

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response August 13, 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: 330pm

Executive Summary:

****Next press conference Tuesday August 18, 2020****

Governor DeWine- Data- Cases have gone down. ICU and hospitalizations have gone up. Top 10 ranked counties by high case count over the last 2 weeks based on population. 1. Mercer 2. Champaign 3. Lawrence. 4. Darke 5. Lucas 6. Perry 7. Franklin 8. Meigs 9. Seneca 10. Fairfield. Ohio National Guard is continuing to travel around the state to do pop-up testing. 3 new counties have turned red since last week Clermont, Brown, and Muskingum. Wood remains orange. If you look at the education map merged with the public health advisory level map, those going back in person and within a currently red county, will be facing a challenge. Those communities need to work hard to control the spread to allow the school to open and remain open. We have an obligation to slow the spread within the communities. The mask order for educators and students k-12 will be posted today. Minority health- in April a strike force was formed. Today the group has released its final report. The report has 34 recommendations on dismantling racism, removing public health obstacles, improving the social/economic and physical environments, and strengthening data collection to better track disparities. Governor DeWine is challenging JobsOhio and Ohio Development Services Agency to focus on how to get more minorities into business. DeWine is also challenging the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio EPA to do more to address the lead paint problem in Ohio. COVID has laid bare many disparities. Plan of Action to Advance Equity- our administration's action plan. This puts in writing some of the things we believe we can do to change things for the better. This is the beginning, and a work in progress. All of us can do more. Equality in policing- we laid out to the general assembly a comprehensive plan. We are asking for then to pass it. Governor's Equity Advisory board- This is a permanent, ongoing group to help guide while addressing the underlying conditions and root causes contributing to disparities in life and health in Ohio. Director Ursel McElroy, Ohio Department of Aging, spoke on the specific commitments of Governor DeWine's Cabinet, which will help to improve the health and well-being of all Ohioans, address inequalities, and promote more diversity and inclusion. This will help address and identify issues and disparities. There will be an announcement on Tuesday regarding high school sports. This will include guidelines to make this as safe as possible.

Dr. Daniels Director at OSU and Nationwide Children's- Specializes in congenital heart disease and sports cardiology. Immediate health impacts of COVID-19 are now being seen as a concerning issue in athletes. DeWine made note that the American Journal of Cardiology published an expert analysis last month that addresses the impact of Coronavirus on the heart. Myocarditis- inflammation of the heart muscle typically caused by viruses. Awareness and focus on this has been heightened recently with COVID. Myocarditis from COVID can cause significant cardiac problems and can cause sudden

cardiac death. We do know this happens, we are unsure of the overall impact, and we are gathering more data. Data suggests that around 20% of COVID patients may have cardiac issues. 10-13% of those athletes who test positive for COVID that were sent to OSU for testing, did have evidence of mild myocarditis present. We know there is a risk with athletic competition and myocarditis. You need to be aware and look for chest pain, shortness of breath, trouble breathing, palpitations, and only gradually increase your activity level.

Lt. Governor Husted- Health outcomes are tied to economic outcomes. We know that in the minority community some folks have struggled to get a foothold. Capital, innovation, and talent are the three pieces to success in business. We need to assist to help those in the minority communities gain access to capital. Office of Small Business Relief was created to assist and support the small businesses. Ohio Minority Microenterprise Grant- 700 applications have been received and this process is moving forward.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 99856

Probable Cases- 5570

Total Cases- 105426

Ohio Hospitalizations: 12023

ICU Admissions: 2743

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3481

Probable Deaths- 274

Total Deaths- 3755

*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): 1109

Wood County Hospitalizations: 108

Wood County Deaths: 58

Wood County Active Cases: 93

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: From 8am report, over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,422 (104,248) total new cases, 141 (11,901) hospitalizations, 26 (3,734) deaths, and 22 (2,721) ICU admissions, which were all above the 21- day averages. 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. A push of PPE is being sent to all counties next week.
- 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://arcg.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 remains 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 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.
 - 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 and are **at no cost to the business**. 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 have been 99856 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1109 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 93 active cases, of those 108 are or have been hospitalized, 58 deaths.
- Wood County Community Health Center is celebrating National Health Center Week Aug. 9th-15th. Typically the health center would host an event at the health department giving the community the opportunity to tour the health center and collect other important information. Due to the ongoing pandemic the health center had to take a more creative approach to celebrating. This year they plan to showcase each area of the health center throughout the week on Facebook.
- We work hard every day to help slow the spread of COVID-19. If you are sick or have been in close contact with a person who has COVID-19, a public health worker may call to ask you to stay at home and quarantine or isolate. This helps keep our community safe. Unless you give permission, your name will not be revealed to those you came in contact with, even if they ask. All information is protected. Be part of the solution and help slow the spread of COVID-19.
- A new health commissioner has been selected in Wood County after the previous commissioner, Ben Batey, resigned from his position. Benjamin Robison was voted in during a special meeting of the Wood County Board of Health. Robison has roots in Bowling Green and

