

Richest nation in world needs to get ready for what's next



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I know we are not out of the woods yet as we continue to navigate the COVID-19 pandemic, but this is as good a time as any to talk about preparation for the future - whether it be coronavirus or some new strain of something as bad or worse.

We should all commend Gov. Mike DeWine and Lt. Gov. Jon Husted for taking early, courageous actions, in trying to flatten the curve of this virus. It has been painful. But our state was the first in the Union to extend the schools' spring breaks and send and keep our children home. How many of you have been home with your children or grandchildren for more than a month? But most are safe and well, as are most Ohioans.

Should we now be

thinking ahead? What's next?

Many of us have been discussing our next steps as we open up many of our shuttered businesses and eagerly go back to work. Stage two is all about our financial recovery, whether it be our local businesses or our own personal finances. I join both groups. Just when I was planning on retiring on July 31, the virus sickened my 401k just like it did to many others.

But I am also concerned about what other next steps need to be taken. In my research and discovery of our serious problems with the medical side of our recovery, I found out that during the last 10 years and several catastrophes, we have allowed our Strategic National Stockpile, once called the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile, of antibiotics, vaccines and critical medical supplies to dwindle to levels that were then severely impaired by one event, COVID-19.

Formed in 2003 and then managed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, it

is now run by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. It seems far too many times we have been scrambling for ventilators, masks, gowns and other important medical equipment or medicines.

We've heard reports of far too many states that did not have or could not find sanitized supplies for use in clinics and hospitals. Many communities like ours had to ask their local businesses to create products that they had not in the past - a manufacturer creating face shields, or a distillery making sanitizer, or an auto plant making ventilators.

That's not what concerns me. Actually, I'm very proud of our local or national efforts. Our parents and grandparents will tell you some of the same types of stories from back in World War II, like cars to tanks or refrigerators to rifles.

No, what I'm talking about is a better, stronger national stockpile for our states and communities and a better long-range plan in place for U.S. manufacturing conversions to strategic needs.

I was told by one of the healthcare groups that 80% of the three-part layered masks are made overseas. And that far too much of our medical supplies and raw materials come from other countries.

In a multinational pandemic, where do you think those priority supplies might stay when faced with a worldwide threat? And even if we can get that mask that once cost 88 cents, it now is being exported to us at almost \$3. We get guided as one of the most benevolent countries.

We need to get back to a build-our-own strategy that makes sure we sustain not only our own nation's people, but our businesses and our economic superiority. But you might ask, what am I to do? Well, it starts with each of us demanding a full national review and accountability of our strategic stockpiles, not just oil but the medicines and supplies we will need if COVID-19 returns or if another should take its place. The richest country in the world needs to get it right.

BUSINESS PEOPLE

UD's Durkle takes Wright State post

Robert Durkle will join Wright State University as chief recruitment and admissions officer effective June 1.

Durkle has held leadership positions in admissions, recruitment and financial aid at the University of Dayton throughout his 30-year career. He currently serves as associate vice president of enrollment management and dean of admission and financial aid.

Because of the coronavirus pandemic, Wright State faces reductions in vital state funding and a decline in student enrollment.

Although the university expects to face difficult changes to operations, it is continuing to invest in recruiting more students, especially those from local high schools, transfers and unemployed sectors, President Sue Edwards said.

"Now more than ever, our strategies of recruitment,

retention and relationships are vital for the future of our university," she said. "As chief recruitment and admissions officer, Mr. Durkle will play a pivotal role in the execution of these strategies."

Durkle will report to Edwards as a member of the senior leadership team. He will focus on executing a strategic recruitment plan that builds strong relationships.

Through this new position, he will interact with all aspects of university operations and student life, and create effective relationships with faculty, staff and alumni to assist with the recruitment of students.

He will oversee undergraduate recruitment, admissions, financial aid, RaiderConnect, UCIE, transfer, College Credit Plus and the office of marketing.

Durkle earned a Master of Science in Education and a Bachelor of Science in Education at the University of Dayton.

BUSINESS AWARDS

Sycamore Medical earns certification

The Healthcare Facilities Accreditation Program (HFAP) has awarded **Sycamore Medical Center** primary stroke certification.

Primary stroke certification demonstrates that Sycamore Medical Center has the capacity to stabilize and treat acute stroke patients through administration of tPA (the clot-busting drug) and provide treatment in a specialty stroke unit and intensive care unit.

"Kettering Health Network clearly demonstrates a commitment to quality and patient safety," says Meg Gravesmill, CEO of AAHHS, HFAP's non-profit parent company.

"We base our decision on the findings of an extensive and thorough on-site review

of Sycamore Medical Center against recognized national standards for patient safety, quality improvement, and environmental safety."

