

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report

COVID-19 Response

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County EOC Status: Virtually Activated

State EOC: Partially Activated

This report communicates County EOC activity over the past 24 hours

Dissemination: Daily at 4pm

Information Cutoff Time: 2pm

Executive Summary:

Governor DeWine mentioned a rule in regards to the medications that are under investigation for treatment and use in COVID-19. He reported that there is hoarding going on of these medications. This rule limits it to a 14 day supply. This drug is essential to many with diseases and there is a shortage. We have to use it judiciously. It is important that we are thoughtful about our drug supply.

Dr. Amy Acton is signing a stay at home order for all Ohioans. Other states have referred to this as a shelter in place order. This will go into effect tomorrow at midnight and go at least until April 6. This order has three separate parts: 1. Permit exceptions- essential activities for health and safety, for supplies and services, for outdoor activity. He clarified to say that playgrounds are closed. 2. Certain types of work- work that is deemed essential is an exception. You can take care of others, your neighbor, and family. A list the essential business that will be allowed to stay open. They are using the homeland security document identifying essential workers as a guide. 3. For each of the businesses that are allowed to stay open, you must follow good protocol and guidelines in regard to health. These include but are not limited to; 6 foot social distancing, washing hands, etc. Sanitizing products must be readily available. Separate hours for vulnerable populations. These are basic common sense things that have already been covered. Businesses allowed to stay open will be subject to these orders. This can be enforced by local health departments and law enforcement. The order will be reassessed at that time. Carryout restaurants are still okay to operate. Essential services as outlined by Homeland Security can be found at: <https://www.cisa.gov/identifying-critical-infrastructure-during-covid-19>

As for daycare, a change starts on Thursday. All centers must operate under temporary pandemic childcare license. We are going down to a maximum of 6 children per room. Reduce ratios 1:6 teacher to children, limit use of shared space and mixing of groups. Keep children of parents of the same employer together whenever possible, limit parents' interaction at pickup and drop off. Lt. Gov. Husted spoke on business resources. The goal of this is to provide a clear game plan of what it is going to take to defeat the coronavirus. Information will be on the coronavirus.ohio.gov/businesshelp. This will help keep essential business and the supply chain moving. Also referred people to ohiomeansjobs.com for employment opportunities.

*"We are at war. In a time of war we have to make sacrifices."
-Governor Mike DeWine*

Ohio Cases: 351
Ohio Hospitalizations: 83
Ohio Deaths: 3 (Cuyahoga, Erie, and Lucas Counties)
Wood County Cases: 2
Wood County Hospitalizations: 0
Wood County Deaths: 0

County EOC Objectives:

1. Coordinate the county's response to limit spread of COVID-19; and maintain medical care.
2. Provide timely, clear, and consistent messaging to the public, stakeholders and media on the status of COVID-19 and actions the public can take to keep themselves safe.
3. Determine how county agencies will continue delivery of essential services to Wood County residents while following COVID-19 public health guidelines.

EMA Actions Taken/Planned Actions:

- An abbreviated version of this report can be found at: <http://woodcountyyema.org/covid-19/>.
- We are actively engaged in procuring PPE for first responders and healthcare.
 - We want to remind you that the EMA is the central clearing house for all formal resource requests. If you have items to donate, we would ask that you either donate them to the EMA or consult with our office to ensure the request is vetted. Our office has an understanding of the big picture of the county as a whole, how much agencies already have, and what they need.
- It is the goal of the EMA to provide the most up-to-date information, how it may impact Wood County residents, communities, businesses and visitors. If anyone has something to contribute please contact us.

Public Health:

- There are 351 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. 40 counties have been affected. 2 positive cases presently in Wood County. The individuals within the county are a couple in their 60s, had traveled overseas, and became symptomatic prior to arriving back in the US. Once they arrived here, they self-quarantined. They are recovering in their homes at this time.
- A press release and video was disseminated today via the Wood County Health Department Facebook page regarding the positive cases.

EMS:

- The EMA and health department have been working with local EMS to try to provide them with much needed PPE. Current guidance from the state is centered around conservation and local procurement. Sharing with your neighbors is being strongly encouraged by the state as a form of mutual aid. Many requests have been submitted and addressed. If you have a need, please put in a formal request in writing to: woodcountyyema@co.wood.oh.us.

BGSU:

- Our professors have been busy preparing for online classes to start this Monday. Many have been giving advice and words of encouragement to students.

Weather:

- **This Afternoon:** Mostly cloudy, with a high near 43. East wind around 11 mph.
Tonight: Rain, possibly mixed with snow, becoming all rain after 1am. Low around 32. Northeast wind 6 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 100%. New snow accumulation of less than one inch possible.

Monday: Rain and snow likely before 10am, then a slight chance of rain between 10am and 11am. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 47. North wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. Little or no snow accumulation expected.

Monday Night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 34. Northwest wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

Administrative Information: Any information and contributions your agency has for this report is valuable to maintain a common operating picture and situational awareness for the county as a whole. Please reach out to our office via phone or email (email preferred) to share information. Thank you.

- EOC Hours of Operation: 830a-430p
- Requesting support: Call Wood County EMA at 419-354-9269 or email woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us

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