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Ohio likely has 100,000 coronavirus cases, top health official says



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[Ohio](#) health officials announced Thursday that the state has five known cases of the coronavirus, but one expert said that the number is likely much higher and estimated 100,000 [undiagnosed cases](#).

Dr. Amy Acton, the director of the state's health department, told reporters that the virus is "among us, but we can't see it yet," WBRB [reported](#).

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Gov. Mike DeWine, a Republican, tweeted her comment to his followers, warning the state's 11.7 million residents that about 1 % are infected. There is much to learn about COVID-19 and how exactly it is transmitted. Virologists point out that the virus is particularly difficult because people infected may have very few symptoms.

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His office said the state expects cases to double every six days, News 5 Cleveland [reported](#).



Governor Mike DeWine  @GovMikeDeWine · Mar 12, 2020 

.@DrAmyActon: The steps we are taking now will absolutely save lives. #COVID19 #COVID19OhioReady



Governor Mike DeWine ✓

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Current data for [#COVID19](#) in [#Ohio](#):

- ➔ 5 confirmed cases
- ➔ 30 negative cases
- ➔ 52 under investigation
- ➔ 333 under health supervision

"We do most definitely have community spread."

- [@DrAmyActon](#)

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"This is certainly an unprecedented time. It is this one in 50 years pandemic that we have been planning for that we talk a lot about in my over 30 years in public health," Acton said. "We have never seen a situation exactly like this."

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DeWine has announced that all Ohio schools will be on a three-week spring break due to coronavirus concerns, starting at the end of the day on Monday. DeWine also announced an order banning mass gatherings of more than 100 people.

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