In addition to Sycamore Medical Center, the following Kettering Health Network hospitals have been accredited as HFAP Primary Stroke Centers: Fort Hamilton, Grandview, Southview and Soin medical centers. Greene Memorial Hospital is a stroke ready certified center.

Kettering Medical Center is a HFAP-accredited comprehensive stroke center, which provides complete care to patients experiencing the most complex strokes that require specialized testing and other interventions.

For more information, visit www.ketteringhealth.org.

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ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Sales Tax Collections

County	Current Rate	Dec 2019	Dec 2018	12 Mos Change	YTD 2019	YTD 2018	YTD Change
Butler	0.75	\$3,922,131	\$3,692,202	6.23%	\$45,168,341	\$43,192,457	4.57%
Clark	1.5	\$2,168,620	\$2,034,477	6.59%	\$25,854,322	\$23,472,415	10.15%
Darke	1.5	\$786,784	\$751,228	4.73%	\$9,105,251	\$8,772,979	3.79%
Greene	1	\$2,573,605	\$2,458,389	4.69%	\$28,764,823	\$27,255,117	5.54%
Miami	1.25	\$1,619,636	\$1,539,199	5.23%	\$18,879,886	\$18,120,145	4.19%
Montgomery	1.25	\$8,536,789	\$8,186,962	4.27%	\$99,840,874	\$80,020,697	24.77%
Preble	1.5	\$525,114	\$494,061	6.29%	\$5,864,605	\$5,683,107	3.19%
Warren	1.25	\$4,611,401	\$4,452,375	3.57%	\$54,942,319	\$50,603,045	8.58%
Region Total		\$24,744,079	\$23,608,893	4.81%	\$288,420,421	\$257,119,960	12.17%

Source: http://www.tax.ohio.gov/tax_analysis/tax_data_series/sales_and_use/publications_tds_sales/S1M1219.aspx

Residential Home Sales

	Dec '19	Dec '18	%Change	YTD '19	YTD '18	%Change
Number of Homes Sold	1291	1029	25.46%	16,625	16,266	2.21%
Total Home Sales	\$224,396,006	\$170,647,178	31.50%	\$2,944,065,136	\$2,693,417,846	9.31%
Average Sale Price (\$)	\$173,816	\$165,838	4.81%	\$177,087	\$165,586	6.95%

Source: Dayton Area Board of Realtors, Dayton Area Home Sales for Dec 2019

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itself again and again.

The selection committee shared that Yaskawa Motoman's application rose to the top of this year's applications. A global company with 350 employees at its headquarters in Miamisburg, Yaskawa Motoman is dedicated to solving manufacturing challenges through the implementation of robotics.

The company is committed to the region's workforce -

past, present and future - as demonstrated by its efforts to mentor people internally and externally. Through Yaskawa Academy, customers have access to over 75 different robotics instruction courses with hands-on training. Yaskawa Motoman employees participate in an internal career management program and can utilize the company's tuition reimbursement program for continuing education credits.

Yaskawa Motoman also offers several certification programs designed

for instructors of K-12 students, career tech and college undergraduates. It regularly hosts STEM-centric events, such as school/group tours through the facility and teaching local children about robotics at Tech Fest.

The company's philanthropic efforts are also very generous. It established the IMPACT (Inspired Members Positively Assisting Communities Together) Corporate Giving Program to encourage and support giving, volunteering and involvement in the Greater Dayton Commu-

nity through company-sponsored programs and initiatives.

Over the last several years, Yaskawa Motoman has donated over 900 hours of volunteer service to Goodwill Easter Seals Miami Valley, including 300-plus volunteer hours for the Goodwill Easter Seals' Radio Reading Services and also partnered with the American Red Cross to provide free smoke alarms for those who cannot afford to purchase them or for those who are physically unable to install them. Additional

contributions include a year-round food drive to support The Foodbank and a semi-annual corporate blood drive for Community Blood Center. Each employee is offered four hours of volunteer time per year to assist a local charity of his or her choice.

The Torch Award was presented to the Dayton Dragons in 2019. The honor will be passed to Yaskawa Motoman by Robert Murphy, president and general manager of the Dragons.

"Yaskawa Motoman, a leading manufacturer of

robots and automation solutions, makes being a leader in the Miami Valley marketplace a priority. It's created a legacy of ingenuity, leadership, generosity and mentorship, mirroring the values of this honor. All of us on the BBB team and board of directors are excited to honor Yaskawa Motoman with the prestigious Torch Award," said John North, BBB president and CEO.

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- 4 Best Pet & Owner Look A Like
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