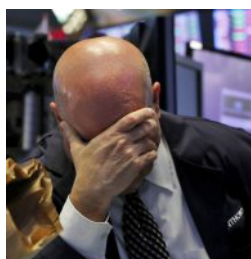


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Schools shut down



DORAL CHENOWETH — THE COLUMBUS DISPATCH VIA AP

Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine signs an order banning groups of 100 or more people, along with Dr. Amy Acton, left, the head of the Ohio Department of Health, during a press conference updating the public on COVID-19 on Thursday, March 12 in Columbus.

From the governor: DeWine orders all schools in state to close for three weeks

By Andrew Welsh-Huggins
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS » Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Thursday ordered every school in Ohio to close for three weeks beginning at day's end Monday.

DeWine and Health Department Director Dr. Amy Acton acknowledged the hardships and disruptions that the order will create but said it's necessary to help Ohio through the current crisis.

But Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost also urged people not to resort to panic shopping in grocery stores. "Look folks, you don't need four cases of toilet paper," he said.

A look at developments related to the coronavirus as Ohio tests for additional cases after confirming its first five.

TESTING

Health officials say five people in the state have tested positive for the virus that causes the disease COVID-19. Ohio is currently testing 52 people who have shown symptoms of respiratory distress and has cleared another

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From Lake County: Public officials meet with General Health District

By Andrew Cass
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Lake County public officials met at the Lake County General Health District March 12 to discuss the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) situation.

"There's so much going out there we all want to be on the same page," Eastlake Mayor Dennis Morley said at the start of the

meeting. Morley, who is the president of the Lake County Mayors and Managers Association, reached out to Lake County Health Commissioner Ron Graham the prior afternoon to set up the meeting.

"We're just trying to get some thoughts from the health district of what we should do and what we should stay diligent on," Morley said.

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From the OHSAA: Postseason tournament games postponed indefinitely

By John Kampf
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The Ohio High School Athletic Association has postponed all postseason tournaments because of concerns over the novel coronavirus.

OHSAA executive director Jerry Snodgrass made the announcement March 12 as the Division II state girls basketball game

between West Branch and Dayton Carroll were preparing to begin this year's state tournament weekend.

Also postponed indefinitely were this weekend's state wrestling tournament and state hockey tournament, as well as all regional boys basketball games. Next weekend's state boys basketball tournament is also on hold.

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Dizzying reaction to virus spreading

Sweeping travel bans cascaded around the globe Thursday, walling off countries and even entire continents. PAGE A7



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Most coronavirus patients recover

Amid all the fears, it has been easy to ignore that more than 60,000 people have recovered from the coronavirus. PAGE B7

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A rezoning issue on the March 17 ballot has elicited public protests from some Mentor residents. PAGE A4

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OHSAA did right thing, even if it's unpopular

Respect the game. For more than 15 years, OHSAA has marched under that mantra. PAGE C1

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