

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response July 2nd, 2020 County EOC Status: Virtually Activated State EOC: Activated

This report communicates County EOC activity over the past 24 hours
Dissemination: After Governor's Press Conference at 4pm
Information Cutoff Time: 3pm

Executive Summary:

****No Press conference tomorrow****

Governor DeWine- **Guidance for reopening schools:** this will be out shortly, it will be out as soon as we can do so. Talked to dozens of teachers, school officials across Ohio as well as medical experts. On a personal note, I really enjoyed those conversations. The dedication, the focus of our educators is outstanding. They remain focused on our kids throughout this difficult time. Basic principles we can all agree on- we have an obligation, all of us, to educate our children and to keep them safe. We recognize that parents are the first and best teachers. There is an obligation to educate every child in the state regardless of their background and circumstances. Local control- schools are controlled by the local community by the parents, the school boards, it's engrained in all of us. It is the system we have had for many years. The state does have an obligation to do everything we can, and to ensure they get a good education. We are balancing local control, state interest, protecting kids, making sure our kids get educated. Strong consensus among teachers, principals, parents, that kids need to get back into the school building. We have developed a set of guidelines, backed by science that each school should follow when making their reopening plans. This is to create a safe environment that they can tailor to their specific circumstances. COVID is mainly spread by infected respiratory droplets, schools are indoor settings so they are a prime place for the spread of COVID-19. American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommended kids be physically present in school as much as possible. Outlining guidelines- 1. Vigilantly assess symptoms. Daily health checks prior to going into school. Assess symptoms, temp above 100 or any symptoms must stay home. Staff and students must be sent home if they have symptoms. Schools must work with LHD to implement a testing strategy. 2. Wash and sanitize hands to prevent spread. Must provide ample opportunity to wash hands throughout the day, place hand sanitizer in high traffic areas and require its use. 3. Clean and sanitize the school and all surfaces. 4. Practice social distancing of at least 6 feet. Schools should strive to maintain this distance at least between all people in all environments as able. 5. Face covering policy- every school needs to develop a policy. Studies show that coverings reduce the spread of COVID. Staff: requiring school staff to wear face coverings to reduce the spread of virus unless it is unsafe or can significantly interfere with the learning process. Face shields can be considered if masks are not reasonable. Students- Strong recommendation that 3rd grade and up should wear face masks. Strong consensus that 6th grade and up should wear. School should work to reduce any sort of social stigma for those who cannot wear a mask. Ask schools to look at the science and develop a policy. The majority opinion is that those in kindergarten on up can wear a mask as long as allowance is given for the age and developmental stage of that child. Use common sense. We do this to protect each other. To assist the schools, 2

guidance documents have been created. Expenses- buying sanitizer, making alterations. Intend to work with general assembly to get schools assistance and take money from CARES Act dollars.

Pediatric doctor- by and large children tend to do better during this pandemic than adults. Ohio guidelines mimic AAP guidelines. Less risk does not mean no risk. Guidelines today mitigate risk but we cannot eliminate all risk. Kids in school do more than just learn math and science, social and emotional skills, healthy meals and exercise, access to mental health support. There are many mental health consequence from social isolation during quarantine. 1. Stay current on well visits and vaccinations. Monitor symptoms- temp checks before school. Look for cough, fever, body aches. Don't send them if they aren't well. Work with your children on handwashing and wearing masks. Have them practice wearing masks at home. Be flexible and communicate with your children, teachers, and school administrators. This is a moving target. We know this will not please everybody. Remind you, you help to determine your child's outlook. Stay positive, help teach your children perseverance and endurance. Don't voice your frustrations in front of them.

