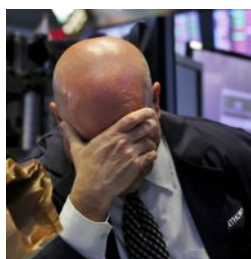


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OHIO

Schools shut down



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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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 Lorain: City Hall to set up health screenings for entrance

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Lorain City Hall may close its doors to visitors showing flu symptoms or a fever as local officials look for ways to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus.

Mayor Jack Bradley and Lorain's elected executives "are taking the necessary steps to ensure the safety of our citizens and the city's workforce," said city Safety-

Service Director Max Upton.

On March 12, Bradley convened a meeting with the executives to discuss the city leaders' response to the spread of COVID-19.

The mayor also has been in contact with Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's Office and is monitoring the situation on an hourly basis.

"Elected and city officials will continue to meet and respond according to the guidance set forth

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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 Day-

ton 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.

Snodgrass said the term "postponed indefinitely" is different

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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 A5



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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 B5

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4 mayors give state of their cities

Sheffield Village, Sheffield Lake, Avon and Avon Lake were well represented at the 4-Mayor's Luncheon. PAGE A3

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OHSAA did right thing, even if it's unpopular

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

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