

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response July 23, 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 4pm
Information Cutoff Time: 330pm

Executive Summary:

****Statewide mandate of facial coverings in public begins tonight at 6pm****

Governor DeWine announced that beginning on Thursday, July 23, at 6:00 p.m., a statewide mask mandate will go into effect for citizens living in all 88 Ohio counties.

"Our preliminary data indicate that the rate of increase in new cases has slowed in the high-risk counties where masks are already mandated, so we are cautiously optimistic that things are heading in the right direction," said Governor DeWine. "We believe that requiring masks statewide will make a significant difference and will be key to making sure other counties do not progress to a higher level of increased spread."

All individuals in Ohio must wear facial coverings in public at all times when:

- At an indoor location that is not a residence
- Outdoors, but unable to maintain six-foot social distance from people who are not household members
- Waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, such as a taxi, a car service, or a private car used for ride-sharing.

The order only requires those 10 years old or older to wear a mask. Additional exclusions include:

- Those with a medical condition or a disability or those communicating with someone with a disability;
- Those who are actively exercising or playing sports;
- Those who are officiants at religious services;
- Those who are actively involved in public safety; or
- Those who are actively eating or drinking.

Schools should follow the guidance previously issued pertaining to masks.

STATEWIDE TRAVEL WARNING

Governor DeWine announced yesterday a [travel advisory](#) for all individuals coming into Ohio from states reporting positive COVID-19 testing rates of 15 percent or higher.

Those traveling from one of the following states should self-quarantine for 14 days at home or in a hotel.

- Alabama
- Arizona
- Florida
- Georgia
- Idaho

- Mississippi
- Nevada
- South Carolina
- Texas

The self-quarantine recommendation applies to those who live in Ohio and to people who are traveling into Ohio from any of these states.

Next press conference scheduled for next Tuesday.

Governor DeWine- Since speaker Householder's arrest several days ago, like all Ohioans, I have been thinking a lot about this. I want to share some additional thoughts. I encourage the members of the house to begin thinking about who the next Speaker should be. It is clear that speaker Householder can no longer function as speaker. Nuclear energy policy in Ohio- people can disagree on what this policy should be. I have made it clear that I think our energy policy in Ohio must include nuclear energy, the plants that we have here in Ohio need to continue to function. There are a lot of jobs in those plants. It is also clear that no matter how good this policy is, the process by which the bill was passed is simply not acceptable. That process has forever tainted the bill and now the law. The policy in my opinion is good, but the process by which it was created stinks and is not acceptable. I believe the policy issue must be revisited by the general assembly. I ask the legislature to repeal and replace HB 6 in a public forum. I believe it's important that these two go hand and hand. The public must have confidence in the process. This needs to happen very quickly as well. Data- cases remain higher than 21 day average, hospitalizations are up above the 21 day average, ICU admissions are about the same. New map- Allen County: moved to red with alert onto watch list. They have met 6 indicators. 8 new counties moved to red- Clark, Defiance, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Lawrence, Marion, Medina. 2 counties remain red because they exceed the CDC rate of high incidence- Franklin and Licking. 4 counties where the spread is not increasing as fast as it was and were downgraded- Butler, Loraine, Summit and Wood. All four are pretty close to the CDC definition of significant problem. All are at moderately high incidence. Wood- 99.4/100,000 literally right on the line of moderate and high (100). Overall, the measures we have been focusing on in the red counties, may be helping to slow the increase in these counties. We are cautious about this. These are still high levels of spread. LTC facility outbreaks- 2 young women traveled out of state to Texas they did not isolate when they came back, one had a headache but went to work in her nursing home she works at and eventually tested positive, now there are 30 cases in that nursing home. We know what works. If they had isolated when they got back they could have stopped the spread. OIU- Ohio Investigative Unit goes to bars for enforcement and education. We have had outbreaks that have come from bars. The vast majority of those out there running bars are doing a good job. OIU agent in charge Michelle Thourot- many bar owners have done a great job. First cases to be heard August 3rd before liquor control commission. Last weekend- 11 violation notices issued. We have had a wonderful partnership with the department of health and local law enforcement. We are here to work with you, we would prefer to talk during the week rather than on a Friday night if there are questions.

Lt. Governor Husted- Regarding SB 6 public trust was violated, can't have a law in the books that was done this way. Antibody testing- June 15th Red Cross announced initiative to test all donors for antibodies. June 15-July 18 over 33,000 people donated blood products, 1.3% of those tested positive for antibodies. Across the nation the positivity rate is 1.4% as reported by Red Cross. 3.4% positivity rate of those who sought out antibody testing separate from blood donation- this number could be impacted due to the likelihood of those individuals being suspicious that they may have had the virus. Broadband- Broadband Ohio and Innovate Ohio to provide support to expand broadband. RFI for school districts to identify a centralized location for pricing and equipment sourcing to get best deal and most accurate pricing. We are working to establish this so they have a single place to find this information. This will be on the state procurement website: procure.ohio.gov. Also announcing matching

grants that the schools will be able to use for these purchases- setting aside \$50 million for this via CARES Act dollars. Match dollar for dollar. New E-permitting system starting right away access to get more fiber in the ground to expand internet services in the state. This should save 24,000 of labor per year. These three steps should all help with connectivity problems.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 75819

