

Chairman Wiggam, Vice Chairman John, Ranking Member Kelly and honorable members of the State and Local Government Reform Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to again address this committee on the topic of Governor DeWine’s response to the COVID-19 epidemic.

I was last in front of this committee just two weeks ago, at which time I listed a number of significant abnormalities in the publicly available COVID-19 data. Specifically, I pointed out the presence of errors such as post-mortem infections as well as hospitalizations and deaths with data that was incongruent with the course of an acute respiratory infection. Specifically, as of the February 21st data, 44.1% of hospitalizations had anomalous data, while a staggering 75.7% of deaths were associated with clear oddities.

I stand here today to report that ODH seems to have heard me. After months of leaving the incorrect data untouched, within a few days of my testimony, 11 out of the 16 post-mortem infections had been corrected, but as of March 2nd, five of them still remained. The next day, ODH fully ‘solved’ the post-mortem infection problem, as well as every question I had raised about the oddities surrounding our death numbers.

How, you may ask? They did it by simply removing all of that information. When they changed their method of counting deaths, they also disconnected all onset date and admission date information from any death. Now all we receive is a list of demographics and onset date with admissions dates, if applicable, and a separate listing of demographic information with **only** the date of death. Now, no one can go into the data and ask the questions I dared to pose in my testimony two weeks ago. The data is simply gone. Problem solved.

But as I am a curious and tenacious person, I can show that in all likelihood, those 5 remaining post-mortem infections are *still being counted*.

Below, I have a spreadsheet showing where four of the remaining post-mortem infections were listed on March 2nd (yellow) and on March 3rd (orange). The fifth post-mortem infection is not listed because how its data was changed is hard to fully track.

csv File Date	County	Sex	Age Range	Onset Date	Admission Date	Date Of Death	Case Count	Hospitalized	Death Due To Illness
Old File:									
3/2/21	Franklin	Male	60-69	1/30/21		1/27/21	1	0	0
3/2/21	Franklin	Male	60-69	1/30/21			11	0	0
New File:									
3/3/21	Franklin	Male	60-69	1/30/21			12	0	0
Old File:									
3/2/21	Warren	Female	50-59	12/21/20		12/19/20	1	0	0
3/2/21	Warren	Female	50-59	12/21/20			19	0	0
New File:									
3/3/21	Warren	Female	50-59	12/21/20			20	0	0
Old File:									
3/2/21	Franklin	Male	0-19	1/25/21		1/24/21	1	0	0
3/2/21	Franklin	Male	0-19	1/25/21			45	0	0
New File:									
3/3/21	Franklin	Male	0-19	1/25/21			46	0	0
Old File:									
3/2/21	Warren	Unknown	0-19	1/31/21		1/30/21	1	0	0
New File:									
3/3/21	Warren	Unknown	0-19	1/31/21			1	0	0

I would like to specifically draw your attention to the case of the Warren County child of 'unknown' sex. This child, in the March 2nd csv file, was listed as having died on January 30th, 2021 and had an onset date one day later on January 31st. On March 3rd's csv file, the death data and onset data had been split, but there remained a 0-19 year old individual of unknown sex from Warren County with an onset date of January 31st. Is this the same individual? We have no way of knowing for sure, but it seems highly likely. The same thing happened to the other post-mortem infections from Warren and Franklin Counties. The date of death was stripped away and just one more 'case' was added to that demographic's onset date. No more questionable data discrepancies to see here.

The second issue I would like to bring up today is a direct question to Dr. Thomas, Dr. Vanderhoff and Governor DeWine's other unnamed epidemiologists and other 'medical professionals.' We are told day after day, for a year now, how we are 'following the science' when it comes to mandates and restrictions, and that the only thing protecting us from COVID-19 are all of these destructive restrictions and the 'power of the mask.'

Below, please examine the graph of ICU bed occupancy in Ohio over the course of this pandemic. This graph was made by the Ohio Hospital Association and shows the daily census of Ohio's hospitals from April 10th, 2020 until March 5th, 2021. I have deliberately left off the x-axis which represents time. I invite the experts advising the Governor to please locate when mandates went into effect or were lifted. Where was it that businesses were first allowed to open in the spring? Where were the mask mandates implemented? When was the curfew put into place? When was it removed? Where is Thanksgiving? Christmas? New Year's? All of these events, we are told, had large effects on the activity of the virus in Ohio. If that is true, then it should be simple to identify all of those events on this graph.

ICU DAILY COUNT COVID-19 POSITIVE PATIENTS

COVID-19 PATIENT DAILY COUNT



Figure taken from the Ohio Hospital Association website: <https://ohiohospitals.org/covid19data>

But it is clearly not so simple to do. Instead of being able to quickly and easily identify those supposedly powerful events, what we see is a very classic epidemiological curve demonstrating Farr's Law. Farr's Law is a 180 year old observation that epidemics rise and fall following a predictable roughly bell-shaped curve. Our actions have amounted to little to nothing over the past year. Epidemics are still a force of nature, and it would be wise to remember that.

In conclusion, I would like to quote the brilliant physicist, Richard Feynman, on how to judge the value of a scientific theory. He said: "It doesn't matter how beautiful your theory is or how smart you are or what your name is. If it disagrees with experience, it's wrong. That's all there is to it."

This is why I support the passage of SB 22, and urge the addition of an emergency clause. Gov. DeWine and ODH have shown that they are not interested in fixing errors, or showing or explaining the exact evidence used to support the edicts they have made. Instead, all questions are brushed aside, and contradictory evidence is erased. Without an emergency clause, the people of Ohio will remain under these unscientific mandates for much too long, inflicting even more irreversible harm on citizens and businesses.