

# Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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## Wood County EOC Situation Report

COVID-19 Response

July 9th, 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:

Governor DeWine: Colleges: guidance released today coronavirus.ohio.gov minimum operating standards for all campuses across the state inclusive of best practices. Testing integral part of stopping the spread, this plan must be included in the plans. We know this costs money, to help address these increasing costs, k-12 schools/colleges and universities. To start, we are requesting controlling board approve 200 million dollars to offset these costs. Funding comes from federal CARES act dollars. Funding to be flexible. If you educate students in Ohio we want to provide additional support from some of the funding we have available. Homelessness grant- in April 1 million grant coalition homelessness and housing to assist. Today announcing additional 15 million grant to ensure Ohioans can maintain their housing. Someone on DeWine's staff has tested positive. Data- Increase in red counties. RED counties: Hamilton (now on watch list. Means that they are between red and purple), Butler, Cuyahoga, Clairmont, Fairfield, Franklin (removed from watch list. This week removed due to a decrease in residents being admitted to the hospital. Still a level 3 red), Lorain, Montgomery, Pickaway, Summit, Trumbull, **Wood**. What we do in the next 30 days will determine how all of the things we want to happen in the fall work out.

Lt. Governor Husted- Launch of job training program. Announcing today 2.5 million dollar grant program for providers to register (universities, colleges, private sector training groups). Promoted donation of convalescent plasma for those who have recovered from COVID. Register on the Red Cross website or contact them directly for more information. You can live your life, just live it thoughtfully, with others in mind. Testing is one of the few things we have to control the spread.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 57506

Ohio Probable Cases: 3825

Ohio Total Confirmed plus Probable: 61331

Ohio Hospitalizations: 8570

ICU Admissions: 2146

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 2749

Ohio Probable COVID Deaths: 257

\*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): 459

Wood County Hospitalizations: 71  
Wood County Deaths: 51  
Wood County Active Cases: 54

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:

- Wood County has been upgraded to level 3 (red). This goes into effect tomorrow evening at 6pm. This means that face coverings are now required 1. in any indoor location that is not a residence, 2. outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of 6 feet or more from individuals who are not a member of their household or 3. waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, a taxi, private care service, or a ride sharing vehicle.... within the county. "During the past two weeks, Wood County had a total of 63 cases per 100,000 residents. More than 18 percent of Wood County's total cases have been in the past two weeks. From June 16 until July 1, the average daily new cases significantly increased from less than 1 to 9. Due to clinical and reporting lags, these numbers may continue to grow for this reporting period. More than 89 percent of the cases are not in congregate settings, signaling significant transmission in the broader community. The community is also experiencing early signs that people are seeking medical care for COVID-19 symptoms. Between June 16 and July 2, the average outpatient visits nearly doubled from 3 to 7 visits per day." The link to this full director's order is: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Directors-Order-Facial-Coverings.pdf>
- The cities of Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus have now mandated facial coverings when in public. BG City Council will address this issue at their upcoming meeting. Toledo Mayor declared masks to be mandatory in all public places.
- Ottawa County Health Commissioner reported that a large scale COVID-19 testing will be taking place on South Bass Island this upcoming Friday and Saturday in partnership with the National Guard, Magruder, and the Erie County Health Department. Up to 1,000 employees of the island businesses will be tested, **this is not public testing**.
- Notice of hand sanitizer contaminated with Methanol: Most commercially available alcohol-based hand sanitizers or rubs (ABHSR) contain either ethanol or isopropanol as active ingredients. On June 19, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advised consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by "Eskbiochem SA de CV" in Mexico, due to the potential presence of **methanol**, a "toxic alcohol", as an active ingredient, which can cause blindness and/or death when absorbed through the skin or when swallowed. Since then, FDA has identified additional ABHSR products that contain methanol and is working with manufacturers and distributors on a voluntary recall of these products (<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanolexternal icon>).
- 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 57506 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There are 459 cases (total confirmed plus probable) presently in Wood County, 54 active cases, 71 of those are or have been hospitalized, 51 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: We write to provide you an update on the status of the Coronavirus Study. They are working toward implementation of the study and will be in the field collecting biological samples starting July 9<sup>th</sup>, 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.
  - Central July 9-12
  - Southwest + West Central: July 13-16
  - Southeast + Southeast Central July 17-20
  - Northeast + East Central July 21-24
  - Northwest July 25-28
- 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://Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org)

#### Healthcare:

- For agency resource requests, please contact us at: [woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us](mailto:woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us).
- Wood County ENT practice opened this week. To make an appointment, please call 410-728-0627.
- Bowling Green Care Center is officially closed.

#### Law Enforcement:

- Perrysburg announced that body cameras will be coming to the police department in an effort to increase officer and public accountability. This was passed unanimously at Tuesday's meeting.

#### 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:

- All Saints Catholic Church is proud to support the Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank in its efforts for emergency response food distribution. On Thursday, July 16, from 9:30am to 1:00pm. For information on how to register for distribution please call 419-242-5000 ext 215 or visit <https://www.toledofoodbank.org/event/july-16th-food-box-distribution-all-saints-catholic-church/>
- City of Perrysburg income tax returns for 2019, as well as 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter estimated tax payments for 2020 are due on or before July 15, 2020. Although the Municipal Building remains closed to the public, you may still hand-deliver your tax return and payment to the Tax Division via the secure mail slot located in the atrium area between the Police Division and the Municipal Building. This is accessible 24 hours a day 7 days a week from the entrance located along Walnut Street.
- An algal bloom has developed in the Maumee River in downtown Toledo. It is drifting downriver towards Lake Erie. Very little algae has been detected in the rest of the Western Basin at the moment.

#### Weather

- **Today:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 98. Heat index values as high as 102. South wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Tonight:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 3am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Light south wind. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Friday:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Heat index values as high as 95. South wind 5 to 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 70%. New rainfall amounts between a quarter and half of an inch possible. **Friday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly before 2am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 70. West wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms.
- HEAT ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 11 AM THIS MORNING TO 9 PM EDT THIS EVENING.
  - WHAT: Heat index values up to 104 expected.
  - WHERE: Portions of north central, northeast and northwest Ohio.
  - WHEN: From 11 AM this morning to 9 PM EDT this evening.
  - IMPACTS...Hot temperatures and high humidity may cause heat illnesses to occur.

- **PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS:** Drink plenty of fluids, stay in an air-conditioned room, stay out of the sun, and check up on relatives and neighbors. Young children and pets should never be left unattended in vehicles under any circumstances. Take extra precautions if you work or spend time outside. When possible reschedule strenuous activities to early morning or evening. Know the signs and symptoms of heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Wear lightweight and loose fitting clothing when possible. To reduce risk during outdoor work, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration recommends scheduling frequent rest breaks in shaded or air conditioned environments. Anyone overcome by heat should be moved to a cool and shaded location. Heat stroke is an emergency! Call 9 1 1.

**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](mailto:woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us)  
ODH Call line: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)  
[www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

