



(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

INCREASING CASES

Governor DeWine today cautioned that the continuing increase in COVID-19 cases indicates that significant numbers of infections are likely this winter unless citizens take steps to mitigate and control the spread of the virus.

"Although a vaccine is on the way in the future, we can't control the timetable of the development of a vaccine - but we can control how much this flares up until then," said Governor DeWine. "We have avoided the large outbreaks that other countries and other states have seen, and so far, the combined efforts of Ohioans have kept the virus in check. We can't let our guards down now. We need to continue taking basic safety measures of wearing masks, keeping distance, and avoiding large gatherings."

In the last seven days, Ohio COVID-19 cases have averaged 1,475 cases per day by report date as compared to an average of approximately 1,000 cases per day only two weeks ago. Ohio's current positivity rate is 4.1 percent as compared to 2.7 percent on September 23 and 24. A total of 51 counties are considered high incidence and/or Alert Level 3 on Ohio's Public Health Advisory System.

A new public service announcement featuring former Ohio State coaches Jim Tressel and Urban Meyer encourages everyone to stay in the game and to stick to the game plan. OSU PSA

CHILDHOOD VACCINES

In Ohio and across the country, there has been a decrease in vaccinations administered to protect against diseases like measles, chickenpox, whooping cough, and polio, and today Governor DeWine today encouraged parents not to delay their children's well-visit vaccinations.

"While we do not have a vaccine yet for COVID-19, we can prevent more than a dozen other diseases from harming our children and our communities," said Governor DeWine. "It is criti-

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cal that Ohioans and providers remain vigilant about keeping children up to date on these vaccines."

In the coming days, the Ohio Department of Medicaid will launch several initiatives to encourage childhood immunizations among its members. These efforts will be aimed at increasing safe, convenient access to vaccinations by providing mobile vaccination clinics and reducing administrative barriers for providers.

Governor DeWine also unveiled a new public service announcement that stresses the importance of childhood vaccines.

LAB CAPACITY DASHBOARD

Governor DeWine today announced the creation of a new Lab Capacity Dashboard to help pharmacists, nursing homes, colleges and universities, employers, and others administering COVID-19 tests find a lab to run their samples. This new resource will help connect groups that are testing with available labs in order to ease turnaround times and inform Ohioans of their COVID-19 status.

The new dashboard provides self-reported information about labs that can run tests, including hours of operation, types of tests they accept, estimated turn-around time, and locations. Labs with available capacity can sign up on the website to be included in this dashboard.

BINAX-NOW TESTING PLAN

Governor DeWine today discussed plans for Abbott BinaxNOW COVID-19 antigen screening tests that the federal government is providing to Ohio.

This week, Ohio is deploying thousands of these screening tests to colleges and universities to help them implement proactive screening plans. Next week, Ohio will begin sending tens of thousands of screening tests to nursing homes for both routine and outbreak testing requirements.

Governor DeWine emphasized that lab-based PCR tests are still considered the "gold standard" test that provides the most accurate results, and antigen tests can have false positives and false negatives.

"The opportunity to test more broadly and more often make this an important step forward in our fight against COVID-19 spread, even with the lower sensitivity and specificity of these tests," said Governor

DeWine. "We do have protocols to follow up on results that are most likely to be false, but we need to be aware that this is part of testing at this scale."

Governor DeWine also cautioned that testing should not be considered a substitute for precautions such as wearing masks, social distancing, and avoiding large gatherings.

CURRENT COVID-19 DATA

There are 161,678 confirmed and probable cases of COVID-19 in Ohio and 5,017 confirmed and probable COVID-19 deaths. A total of 16,565 people have been hospitalized, including 3,447 admissions to intensive care units. In-depth data can be accessed by visiting coronavirus.ohio.gov.

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



美國司法部正式起訴耶魯 招生歧視亞裔 + 白人

10月9日,美國司法部正式起訴耶魯大學:耶魯大學在本科招生時實現歧視白人和亞裔申請者,有違聯邦法律。

訴狀稱,耶魯在過去幾十年大規模、有意圖的將眾多符合條件的白人和亞裔申請者拒之門外。

美國司法部8月曾公佈調查結果:耶魯大學本科招生過程涉及“非法歧視”白人和亞裔學生,這所美國名校被指控會根據申請者的種族和國籍來評判是否給offer。

背景為亞裔和白人的申請學生獲得耶魯大學錄取的可能性通常只有同資格非裔申請者的八分之一到四分之一。

在訴訟中,司法部稱這種作為違反了美國1964年民權法案。司法部認為耶魯大學只有遵守這項法律,才能獲得聯邦每年的巨額資助。

但耶魯大學這邊,校長彼得·薩洛維對司法部指控予以否認。他表示,“耶魯大學不歧視任何種族的申請者”,且不會因這起“毫無根據的”訴訟改變學校錄取政策。目前耶魯大學有6057名本科生,通常錄取率為6%。

哈佛招生歧視亞裔

這讓人聯想起,前不久另一所世界頂級名校鬧出的招生歧視案:

2018年,哈佛大學深陷歧視亞裔的輿論旋渦中。當時,哈佛的招生數據被曝光,一個名叫“公平入學學生會”(SFFA)的團體將哈佛大學一紙告上了法庭,控告哈佛在本科錄取中歧視亞裔學生。曝光的資料顯示,哈佛錄取過程中的“個人特質”(positive personality)評分環節,幾乎成了黑掉美國亞裔學生offer的專坑:由40人組成的哈佛招生委員會,就課業成績、課外活動、體育特長和個人特質四項給申請人單項打分,另外再打一個綜合分數,在主觀分欄里亞裔美國人學生得分最低。

例如,在個人特質一欄中,招生委員會對報考學生的個人魅力、勇氣和善良等特質打分,美國亞裔學生得到的分數低於其他族裔。除了亞裔學生主觀無法決定的“個人特質”部分,就連在亞裔學生一向表現突出的SAT、GPA等考試的成績上,亞裔也是處處有吃虧的地方。

普林斯頓大學一項研究發現,亞裔學生的SAT成績需要比白人高出140分,比拉美裔高270分,比非洲裔高450分才能進入美國一流大學,超高的分數線被稱為“亞裔稅”,而且越是頂尖的學校,不同族裔學生間的人學成績差距就越大。甚至還出現過亞裔學生假扮非裔,從而獲得學校offer的事件,也是打臉衆多一直聲稱自己公正、平等對待每一位學生的美國高校。

雖然,2019年,哈佛歧視亞裔指控被駁回,經過一年多的審判後,聯邦法官裁定,哈佛大學的本科招生程序並未有意歧視亞裔學生的申請。但這也成為亞裔學生維權路上的里程碑事件。

關於這次司法部狀告耶魯大學的後續,我們也會持續為大家關注更新着。

權責賄賂,招生歧視,近年來美國高校的“不公平醜聞”層出不窮……也許,想要實現真正的錄取公平之路還任重而道遠,但我們還是希望每一個學校都能給不同種族的學生同等的尊重與友好,讓錄取中的“不公平”逐漸趨零化吧。

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