DeWine Press Briefing
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- There are currently 351 confirmed cases in Ohio in 40 counties. The number of deaths remains at 3 confirmed deaths.
- DeWine is asking the legislature to forgo state mandated testing this year
- See coronavirus.ohio.gov/business help for more details
  - Allows exceptions
    - May leave home for necessary supplies and services, medical assistance, may be outside but playgrounds are closed, may leave home to care for others, and to work at jobs deemed essential
  - Essential businesses designated per Homeland Security, including human service organizations
  - Each essential business that is allowed to stay open must follow protocols in regards to good health
    - E.g., must designate at least 6 feet between workers, proper handwashing, separate operating hours for vulnerable populations, and more. See
  - Order will be enforced by local health departments and law enforcement
  - In effect from Monday, March 23, 2020 at 11:50 PM to April 6, 2020
- Beginning Thursday, all daycare centers must operate under a Temporary Childcare Pandemic License
  - Maximum of 6 children per room
  - This order is in effect until at least April 30
  - See attached information and application

Prescription Limits

This morning Ohio’s pharmacy board voted unanimously to request that Governor DeWine issue an emergency order to prohibit stockpiling of specific drugs due to the spread of COVID-19. The request comes after the board received reports of significant increases in prescriptions typically used to treat malaria, rheumatoid arthritis, and lupus. Specifically, doctors have been prescribing medications for their own family, friends, and colleagues to use as potential treatment if they contract COVID-19. Additionally, the board banned dispensing chloroquine or hydroxychloroquine for treatment of coronavirus unless someone has tested positive for the virus or with approval of the pharmacy board’s executive director.