

## Mandatory Statewide Inventory of Ventilators and Other Breathing Devices

Governor Mike DeWine announced on March 31st that Ohio is taking action to gather a statewide inventory of ventilators and other machines and devices that provide breathing assistance.

Ohio Department of Health Director Amy Acton <u>issued an order</u> requiring weekly online reporting of these devices by any entity in the supply chain, from creation through end-use. Examples are manufacturers, producers, wholesalers, transporters, distributors, retailers, physicians, clinics, hospitals, and medical facilities.

Along with mechanical ventilators, other devices to be reported are CPAP and BiPAP machines commonly used to treat sleep apnea, as well as anesthetic machines, and various treatment masks and tubing.

## Exemptions include:

- Ventilators in the possession of individuals for personal use; and
- Ventilators that are in transit across Ohio but are being delivered from and to other states.

Inventory is to be reported on-line at <a href="http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/VentInventory">http://coronavirus.ohio.gov/VentInventory</a> each Wednesday by 5:00 p.m. with the **first report due Wednesday**, **April 1**, **2020**.

Hospitals must also continue to report daily ventilator data through the Ohio Hospital Association reporting tool.