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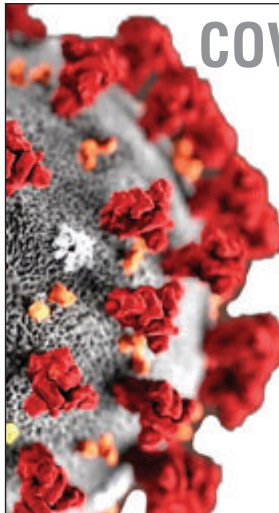
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COVID-19 Cases, Deaths on the Rise

From STAFF REPORTS
Ohio County reported its 15th COVID-19-related death Tuesday night, while Marshall County reported 34 new positive COVID-19 cases.
The Wheeling-Ohio County Health Department, in its late Tuesday update, announced the death of a resident of a long-term care facility in Wheeling who was hospitalized at the time of their death.
That comes after the health department's late Monday announcement of two COVID-19-related deaths.

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COVID-19 by the numbers

COUNTY	POSITIVE*	RECOVERED	ACTIVE	DEATHS
OHIO	1,079	738	328	13
MARSHALL	822	436	376	10
HANCOCK	407	266	137	4
BROOKE	401	268	126	7
WETZEL	339	214	114	11
TYLER	109	63	46	0
BELMONT	1,602	818	756	28
JEFFERSON	862	502	356	4
HARRISON	164	108	52	4
MONROE	264	183	61	20

WEST VIRGINIA	
Total cases	35,324
Recovered	24,019
Active	10,707
Deaths	598
OHIO*	
Total cases	296,387
Deaths	5,412
UNITED STATES	
Total cases	11,342,495
Deaths	248,468

*Numbers from the West Virginia DHHR, Ohio Department of Health.

City Provides Former OVMC Space for Freeze Shelter

By ERIC AYRES
Staff Writer
WHEELING — With winter weather blowing into the Ohio Valley and COVID-19 cases on the rise, the city of Wheeling has agreed to allow facilities on the former Ohio Valley Medical Center to be used by Youth Services System as its Winter Freeze Shelter this season.
During Tuesday night's meeting of Wheeling City Council, a resolution was passed adopting a memorandum of understanding between the city and YSS for the use of space at OVMC this winter from December through March.
Officials noted that the former Hillcrest facility on the former campus of OVMC has been designated as the site for the Winter Freeze Shelter. Until now, YSS has operated the shelter in several fourth-floor rooms inside its East Wheeling administrative building.
"The current location is incredibly inadequate," said Councilman Ben Seidler. "We don't have enough room there. This is a big deal for our homeless community, especially with the COVID issue."
This winter season will mark the 12th year YSS has offered its Winter Freeze Shelter program, which offers basic needs such as food, clothing and fellowship to those in need. The program has a mission to prevent serious illness and even death of people in the community who otherwise have no adequate shelter during the often brutal winter months.
"The city of Wheeling is pleased to be able to assist YSS with the Winter Freeze Shelter by fulfilling a need in our community," Vice Mayor Chad Thalman said. "We're living in unprecedented times when it's important for entities to work together for the well-being of everyone."
Since 2009, a total of more than 1,500 people have stayed at YSS's Winter Freeze Shelter during the winter months.
Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and related tightening of health and safety guidelines — including social distancing — officials stressed the importance of having a larger space available in terms of warm, indoor sheltering.

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Ohio Governor DeWine Orders 3-Week Retail Curfew to Slow Virus

By FARNOUSH AMIRI and ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS
Report for America/Associated Press
COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine on Tuesday announced a three-week retail curfew running from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. to slow the spread of the coronavirus as cases stay at near-record high levels.
DeWine said this measure, effective Thursday, is needed to reduce cases and stop the state's hospitals from being overrun. The curfew under which retail businesses must close, paired with increased mask-wearing, could help cut contacts between people by 20% to 25%, he said.
DeWine also asked Ohioans to consolidate their movements — such as combining shopping trips — and do at least one thing daily to reduce contact with others.
"We know if we reduce the number of people we come in contact every day, we reduce the chance of getting the virus, and we reduce the chance of getting the virus if you unknowingly have it," the governor said.
The curfew comes with several exceptions. It doesn't apply to people who need to be at work, who have an emergency or need medical care, DeWine said.
It is also not meant to stop someone from buying groceries or getting a carry-out, drive-thru or delivered meal,



AP Photo Cecelia Brockett, left, and Courtney Barefoot enjoy a lunch at the Winking Lizard Tavern Monday in Beachwood, Ohio. Ohio Governor Mike DeWine issued a new health warning Sunday to limit mass gatherings.

DeWine said. Restaurants would not be open except for takeout and delivery, but grocery stores would, the governor said in clarifying remarks.
The Republican governor had been signaling such a restriction was in the works. In a series of Monday tweets, he said the rapid spread of the virus recently has made people's odds of contracting it much higher.

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Ohio Sen. Portman Joins COVID-19 Vaccine Study to Set Example

By DAN SEWELL
Associated Press
CINCINNATI (AP) — A U.S. senator is participating in a COVID-19 vaccine study, hoping to encourage others to volunteer to take part in testing.
Ohio Republican Rob Portman told The Associated Press that he wanted to do what he could to help "explain the great potential for these vaccines" and the need for volunteers.
Portman decided to sign up after hearing about the need from executives with Covington, Kentucky-based CTI, which is recruiting volunteers and doing vaccine tests for multiple drugmakers.
"I could help ... encourage more people to step up and join the trials," Portman said.



