

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response August 25, 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 27, 2020****

Governor DeWine- *Case numbers* lower today. This is typical for the beginning of the week. Governor DeWine today stressed that Ohio is closing in on a "grim statistic" of 4,000 deaths. There is a shift in spread into rural counties from the larger more metropolitan counties as evidenced by the top 10 Ohio counties ranked by highest occurrence: Darke, Mercer, Jackson, Henry, Preble, Fayette, Auglaize, Gallia, Ottawa*, Lawrence. *Ottawa County requesting a correction based on population listed. Lately there have been some tragic headlines highlighting *gun violence*. Our legislation pending today in the general assembly will help with this problem- repeat violent offenders with guns. Ohio's laws with illegal gun possession are not tough enough. Under new bill, this offense would become a 2nd degree felony. *Sports* order issued last week: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/static/publicorders/Requirements-Youth-Collegiate-Amateur-Club-Pro-Sports.pdf?fbclid=IwAR3Dul3UCoq5HMYmLNOXYpumI4POAZ2zdD08pR8HHBp8epOcQIO1AF4JHn4> Variance process; the goal is to have the athletes playing sports and to have some limited spectators (family members). Max spectator limits are provided for both outdoor and indoor venues. The order limits the maximum number of spectators gathered at an outdoor sports venue to the lesser of 1,500 individuals or 15 percent of fixed, seated capacity. The maximum for indoor sports venues is the lesser of 300 individuals or 15 percent of fixed, seated capacity. This should allow 2-4 support people to come to watch their athletes. For the smaller schools, variance procedure created to allow schools to submit a plan to the local health department for any exceptions to increase spectator limit while adhering to social distancing requirements. When schools ask for a variance they need to ask- is it necessary to allow home and away family members to be able to attend, can the number of requested spectators be socially distanced, can the home school prevent congregating of the crowd? The variance was not designed to allow big stadiums to bring back a lot of fans. As far as spectators go, he encouraged as many events as possible to take place outside as there is evidence to the significant decrease in vulnerability when people are outside versus inside. *Census*- this is very important. Takes 10 minutes to fill out. Many things are determined by whatever the count is, and we need an accurate count. The Census determines how \$675 billion is distributed among the states and Ohio's representation in Congress. Those who have not yet completed the census can do so at www.2020Census.gov or by calling 1-844-330-2020.

Please fill out your form. *College*- I think the lessons that we see in colleges, quite candidly are similar among the populations not going to college. The spread is occurring because they're letting their guard down, they're getting together with friends, they're not social distancing, not wearing a mask. I told the

college presidents that you are certainly in a good position to protect your students in class or the library or in dorms, but what I'm worried about is what they do the other times and just human nature being what it is. One university president of a private school said it well, it depends on the students. They're going to have the discipline, and frankly the peer pressure on other students that are not productive to staying in class. My focuses as governor are to keep people safe and get our economy growing faster. If there are those in the legislature that want to spend their time on *impeachment*, it's a free country. My job is to protect the people in the state of Ohio. This is a once in a 102 year pandemic, this is not an ordinary time. We need to do what we need to do to protect Ohioans. Sacrifices are small compared to the gravity of what we are dealing with. These are tough things, we are going to get through this. I do not shy away from making decisions, someone has to make them. Each decision is made with the best advice I can get from the health community and is made with my dedication and commitment to the people of the state of Ohio to keep people safe. *Bars-* work in progress. We continue to evaluate this. Most are doing a great job, some are still not following the orders.

Lt. Governor Husted- Unemployment has dropped from 17% to 8.9%. Great resource is Ohio Means Jobs: <https://jobseeker.ohiomeansjobs.monster.com/>. He also provided a reminder about the Ohio Diversity & Inclusion Technology Internship Program, which pairs college students with tech companies and any company with a technology-related need. The program is looking for additional businesses to apply. Visit development.ohio.gov for more information. Antibody testing according to American Red Cross is at about 2.2% positivity.

Governor Mike DeWine announced Monday that a new temporary pandemic license can now be issued to child-care providers to enable them to take care of school-age children during the school day. The program is designed to ensure students learning remotely have a safe place to go during their normal school hours if their parents must go to work. Beginning Aug. 25, child care providers licensed by the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Department of Education (ODE) may care for school-age children who are learning remotely during the school day. These providers will receive funding to cover the cost of care for economically eligible children. ODE is also working to extend this same option to its licensed school-age child care providers and could be effective by early September, upon approval by the State Board of Education. Additionally, ODJFS will launch a new license, called the Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care license, to ensure children have safe places to go when they are not learning in school. Organizations such as churches, recreation centers, and businesses can apply for this license to provide care to children during the school day. In addition to eliminating many child care licensing requirements, ODJFS is also waiving the registration fee for Temporary Pandemic School-Age Child Care providers.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 110343

