

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response August 18, 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 Thursday August 20, 2020****

Governor DeWine- Fran DeWine spoke about different mask options and patterns available that could help those with disabilities and hearing impairment. She also addressed the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Fran and I send best wishes to a state senator and her family that have been recently diagnosed with COVID19. Sports- Dr. Jim Borchers specializes in sports medicine at Wexner Medical Center. Sudden cardiac death in athletes, is usually generally rare. One of the risk factors for this (sudden cardiac death) is myocarditis or an infection of the heart. One of the things we continue to study with COVID is the link between the virus and heart issues. If a player tests positive they need to be looked at closer and consideration for additional testing and vigilance may be needed. Anyone who has tested positive needs to consult with their physician before returning to any physical activity. Every individual needs to look at their community and other factors before making the decision to allow their kids to play contact sports. Data-Top 10 Ohio Counties ranked by highest occurrence: Mercer, Darke, Lawrence, Meigs, Preble, Shelby, Sandusky, Perry, Champaign, Auglaize. These are all basically rural counties, and this spread outward is concerning. Positivity overall statewide is coming down. Urban areas- lowering of number of cases, also good news. Order and best guidance for sports- coming out in the next day. Highlights: includes not only high school, but any organized sports within the state. The more spread there is in a community, the higher the risk is for these athletes. Any decision cannot be made in a vacuum. Each young person has different needs. **All sports can go forward this fall.** The roadmap will be laid out. **OSSHA has also given the go ahead to those schools wishing to move fall sports to the spring.** No one can guess what the future is going to be. We have noticed that a good number of city schools have decided not to go back in person and not to have fall sports. Spectators- focus should be on letting the young people play. It is also important they have support people there. No spectators will be allowed other than family members and people very close to those athletes. Marching band, drill team parents also should also be able to come and observe what is going on. I hope that the desire to have a season will inspire our young people 24/7 to be as careful as they can. I also hope that our coaches will use this as an opportunity to focus on helping these young people understand what really is at stake. These are all tough decisions. Hope alone is not a plan. Performing arts will be addressed later and soon. We have to be flexible because we are dealing with so many unknowns.

Lt. Governor Husted- Hope is a powerful sustaining presence in our lives. Everyone involved in these sports decisions must be accountable. Site inspectors will be present to ensure compliance with the

rules. We are taking this seriously and there needs to be accountability. Aug 21st is the effective date for resumption of these sports activities.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 104105

Probable Cases: 5818

Total Cases: 109923

Ohio Hospitalizations: 12436

ICU Admissions: 2805

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3592

Probable Deaths: 279

Total Deaths: 3871

*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): 1163

Wood County Hospitalizations: 114

Wood County Deaths: 60

Wood County Active Cases: 88

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 775 (109,062) total new cases, 15 (2,786) ICU admissions, six (3,832) deaths, and 83 (12,319) hospitalizations were all below 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.
- 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 104105 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1163 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 88 active cases, of those 114 are or have been hospitalized, 60 deaths.
- **The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends against using face shields as a substitute for facial coverings or masks.** The use of masks or face coverings is intended to reduce the spray of respiratory droplets from the wearer into the environment, onto another person, or onto a surface. The mask or cloth face covering should cover the nose, mouth, and chin with little to no gap. According to the CDC, “At this time, it is not known what level of protection a face shield provides to people nearby from the spray of respiratory droplets from the wearer. There is currently not enough evidence to support the effectiveness of face shields for source control. Therefore, CDC does not currently recommend use of face shields as a substitute for masks.” Ohio’s K-12 masking order states that “all students, faculty, and staff in any child care setting, school building, or other location that provides care or education to any child in kindergarten through grade twelve in the State of Ohio shall wear facial coverings at all times.” There are exemptions, including, but not limited to, individuals with medical conditions, when eating or drinking, and when playing at recess. The full list of exemptions is available in the order. If an individual meets an exception to the K-12 face covering requirement, a face shield may be an option. According to the CDC, it is understood that some circumstances, such as the need for lip reading, require an alternative to masks. In those instances, a face shield should originate at the forehead with no gap, wrap around the sides of the face, and extend below the chin. When unable to use a mask, increased attention to other measures such as social distancing is imperative
- 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.
- 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](https://www.woodcountyhealth.org/coronavirus) 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: woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.

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:

- Food Giveaway - Drive-thru this Thursday, August 20 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 1526 East Wooster Street. For Wood County residents.
- 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
- Ohio Means Jobs Wood County is hosting a Virtual Job Fair next Wednesday, August 26. Click on the link below for more information and to register. <https://forms.gle/AqyswNjTf1YwzMtq7>

- The Wood County Committee on Aging Inc. will hold the annual 90s Plus Spectacular Event in a door-to-door format this year. The event will celebrate those individuals in Wood County who are 90 years of age and older. WCCOA staff will drop off flowers and framed certificates to each facility that nominates a 90-year-old. These scheduled drop offs will take place Sept. 28. WCCOA staff will deliver dinner, flowers and a framed certificate to community members' homes. These drop-offs will take place the evening of Sept. 28. 90 Plus participants will also have an opportunity to have their photo taken with their certificate, and the printed photo will be mailed to them for their keeping. A slide show will be created including bios and pictures of each participant with a link available for participants to watch on their own and share with family and friends. Dinner for those in the community is sponsored by Perrysburg Commons and Bowling Green Manor. Flowers are sponsored by Brookdale of Bowling Green. Frames and certificates are sponsored by Wood Haven Health Care. The printed 5x7 photo of participants with their certificates are sponsored by Waterford at Levis Commons. Music for the slide show is sponsored by Heartland of Perrysburg. Registration is required by Sept. 1. Those wishing to participate can call the WCCOA Programs Department at 419-353-5661 or 800-367-4935 or email programs@wccoa.net A fillable PDF version of the registration form is also available on the WCCOA website at www.wccoa.net/activities/special-events.
- Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Wood County Park District to cancel facility rentals through the end of the year.
- The City of Perrysburg and The City of Maumee, Ohio Cancel Fireworks Display for 2020. They have decided to cancel the previously re-scheduled fireworks display. The decision to cancel was a difficult one but necessary when considering the numerous health, safety, and cost related issues. BG will also follow suit and cancel their rescheduled fireworks as well.
- The Bowling Green Board of Education will hold their regular meeting on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. The board members will meet remotely with the public able to watch the meeting via YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC02oJh_17esNcwnoFYeiHtg

Weather

- **Today:** Sunny, with a high near 78. North wind 6 to 9 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 57. Northeast wind 5 to 7 mph. **Wednesday:** Sunny, with a high near 77. Northeast wind 3 to 8 mph. **Wednesday Night:** Clear, with a low around 55. East wind around 6 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)
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