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Governor DeWine Signs Emergency Order Regarding Coronavirus Response

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(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine today took a number of actions in response to the coronavirus (COVID-19). He signed [Executive Order 2020-01D](#), declaring a state of emergency in Ohio to protect the well-being of Ohioans from the dangerous effects of COVID-19. The state of emergency allows state departments and agencies to better coordinate in their response.

In addition, Governor DeWine partially activated the state Emergency Operations Center at 1:00 p.m. today.

Also, Governor DeWine, joined by Ohio Department of Health Amy Acton M.D., MPH today announced that three Ohioans tested positive for COVID-19. These are the first cases in Ohio. The three individuals live in Cuyahoga County and have had known contact with those with confirmed diagnoses of COVID-19. Each of the individuals is in their 50s.

For the latest information on COVID-19, visit coronavirus.ohio.gov. In addition, those with questions about COVID-19 can call the Ohio Department of Health hotline at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH.