

Ohio Governor Announces it will Follow CDC Guidelines on Mass Gatherings

By Sherri Warner

Governor Mike DeWine announced today that he would be following CDC guidelines and modify his ban on mass gatherings to comply with new CDC guidelines. Also, Dr. Amy Acton, Director of Health, is ordering the following entities to close as of end of business today:

- Fitness Centers
- Bowling Alleys
- Pubic Recreational Centers
- Movie Theaters
- Indoor Water Parks
- Indoor Trampoline Parks

Governor DeWine and Secretary of State Frank LaRose also announced that there is a lawsuit being filed today, in the Franklin County Common Pleas Court, which will be asking the Court to issue orders canceling in-person voting scheduled for Tuesday, March 17th . The suggestions being made by Secretary of State LaRose to the court is that in-person voting be rescheduled for June 2nd. They are also suggesting that the judge allow citizens to vote absentee until June 2nd with ballots being counted on June 2nd. This date will allow the state to certify the delegates to the two national nominating conventions taking place this summer. These steps are being taken because the Governor and Secretary of State do not have authority to postpone an election. The court, they believe, would have the authority to issue this kind of order and if they do so they state will not oppose the plan. While it has not been decided in court, some parties are currently challenging the length, but not the move.

Lt. Governor Husted reiterated that the state is working with their federal partners to provide support for businesses and citizens impacted by closures. For Businesses interested in obtaining information on loans that will be made available please send contact information to businesshelp@development.ohio.gov. For unemployment benefits employees should go to unemployment.ohio.gov or call 877-644-6562. Unemployment applications have increased from 562 a week ago to over 12,000 today so they are encouraging those who can access computers to work online rather than trying to apply over the phone.

Dr. Acton has stated that there will be additional information provided tomorrow on what steps the state is taking to support the health care industry in Ohio.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact any of the listed Roetzel attorneys.

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