



## A Legislative Update From

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### FROM THE DESK OF REPRESENTATIVE JARRELLS | APRIL NEWSLETTER

Dear Neighbor,

In March, we reached a number of milestones in our fight against COVID-19 as a state and as a country. Here in Ohio, we commemorated the one-year anniversary of the first cases and deaths from this virus. Additionally, we surpassed 1 million total cases as a state. While these milestones are a sobering reminder of just how difficult the past year has been for all of us, we're starting to see hope for better days ahead.

As of March 29, all Ohioans ages 16 and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine and I am proud to say I have gotten the vaccine as well. The vaccine is quick, painless and one of the best tools we have to eradicating this virus.

In order to get our economy back on track, kids back in school, and our social lives vibrant again, we need everyone who can to sign up for an appointment to get vaccinated. Every one of the vaccines currently on the market have been rigorously tested. They're safe, effective and have the capacity to save countless lives.

And while getting the vaccine is our best line of defense to end this crisis, it is also critical that we continue to take precautions we've known to work all along, from washing our hands and maintaining distance to wearing a mask and limiting time indoors with those who have not been vaccinated yet.

We're so close to turning the corner on this pandemic and have the tools in place to eradicate this virus, but it's going to take all of us to get it done. And it begins by scheduling a vaccine appointment. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out to my office at Rep25@ohiohouse.gov or 614-466-5343.

Sincerely,

Rep. Dontavius L. Jarrells

Schedule your vaccine at  
[coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)



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## LEGISLATION UPDATE



### HOUSE BILL 114 — POINDEXTER LEGACY

Rep. Jarrells went before the State and Local Government Committee last month and gave his first testimony as he advocated for **House Bill 114**. House Bill 114 designates Columbus' Poindexter Village as an official Ohio Historical Site. Understanding that Poindexter Village played a significant role in Columbus' Black community, Rep. Jarrells encouraged the committee to consider how we can collectively come away with a united understanding of how our history is interconnected by passing this bill.

"Making Poindexter Village a historic site will preserve a vibrant and important piece of Ohio history, one that captures the essence and richness of the Black community," Rep. Jarrells explained. H.B. 114 is scheduled for a second hearing in the coming weeks.

### HOUSE BILL 74 — TRANSPORTATION BUDGET

After co-sponsoring the state's two-year transportation budget, there has now been a final passage of **House Bill 74**. Rep. Jarrells along with other colleagues fought against the governors proposed cuts to public transit funding in the bill, securing more than \$221 million over the next two years, more than doubling the governor's proposed investment. The transportation budget now moves to the governor to be signed into law.

### CONTROLLING BOARD APPROVES \$90 MILLION FOR SCHOLARSHIPS, CORONAVIRUS RELIEF AMONG OTHER PROJECTS

Rep. Jarrells is proud to announce that the state Controlling board approved \$69.8 million for the Choose Ohio First Scholarship program, as well as nearly \$20 million to the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) to fund substance abuse prevention and recovery programs within the state's continued coronavirus pandemic response.

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