: coronavirus.ohio.gov/massvaccinationclinics

All vaccine providers: vaccine.coronavirus.ohio.gov

More vaccine information: coronavirus.ohio.gov/vaccine

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

For more information on Ohio's response to COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov or call 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.