Governor p. 2 – We are at critical juncture at our fight against COVID. What we are seeing in headlines is that the virus is spreading across the country and Ohio. The next phase, protecting lives is the top priority, we cannot move backwards. The best defense moving forward is to be on the offense. We are learning to live with the virus. Be smart, careful, understand it is important for our economy to move forward. The economy moving forward and keeping safe are dependent on one another. We are learning to live and function, and taking active measures to slow the spread until we have a vaccine are our goals. **New warning system-** public health advisory alert system. Provide local health departments and community leaders' with data and information that will enable us to layer additional enhanced safety measures across the state. Look at the state's counties differently. The case numbers have been rising. This is a worrisome and concerning trend. Experts say there is likely community spread in every Ohio County. It is spreading via large gatherings, workplaces, bars and restaurants, tourist destinations (Put-in Bay), and many of these cases involve younger Ohioans in their 20s. All of the great actions we have taken thus far are in danger of being reversed. The new warning system is a color coded system based on data driven framework to assess the degree of viral spread. 4 levels with guidance associated with each. These levels are decided by 7 case indicators, they hope to add 3 more. 1. New cases per capita 2. Sustained increase in cases 3. Proportion of cases that are not congregate cases 4. Sustained increase in emergency room visits 5. Sustained increase in outpatient visits 6. Sustained increase in new COVID19 hospital admissions, 7. ICU bed occupancy. 3 others: contact tracing, tests per capita, percentage positivity. Data team thinks all 88 counties have community spread. Data should be updated once a week on Wednesday. Alert levels- 1. Yellow. County has triggered 0-1 indicators, active exposure and spread. Moderate number of cases. Take appropriate health and safety precautions. 2. Orange: county has triggered 2-3 indicators increased risk of exposure and spread. Limit and avoid unnecessary trips. 3. Red: 4-5 of 7 indicators. High exposure and spread. Risk is very high, Ohioans should limit activities as much as possible. Many cases of community spread and multiple outbreaks present. Current health orders must continue to be followed. Only necessary travel, limit attending gatherings of any kind. 4. Purple 6-7 indicators, severe exposure and spread. Follow guidelines, stay home, limit travel. High risk individuals- 60% of Ohio's population are at an increased risk for severe illness. Ohioans should assume that if one member of their household is sick, that they all could be. Self-quarantine and contact your doctor. Bars and restaurants- vast majority are doing a very good job. The more we learn, outside is better than inside. Anytime we can get people outside and spread apart it is a positive thing. Encourage owners to come up with creative ways to expand their outdoor capacity. Ask owners to insist on social distancing. We will be cracking down on those who are not taking this seriously. We are at a crisis stage in Ohio. Wear a mask, keep a distance, be careful, and be smart.

Lt. Governor- website has not been hacked, numbers will be updated when they are able. Freedom and responsibility are special companions this year as we look to control the coronavirus and exercise our freedoms. A face covering is a good thing no matter what the color of your county is, it is a respectful thing, and it is armor.

****No updated numbers available at this time due to technical difficulties on the state website****

Ohio Confirmed Cases:

Ohio Probable Cases:

Ohio Total Confirmed plus Probable:

Ohio Hospitalizations:

ICU Admissions:

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths:

Ohio Probable COVID Deaths:

*For daily state hospitalization data please visit: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/key-metrics/hospitalizations/key-metrics-on-hospitalizations> scroll to the bottom, find the date you are looking for and hover your mouse over that bar.

Wood County Cases (total plus probable): 396

Wood County Hospitalizations: 70

Wood County Long Term Care Cases: 207

Wood County Deaths: 51

Wood County Active Cases: 40

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.
4. Prevent, identify, mitigate, and respond to COVID19 hotspots within the county.

EMA:

- State EMA- Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,076 (52,865) total new cases and 72 (7,911) hospitalizations, both of which were above their respective 21-day averages. ODH also reported 14 (2,008) ICU Admissions (in line with 21-day average) and 13 (2,876) deaths (below the 21-day average). ODH reports that the island of Put-in-Bay was described as a hot spot during clinical calls on July 1. Congregate gathering at island bars has been identified as the source; local health departments are conducting contact tracing. There are no requests for State EOC assistance associated with this area of concern. ODH continues to monitor 14 previously-reported hot spots. Warehouse capacity continues to be monitored as inbound supplies increase. State stockpiling and storage strategies continue to be developed through ESF-7 and the State EOC Unified Command.
- The cities of Dayton and Columbus have now mandated facial coverings when in public.
- We spoke today on the Clint Corpe Morning Show regarding myths and controversy surrounding mask usage. Facial coverings are recommended when in public places and are not harmful. Please see the link to the article recently shared by the Ohio EMA from the Columbus Dispatch. <https://www.dispatch.com/news/20200629/fact-check-are-cloth-masks-safe-what-does-osha-say>

- The Wood County EMA has a few cloth masks left for local government entities. Please contact us if you have a need. These will be given on a first come first served basis.
- Please contact us if:
 - If you have PPE to donate, if you have any PPE needs or have any questions.
 - If you know citizens looking to purchase masks, please connect them with our office and we can give them the contact information of local mask sellers.

Public Health:

- There are *** confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There are 396 cases (total confirmed plus probable) presently in Wood County, 40 active cases, 70 of those are or have been hospitalized, 207 in long term care, 51 deaths.
- 428 people tested at the COVID19 drive through testing site yesterday at the Wood County Health Department
- Former Wood County Health Commissioner Ben Batey, MPH, RN, has been appointed as Bowling Green State University chief health officer. Batey, who will continue focusing on the public health of Wood County through this growing partnership, will begin his cabinet-level appointment as chief health officer at BGSU on July 27.
- Case follow-up and contact tracing – Confirmed and probable cases are reported to the health department. Several health department staff are involved in contacting cases and their close contacts to ensure isolation and quarantine guidelines are followed. In addition, a UT professor has enlisted a pool of trained nursing and other students to help the health department with interviews of cases and their close contacts.
- Testing – testing locations and other local information, as well as links to ODH and CDC resources, can be found at [Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org](https://www.coronavirus.woodcountyhealth.org)