Ohio Probable Cases: 4367

Ohio Total Confirmed plus Probable: 80186

Ohio Hospitalizations: 9968

ICU Admissions: 2403

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 2997

Ohio Probable COVID Deaths: 259

*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): 669

Wood County Hospitalizations: 84

Wood County Deaths: 54

Wood County Active Cases: 106

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: In the last 24 hours, no new hot spots have been identified by ODH. ODH is continuing to monitor 14 previously identified 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.
- Wood County is at a level 2 or orange level. The governor stated that we were "right on the line," and less than 1% between going orange and remaining red. Level 2 indicates: Increased exposure and spread. Exercise high degree of caution. Follow all current health orders. Same guidelines as in Level 1. • Avoid contact with anyone who is considered high-risk. • High-risk individuals* should take extra care to follow precautions. • Decrease in-person interactions outside household. • Seek medical care as needed, but limit or avoid unnecessary visits to hospitals, nursing homes, and residential care facilities to see others as much as possible. **Ohio's Public Health Advisory System is updated every Thursday.** The system consists of four levels that provide Ohioans with guidance as to the severity of the problem in the counties in which they live. The levels are determined by seven data indicators that identify the risk level for each county and a corresponding color code to represent that risk level.
- The cities of Bowling Green, Toledo, Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus have now mandated facial coverings when in public.
- 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.
 - The EMA has kits containing masks and hand sanitizer to be designated for local small businesses (under 100 total employees) that we will be able to push out soon. If you own a small business with less than 100 employees and are interested, please email us at woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.
 - 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.
 - The EMA has kits for **Wood County for-profit small businesses** (under 100 employees) that contain PPE and hand sanitizer. These kits were provided through JobsOhio to Wood County Economic Development. These kits are first come, first served. Please email us with your business name, address, point of contact, and how many employees you have if you are interested.

Public Health:

- There are 75819 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 669 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, 106 presently active cases, 84 of those are or have been hospitalized, 54 deaths.
- A list of testing options is available at <https://bit.ly/38EME56>.
- A reminder to employers that requirements for workplaces remain in place. These include ensuring social distancing as much as possible, requiring masks unless one of the approved exceptions, encouraging sick employees to stay home. Also, even though testing is more readily available, it is not recommended that employers require a negative test for an employee to return to work or a letter from a doctor or the health department. The health department does not provide such letters. Employers can find more information at <https://bitly.com/2CmSkod>.
- People who have been tested and are looking for test results should have received the information about how to get their results when they were tested. Do not call the health department for results.
- We've heard a few reports that labs are getting backed up again and it's taking as long as 10 days for results to come in.
- ODH antibody coronavirus study and postcards: They are working toward implementation of the study and will be in the field collecting biological samples starting July 9th, in the Central region. After that, we will be moving through the state in the order below. The first round of postcard mailings were sent in the mail. Individuals working in the field will be in bright yellow t-shirts with the ODH logo. This is a legitimate campaign.
 - **Northwest Ohio July 25-28**
- 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 and <https://sites.google.com/view/wchdohio-coronavirus/home/Testing>

Healthcare:

- For agency resource requests, please contact us at: woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.
- Many of the long term care facilities have been paired with Wood County Hospital as their primary source of PPE requests. If there are any questions about this and your facility please reach out to our office.

Law Enforcement/EMS/Fire

- Wayne Fire Department is having a Drive-Thru Chicken Barbecue this Saturday, July 25, Wayne Vol. Fire Dept. Drive-Thru/Carry Out Chicken BBQ 200 N. Center St. Wayne, Ohio Serving 4:30pm until gone \$10.00/ meal
- Perrysburg Twp Fire and Local 4170 is collecting school supplies for the upcoming 2020-2021 school year. In an effort to help out the students and teachers to keep their supply boxes and classrooms full we are asking you to help us. Please drop off new supplies (i.e. back packs, crayons, glue sticks, dry erase markers, pencils, paper, folders, hand sanitizer, tissue paper and erasers) to our lobby located at 26711 Lime City Rd. Our main entrance is past the police cars on the right hand side. Thank you for your support and helping our community grow.

BGSU:

- Now publishing a situation report once/week.
- **Fall semester classes will now start on Wednesday, Aug. 26.** <https://www.bgsu.edu/coronavirus/return-to-campus.html?deliveryName=DM7669> 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:

- Drive-thru community dinner Friday July 24th, 2020 5:00pm-6:00pm or until food runs out. Bowling Green Alliance Church 1161 Napoleon Road Bowling Green, OH 43402
- Northwood: free breakfast and lunch available for youth up to age 18. This is happening every Monday and Wednesday through July 31, 2020. Service will be drive through only. Delivery time is 11:00am-1145am. Location: Northwood High School 600 Lemoyne Road Northwood, OH and Brentwood Shelter House 300 Brentwood Dr. Northwood, OH. No need to RSVP.

Weather

- **This Afternoon:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. North wind 3 to 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Northeast wind around 6 mph. **Friday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. North wind 3 to 5 mph. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 65. East 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.

- EOC Hours of Operation: 830a-430p

- **We do not answer phones during the governor’s press conferences.** 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.
- 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)
www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