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He said he also wants to send a message about vaccine safety.
"One of the challenges as you know is assuring that people will be willing to be vaccinated."
He noted that some surveys have shown that many Americans are wary of vaccine safety when vaccines become available.
He received an injection Nov. 5 at a CTI Cincinnati lab that is testing for Johnson & Johnson's vaccine candidate. Volunteers get either the vaccine or a dummy shot but aren't told what they received.
He does daily monitoring of vital signs,

keeping a log and working with the lab. Portman, who will turn 65 next month, said he feels great and hasn't experienced any side effects.
The only discomfort was shoulder soreness at the site of the injection, similar to a flu shot.
He said he is donating the \$1,200 stipend offered to charity.
Portman's aides said they weren't aware of any other members of Congress who are participating in vaccine testing.
Belgium-based Janssen, owned by New Brunswick, New Jersey-based J&J, is testing a single-shot vaccine in 30,000 volunteers. Late-stage testing started in September.

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Governors, Mayors Ratchet Up Restrictions Ahead of Thanksgiving

By DAVID EGGERT and RACHEL LA CORTE
Associated Press
(AP) — From California to Pennsylvania, governors and mayors across the U.S. are ratcheting up COVID-19 restrictions amid the record-shattering resurgence of the virus that is all but certain to get worse because of holiday travel and family gatherings over Thanksgiving.
Leaders are closing businesses or curtailing hours and other operations, and they are ordering or imploring people to stay home and keep their distance from others to help stem a rising tide of infections that threatens to overwhelm the healthcare system.
"I must again pull back the reins," New Jersey Gov. Phil Murphy said Monday as he restricted indoor gatherings to 10 people, down from 25. "It gives me no joy."

California Gov. Gavin Newsom announced he is pulling the "emergency brake" on efforts to reopen the economy, saying the state is experiencing the fastest growth in cases yet, and if left unchecked, it will lead to "catastrophic outcomes." The move closes many nonessential indoor businesses and requires the wearing of masks outside homes, with limited exceptions.
The tightening came as Moderna Inc. announced that its experimental coronavirus vaccine appears to be over 94% effective, based on early results. A week ago Pfizer disclosed similar findings with its own formula. The news raised hopes that at least two vaccines against the scourge could win emergency authorization and become available in the U.S. before the end of 2020.

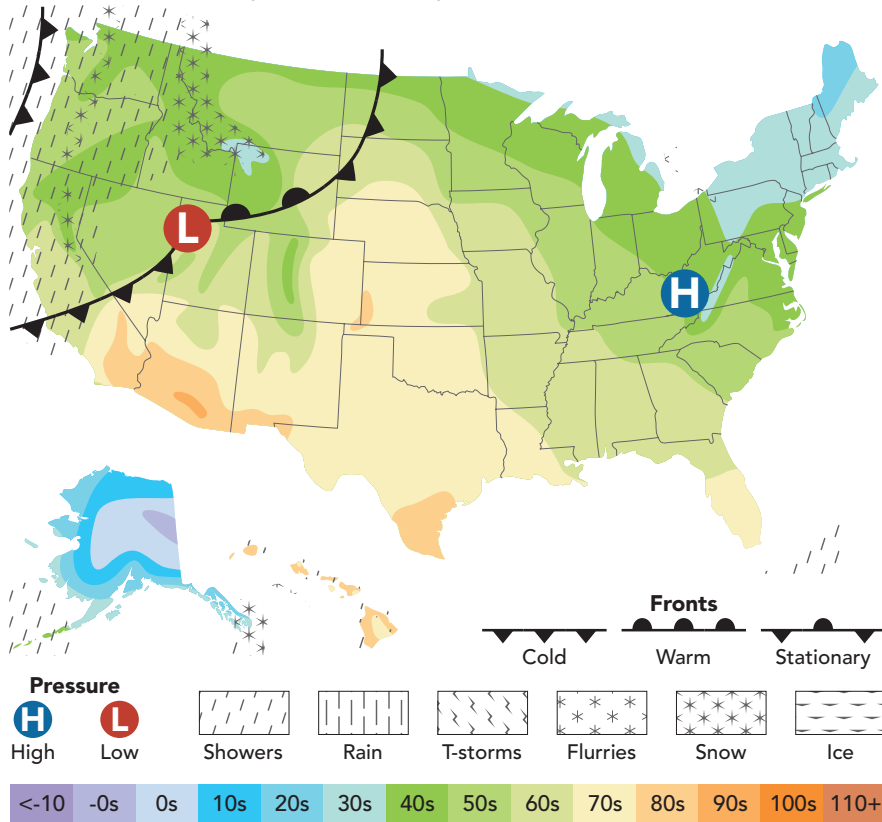
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AP Photo Student nurse Ryan Eachus collects forms as cars line up for COVID-19 testing at a testing site set up the OC Fairgrounds in Costa Mesa, Calif. on Monday.

Forecast for Wednesday, November 18, 2020

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



NATIONAL SUMMARY: A storm system will continue to bring rain and high-elevation snow to the Northwest and Northern California today. High pressure will slide into place over the East Coast and keep dry but cold conditions in place. Winds and warmth will pick up across much of the Central states as a storm system takes shape north of the Canadian border.

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