spent the last five years leading emergency planning and response efforts for the Ohio Department of Health.

- New signage is available to communicate the statewide mask mandate. Download a PDF at: www.coronavirus.woodcountyhealth.org.
- 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.
- 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:

- LTC facility staff are being tested every 2 weeks for COVID-19 as a directive from ODH.
- For agency resource requests, please contact us at: woodcountyma@co.wood.oh.us.

EMS:

- South East Ambulance District is looking for a new EMS chief. To apply: send an email to southeastambulance150@gmail.com and an application package will be emailed to you.

BGSU:

- Now publishing a situation report once every other week.
- Falcon Outfitters is now open.
- As we prepare for our re-entry to campus in the coming weeks, we must continue to assess our policies and take actions that will keep our campus community safe. The University has extended its previous travel restrictions to suspend all BGSU-supported domestic and international travel for faculty and staff until Dec. 31, 2020. Only approved, essential business travel will be permitted. Faculty and staff will need to fill out the Request Essential Travel form, which can be found on our [BGSU Travel Restrictions webpage](#), along with more details about travel policies for faculty and staff. **The University continues to strongly encourage all faculty, staff and students to avoid out-of-state and international travel.** Those who do travel are personally responsible for complying with any travel or public health restrictions imposed by the destinations to which they are traveling, as well as any requirements imposed by the state of Ohio upon the traveler's return. This would include the 14-day advised self-quarantine for travel to [states reporting COVID-19 positive testing rates 15 percent or higher](#), as part of Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine's travel advisory. This list is updated weekly by the Ohio Department of Health. As we prepare to welcome students, faculty and staff back to campus, individuals arriving to our area from states on this list are asked to quarantine for 14 days before returning to work, class or other on-campus activities.
- Our return to campus plan involves taking personal responsibility not only for your own well-being, but the health and safety of our entire campus community. The following safety protocols

are at the center of this commitment to self-care and community, and *will remain in effect until further notice*. <https://www.bgsu.edu/coronavirus/return-to-campus/before-arriving-on-campus.html>

- **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:

- MARTHA'S KITCHEN DRIVE-THRU COMMUNITY DINNER: Friday, August 21st 5-6pm (Or until food runs out) BG Alliance Church 1161 Napoleon Rd, BG Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Mac-n-Cheese, Watermelon, Cookies
- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Wood County Park District Board of Commissioners voted Tuesday to cancel facility rentals through the end of the year.
- Perrysburg: The City will be spraying for mosquitoes this evening, weather permitting.
- Northwood: Employment opportunity: part-time school crossing guard. Hours are (during COVID-19 restrictions) 7:15 am-8:45 am and then in the afternoon from 2:30 pm-3:30 pm, on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. \$13.27/hr. Call Captain Zahradnik at 419-690-1643 for more information.
- Wood County SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF PROGRAM GRANT APPLICATION - DEADLINE AUGUST 14 at 4:30 p.m. A reminder that resources are available for small businesses who have been hit hard by COVID-19. The Wood County Small Business Relief Program is a new program that will provide eligible small businesses with up to \$5000 to cover business expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Business owners can obtain application materials from the Wood County Office of Economic Development's website at <https://bit.ly/30nwF90>. The deadline to apply for this grant is this Friday, August 14. Additionally, the State of Ohio has created the Ohio Minority Micro-Enterprise Grant Program for small, minority, and women-owned businesses affected by COVID-19. This program provides up to \$10,000 in funding to help these companies through the current public health emergency. More information about this program can be found here: <https://bit.ly/31byuFm>

Weather

- **Today: This Afternoon:** Sunny, with a high near 86. Northeast wind 11 to 13 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 69. Northeast wind 6 to 8 mph. **Friday:** A slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 85. East wind 5 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%. **Friday Night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 1am and 5am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 68. East wind 5 to 9 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)
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