Healthcare:

- For agency resource requests, please contact us at: woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.
- As of June 8th, the visitor guidelines at Wood County Hospital were updated to welcome one visitor per patient, per day at daily visitation times. The new policy allows a support person for surgery patients. To view the full visitor guidelines visit: <https://bit.ly/3f3IEgH>

Law Enforcement:

- The Wood County Sheriff's Office will be conducting increased patrol from Thursday July 2nd, through Sunday July 5th. Deputies will pay particular attention to violations such as driving under the influence, speeding violations, failure to yield. There will be zero tolerance for seatbelt and driving under the influence violations.
- There will be a test of the outdoor warning sirens on Saturday July 4th at 10am.

Wood County Auditor:

- They are pleased to announce a new real estate website. The new site is mobile friendly, offers enhanced imagery and integration with google and bing maps. The new site can be reached by a link off our home page. How to videos are available under announcements on the right side of the page. <https://co.wood.oh.us/auditor/index.html>

Wood County District Public Library:

- Friday, 7/3 Independence Day Observed. Library Closed. No Curbside or Delivery Service Available.

Wood County Historical Museum:

- The museum will be open starting July 6th. Open for self-guided tours Monday – Friday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on weekends from 1-4 p.m.

- In addition to the museum, three buildings will be open at the site: the Lunatic Asylum, Pestilence House, and Ice House. The asylum and pestilence house exhibits are also available online at woodcountyhistory.org. There is also an outdoor porch exhibit that will rotate throughout the summer.
- Visitors are expected to wear a face mask or covering while inside the Museum.
- Please be mindful to keep a six-foot distance from other visitors. The 30,000 square-foot building provides ample room for social distancing.
- Hand-sanitizer stations are available throughout the museum.

BGSU:

- Now publishing a situation report once/week.
- **Fall semester classes will now start on Wednesday, Aug. 26.** To best plan and to lessen the impact COVID-19 may have on our campuses, in-person classes will end on Wednesday, Nov. 25. The last week of classes will be Nov. 30-Dec. 4, 2020, and will be conducted remotely. Final exam week will be Dec. 7-11, 2020, and will also be conducted remotely. In addition, to provide maximized flexibility, we have also canceled Winter Session in 2021. Based upon current planning, classes for spring semester will now begin on Jan. 11, 2021, and end on April 30, 2021.

Local:

- City of Perrysburg and Maumee: have decided to reschedule their fireworks display to Friday September 4th with a rain date of Sunday September 6th. Additionally, Perrysburg municipal offices will be closed Friday July 31, 2020 in observance of Independence Day. No delay for refuse and recycling routes.
- The Grand Rapids Applebutter Festival is canceled this year.
- Northwood: The regular City Council meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 2nd at 7:00PM. The meeting will be available to the public by phone only. To join the meeting please dial 1-646-876-9923. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID: 831 5144 1831 and Meeting Password: 122643
- Cocoon: As the pandemic continues, Cocoon advocates are experiencing increased call volumes. Not only are the calls increasing, but there is an uptick in the number of incidences which often include a higher level of violence. And with the gradual re-opening of the state, we are seeing sexual assault calls increasing. Cocoon advocates work hard every day to provide support and services to those in abusive situations. This includes our 24/7 crisis line, providing assistance in filing Civil Protection Orders, attending court hearings, being first responders at local hospitals when someone presents a domestic or sexual assault, and continuing to provide safe emergency shelter to survivors and their children.

Weather

- **Today:** Sunny, with a high near 91. Calm wind becoming northeast around 6 mph in the morning. **Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 67. Calm wind. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. Heat index values as high as 97. Calm wind becoming northwest 5 to 9 mph in the afternoon. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70. North wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening. **Independence Day:** Sunny, with a high near 92. Northeast wind 3 to 7 mph. **Saturday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69. **Sunday:** Sunny, with a high near 94. **Sunday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 70.
- A prolonged period of above normal temperatures is expected from this weekend through next week. Temperatures in the upper 80s to lower 90s will result in heat index values in the mid-90s at times over the next 7-10 days. Overnight lows are expected to remain warm in the upper 60s to lower 70s, limited any relief across the area. The warmest areas will be Northwest Ohio, including the Toledo metropolitan area.

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.

- EOC Hours of Operation: 830a-430p
- We do not answer phones during the governor's press conference. Please feel free to send an email during those times or leave a message and we will get back to you when we are able to.
- Requesting support: Call Wood County EMA at 419-354-9269 or email woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us
ODH Call line: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)
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