

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response July 28, 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:

Governor DeWine- Yesterday the Ohio Director of Rehabilitation and Corrections Annette Chambers-Smith announced she tested positive for COVID, she was tested on the 24th and received the positive test result yesterday. She reports she is managing her symptoms at home and that they are mild. Across the state- 38 deaths in last 24 hours, this is higher than 21 day average, hospitalizations are also higher than 21 day average. Some good news, COVID related ED visits have started to trend down. Where we are- we believe we have started to see a plateau in some of these numbers. We are happy to see this. Fairs- we have great fairs in the state of Ohio. Our goal this summer was to try to hold these fairs, and to focus on our young people who are in 4H and FFA and are competing. This is why we wanted to preserve the fairs. We asked the fairs to discourage congregation, and we laid down some guidelines (specific) about distancing, facial coverings for all employees, show rings. We also provided each fair \$50,000 in order to help them put on a safer fair. Throughout this process we have worked with the fairs and the local health departments. But at this point, it has become increasingly clear that we cannot have a regular safe fair this summer. Therefore, I will sign an order that all fairs forward will be limited to a junior fair. We have seen outbreaks connected with the fairs, a lack of distancing, even after the mask order was put on, fairs were clearly not enforcing any sort of mask order at all. This order will outline that there will be: No grandstand events, no rides, no games, no carnival, and a curfew with exception for shows that may run late. Harness racing can proceed with no spectators. **All fairs starting July 31 and after will be limited to a junior fair only.** We are sorry this did not work. We know one fair had 19 people that tested positive, and there are outbreak connections to another fair. Plea to the fairs ongoing, please do everything you can to keep these as safe as possible. My summation is what we do at our county fairs and what we do all summer is going to determine what happens, what our fall is like, if and how the kids go back to school. In life we set priorities. My message and my plea moving forward is if you live in a yellow or an orange county, what we do now moving forward will determine how we can proceed with school and the economy. Keep your mask on when you are out in public so we can continue to make progress. We are now asking local health departments to give us stories so we can see how people are getting infected. Casual events in our lives can lead to outbreaks. He then shared a few examples of casual encounters and other gatherings that had significant impact and a large reach of positive cases stemming from them. Child care- **Effective Aug 9 childcare providers in Ohio can return to baseline class sizes and ratios.** Child care providers have a choice to increase the number of children and staff members to the normal statutory ratios or to maintain their current, lower ratios. ODJFS is structuring a financial incentive to providers that maintain smaller ratios and classroom sizes. Best data would indicate that we have had 442 people from childcare settings test positive- 306 were staff. They believe $\frac{3}{4}$ came

from community spread, ¼ from the childcare setting itself. The health and safety requirements still stand for all childcare settings.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 81896

Ohio Probable Cases: 4601

Ohio Total Confirmed plus Probable: 86497

Ohio Hospitalizations: 10425

ICU Admissions: 2488

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3118

Ohio Probable COVID Deaths: 264

*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): 801

Wood County Hospitalizations: 91

Wood County Deaths: 58

Wood County Active Cases: 137

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: As of 8am, over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,104 (85,177) total new cases and 86 (10,285) hospitalizations, which were below their respective 21-day averages. ODH also reported 37 (3,344) deaths and 22 (2,466) ICU admissions, which were above their respective 21-day averages. One new Hot Spot was identified in the last 24 hours – an outbreak among incarcerated adults at the Chillicothe Correctional Institution in Ross County. ODH is monitoring a total of **14 Hot Spots** across the state. 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.
- Several Ohio residents have notified the Ohio Department of Agriculture that they have received unsolicited packages in the mail containing seeds that appear to have originated from China. It's unknown what type of seeds are in the packets that have been received recently across the U.S. The concerns are that the unsolicited seeds could be invasive species, contain noxious weeds, could introduce diseases to local plants, or could be harmful to livestock. Invasive species and noxious weeds can displace native plants and increase costs of food production. People receiving packages of these seeds are asked to not plant them. If they are in sealed packaging, people are cautioned to not even open the sealed package. You can report the seeds to ODA Website: <https://arcq.is/HiKH9> or you may contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) Anti-smuggling Hotline by calling 800-877-3835 or by emailing SITC.Mail@aphis.usda.gov. People receiving the seeds are also asked to retain the original packaging, since that information may be useful to trade compliance officers as they work through this issue.

- Wood County is at a level 2 or orange level. 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. Starting today, Columbus City Council has made the decision to restrict bars, restaurants and nightclubs to only be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. because of the ongoing spread of the coronavirus.
- 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 81896 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 801 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 137 active cases, 91 of those are or have been hospitalized, 58 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.
- 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. Amy Jones is the interim Wood County Health Commissioner.

- 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.woodcountyhealth.org) and <https://sites.google.com/view/wchdohio-coronavirus/home/Testing>

Healthcare:

- Several local long term care/nursing facilities in Perrysburg are having staff National Guard testing on Friday. This is testing that is being required by the state.
- For agency resource requests, please contact us at: woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.

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:

- The Wood County Commissioners have approved the use of up to \$250,000 of federal CARES Act funds for the Wood County Small Business Relief Program. The new program will provide eligible small businesses with up to \$5000 to cover business interruption expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For details go to our website at www.bgchamber.net/coronavirus/.
- Perrysburg: Perrysburg City Council will be meeting on Tuesday, July 28, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. The meeting is open to the public at the Municipal Building, 201 West Indiana Avenue. In an effort to promote social distancing, the meeting will be simultaneously accessible through a teleconference call in number. The City Council meeting can be listened to by dialing 866-866-2244, and then entering the Participant Code 8428504#. Due to the constraints of the teleconference system, the system will allow the public to listen to the meeting, but cannot accommodate audience participation. Any individuals who have questions or concerns that they would like addressed by the City Council but do not wish to appear at the Municipal Building are urged to submit their questions in advance of the meeting to msutton@ci.perrysburg.oh.us.
- Northwood: free breakfast and lunch available for youth up to age 18. Service will be drive through only. Location: Northwood High School 600 Lemoyne Road Northwood, OH and Brentwood Shelter House 300 Brentwood Dr. Northwood, OH. No need to RSVP. Please refrain from lining up until 1045am. Next opportunity: July 29th, 11am-1230pm. On Behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Movie Nights in the Park scheduled for August 1st and 22nd at Brentwood park have been cancelled.

Weather

- **Today:** Sunny, with a high near 86. West wind 6 to 14 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 67. Southwest wind 6 to 8 mph. **Wednesday:** A chance of showers, mainly after 5pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 88. Southwest wind 9 to 15 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. **Wednesday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2am, then a slight chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 67. West wind 3 to 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.

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

