

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine Week in Review

For the week ending August 23, 2024



Monday, August 19, 2024



Dayton Innovation Hub announcement
Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted pictured with University of Dayton President Eric Spina (left) and Dayton Development Coalition CEO Jeff Hoagland (right) to announce a new innovation hub in Dayton

Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Ohio Department of Development Director Lydia Mihalik announced that Dayton has been selected as the site of Ohio's second innovation hub.

Supported with \$35 million in state funding from the Ohio Innovation Hubs Program, the new onMain Innovation Hub will bring together government, academia, and private-sector industry partners to make Dayton a global leader in the research and development of digital transformation technologies. The project is also supported with a local match of at least \$23 million and a private-sector investment of up to \$37 million.

onMain Innovation Hub
Dayton

\$90+ Million State, Local, Private Investment

Anticipated Impact:

- \$500 Million Economic Impact
- 2,000 Jobs
- 3,000 New STEM Graduates and Certificates

MIKE DEWINE GOVERNOR OF OHIO | JON HUSTED LT. GOVERNOR OF OHIO | OHIO DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT

"The Miami Valley has always been a place where big ideas take flight, and the unprecedented collaboration that will happen under the umbrella of the onMain Innovation Hub will lead to digital technologies that will impact lives across the world," said Governor DeWine. "This new collaboration will be transformative for this region, leading to more investments, more jobs, and more of the world's most innovative thinkers calling Dayton home."

"The Dayton Innovation Hub will pull together the talent, research, and private/public partnerships the region needs to be a



world-class leader in digital integration for defense and aerospace," said Lt. Governor Husted. "As for its location, this is something I and many others have worked on for a very long time as we transition the former site of the county fairgrounds into a world-class hub for research and collaboration."

Lt. Governor Husted spoke at the Ohio Department of Public Safety's Law Enforcement Recruitment Summit. This event helps law enforcement personnel discover innovative recruitment tactics and develop strategies to successfully recruit the next generation of leaders.

Husted speaks at DPS Law Enforcement Recruitment Summit

Tuesday, August 20, 2024

On Tuesday morning, at approximately 7:30 a.m., Governor DeWine tested positive for COVID-19. He started experiencing mild, cold-like symptoms Monday, including sneezing and a runny nose.

KP.3.1.1, a variant in the Omicron family, is now the predominant COVID-19 variant circulating in the United States and has been on the rise since June. COVID-19 cases and wastewater detections of COVID-19 have been on the rise in Ohio since late June. Though hospitalizations, which are a good indicator of disease severity, have risen modestly in much of the United States, they are not currently rising in Ohio.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends COVID-19 vaccines for all people ages six months and older.

Wednesday, August 21, 2024



Lt. Governor Husted provided remarks at Sinclair College's Fall Conference & President's Address in Dayton.

He spoke about the workforce challenges the state is facing and how private, public and education partnerships can play a role in overcoming those challenges.

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Lt. Governor Husted provided remarks at a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the one-year anniversary of the opening of the Amazon LUK2 Robotic Fulfillment Center in Union County. He also toured the facility.

The LUK2 facility is Amazon's newest robotics fulfillment center in Ohio and the seventh in the state.

Governor DeWine announced the appointment of three members

to the OneOhio Recovery Foundation Board.

Among them, Thomas Gregoire has been reappointed, bringing his continued expertise and dedication to the Foundation's mission of partnering with organizations across Ohio to help end the opioid epidemic and prevent its recurrence. He is joined by new appointees, James F. White III and Jonathan Lee.

"These individuals all bring a wealth of experience to the board and are committed to advancing our work to combat the effects of the opioid epidemic and substance use disorder by investing in prevention, treatment, and recovery efforts in our communities," said Governor DeWine. "The purpose of the OneOhio Recovery Foundation is to make people's lives better - both now and long into the future. These appointees will strengthen our efforts to support innovative solutions and foster collaborative partnerships across the state to accomplish that goal."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held to celebrate the completion of the project.



As part of Governor DeWine's H2Ohio initiative, the Ohio Department of Natural Resources has completed a new wetland restoration project at Little Portage Wildlife Area in Ottawa County. The project will improve water quality while benefiting the surrounding communities and revitalizing the area's ecosystem.

The restoration project replaced subsurface field tile drainage to redirect water from more than 400 acres of farmland to the wildlife area wetlands for filtration before flowing into the Little Portage River.

"This wetland restoration will continue to protect and preserve both the Little Portage River and the Little Portage Wildlife Area," said Governor DeWine. "Taking these steps is necessary to help ensure that Ohio's waterways are free from excess nutrient runoff that causes water quality issues and protect our many beautiful natural areas for future generations."

Governor DeWine and Ohio Department of Health Director Bruce Vanderhoff, M.D., MBA, issued the following joint statement after Steward Health Care's announcement of its intention to close Trumbull Regional Medical Center and Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital in Warren, Ohio:

"We are deeply saddened by this news. We take seriously the potential loss of any health care provider, and we understand the deep connections that can be formed between a hospital and the community it serves.

"The corporate leadership of Steward Health Care must be held accountable to ensure they are actively working to support their local doctors while they work with patients and their families to find the best possible care alternative. While they have committed to do so, we will actively work with the local health care community to ensure they properly follow through on that pledge.

"Nevertheless, we are optimistic that area residents will still be able to access quality care close to home. As many local residents are aware, Mercy Health St. Joseph Hospital is located close by (1.5 miles away) and Mercy Health St. Elizabeth Hospital in Youngstown (a large facility with more than 400 beds) is less than 15 miles away.

"We will continue to monitor this situation and provide whatever support we can for the region and its health care providers."

