

Gov. Mike DeWine announced Monday that students will remain at home for the remainder of the academic year due to the coronavirus pandemic.

DeWine also spoke about concerns students may not be able to return to classes this fall, saying there may be a blended approach to classroom instruction next year to keep proper social distancing.

“We have to see where we’re going,” he said. “We’re simply not in a position yet to make that decision.”

The Ohio Department of Health also reported more than 500 people have died from COVID-19 across Ohio as total cases grew by another 11 percent Monday. There are 12,919 confirmed and probable cases with 509 deaths, an increase of 38 from Sunday’s report.

DeWine said he’s concerned about the success of remote learning and services provided to children with special needs, facing health challenges, without online access, and without support at home.

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