During today’s daily briefing, Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted discussed the following:

- Governor DeWine outlined his plan to reopen schools amid the coronavirus pandemic. School employees would generally be required to wear face coverings. The governor said the state also recommends students in grades 3-12 wear masks when they return this fall to classrooms. Other general guidelines announced by the governor call on districts and schools to:
  - Implement plans to assess symptoms among students and staff.
  - Provide ample opportunity for handwashing and hand sanitizing stations.
  - Thoroughly sanitize shared surfaces.
  - Practice social distancing.
  - Implement a face covering strategy.

- The Governor noted that he will be working with the General Assembly to help provide funding to schools to assist with covering some of the unforeseen expenses associated with opening schools safely. Governor DeWine also shared that he intends to fully fund the Student Wellness and Success Fund in order to help schools provide critical mental health services for students.

- The state also announced an advisory system for COVID-19 called the Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System. The system will attempt to measure the amount of virus in each county through a set of indicators. The Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System has four, color-coded levels to represent the severity of spread in each county. State health officials created seven indicators to determine which alert level each county is in:
  - New cases per capita: A flag is triggered when a county has had an average of 50 cases per 100,000 people over a two-week period. This takes into account the population of a county when monitoring case increases.
  - Sustained increase in new cases: A county will be flagged for meeting this indicator if the data shows at least a five-day period of sustained new case growth.
  - Proportion of cases not congregate cases: A flag is triggered when data shows more than 50 percent of new cases originating from non-congregate settings during at least one of the past three weeks.
  - Sustained increase in emergency room visits: A county will be flagged there is an increase in emergency room visit with COVID-19 symptoms or diagnosis over a five day period.
  - Sustained increase in outpatient visits: A county will be flagged when there is an increase in the number of people visiting outpatient settings with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 symptoms over a five-day period.
  - Sustained increase in new coronavirus hospital admissions: The county will be flagged when the data shows at least a five-day period of sustained growth in the number of county residents with COVID-19 are admitted to a hospital.
  - ICU bed occupancy: A county will be flagged when the regional ICU occupancy goes above 80 percent for both COVID-19 and non-COVID uses of beds for at least three of the last seven days.

- The Administration is also working to refine three additional measurements:
  - Contract tracing
• The alert levels are meant to educate individuals, businesses, local health departments, and local officials about risk levels in their county. The risk levels range from Level 1, 2, 3 and 4:
  o Level 1 (yellow): Counties meet zero or one of the indicators. Level 1 counties have active exposure and spread of coronavirus. It is the least severe level.
  o Level 2 (orange): Two or three indicators are met. Counties in Level 2 have increased exposure and spread and residents should exercise caution.
  o Level 3 (red): Counties meet four or five indicators. The risk is very high for exposure and spread and residents should limit activities as much as possible and wear a mask when they go out in public.
  o Level 4 (purple): six or seven indicators are met. Counties have severe threat for exposure or spread of the virus and residents should only leave home for supplies and services. Level 4 is the most severe level.

• Governor DeWine discussed plans to extend liquor permits to outside spaces next to bars.

• Lt. Governor Husted noted that the state will soon be reporting the number of people who are presumed to have recovered from COVID-19. This is calculated by taking the number of cases - deaths - cases with an onset date within the past 21 days. The number of Presumed Recovered today is 38,987

• Here are the current numbers: 52,865 total cases; 7,911 total hospitalizations; 2,876 total deaths