Probable Cases: 6152

Total Cases: 116495

Ohio Hospitalizations: 12956

ICU Admissions: 2903

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3716

Probable Deaths: 280

Total Deaths: 3996

*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): 1255

Wood County Hospitalizations: 118

Wood County Deaths: 63
Wood County Active Cases: 74

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 849 (115,651) total new cases, 10 (2,888) ICU admissions, 59 (12,859) hospitalizations and eight (3,986) deaths, were all below 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.
- The Ohio School Safety Center (OSSC) and the Center for Suicide Prevention and Research within Nationwide Children's are proud to offer virtual youth suicide prevention training for first responders. Spots are still available for the Aug. 27 training session. For more information or to register visit <https://bit.ly/3gzltL3>
- The Handle With Care program ensures children who are exposed to adverse events receive appropriate interventions and have opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders. More info at <https://bit.ly/2A7Bs49>
- 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 110343 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1255 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 74 active cases, of those 118 are or have been hospitalized, 63 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.”
- 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.
- 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>.
- Pharmacists are now authorized to administer vaccines to children ages 3-18, which increases the access to lifesaving childhood vaccines.
- 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.
- Testing – testing locations and other local information, as well as links to ODH and CDC resources, can be found at [Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org](https://sites.google.com/view/wchdohio-coronavirus/home/Testing) and <https://sites.google.com/view/wchdohio-coronavirus/home/Testing>

Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS:

- The Sheriff's Office will be conducting increased patrols from Aug. 21 through Sept. 7 thanks to a grant from the Ohio Traffic Safety Office for the national "Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over" campaign. These additional deputies will be looking for signs of DUI as well as failure to yield and speeding.
- There's one day left until a free online First Responder Summit: Wellness, Self-Care and Resilience. Sign up for tomorrow's event here: <http://bit.ly/2vdOnyS>

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.
- Students will be moving into the residence halls from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Aug. 20-25. In the past, we only had to close roads and parking lots for a couple of peak days. This year is very different. We will have students moving in for six straight days to ensure proper physical distancing.
During this time, it will be necessary to close specific parking lots and modify normal traffic patterns. Because of this, we encourage all faculty and staff to avoid scheduling deliveries and

make visitors aware of the potential delay due to traffic and limited parking availability. You may also not have access to the parking lots you typically use while on campus and may need to schedule additional time to get to campus. Overflow parking is available to you during move-in in Lots E, N, R, 3 and 4.

- **University continues to strongly encourage all faculty, staff and students to avoid out-of-state and international travel.**
- 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 start tomorrow Wednesday, Aug. 26.**
<https://www.bgsu.edu/coronavirus/return-to-campus.html?deliveryName=DM7669>

Local:

- Northwood: Meeting Reminder: City Council will meet Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 7pm. To join the meeting dial 1-646-876-9923 and use the Meeting ID: 811 6901 7363 and Passcode: 304294 to enter.
- Ohio Means Jobs Wood County is hosting a Virtual Job Fair Wednesday, August 26. Click on the link below for more information and to register. <https://forms.gle/AqyswNjTf1YwzMtq7>
- The Wood County Committee on Aging: Our next Care Compass Project session will be held on September 2 via Zoom! The Care Compass Project is an educational series designed for those who are seeking training to learn best practices in caregiving. Registration is required for this free program. Please contact the Wood County Senior Center Programs Department at 419.353.5661 or by emailing programs@wcco.net to register or for more information. They also 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@wcco.net A fillable PDF version of the registration form is also available on the WCCOA website at www.wcco.net/activities/special-events.
- 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 Northwestern Water and Sewer District (The District): meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 27 at 7:30 a.m., will take place via teleconference call. Members of the public can listen in by following these instructions: **Webinar:** join the webinar by clicking this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87684696892?pwd=SEVRYVZmRGNVc20xU3IPN0NsOXRtUT09>
Password: 664391

Phone only: use your phone to dial: 1-301-715 -8592

When prompted, use ID: 876 8469 6892 and Password: 664391.

Note that public access is watch/listen-only. Comments can be emailed to publicinfo@nwwsd.org during and after the meeting.

Weather

- **Today:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1pm. Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Northwest wind around 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. Light and variable wind. **Wednesday:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly between 7am and 3pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 90. Heat index values as high as 96. Calm wind becoming west 5 to 7 mph in the afternoon. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Wednesday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 73. Southwest wind 7 to 9 mph.
- Severe thunderstorms with damaging wind gusts are possible late this morning and afternoon, especially along and southwest of Toledo to Youngstown line. Isolated severe thunderstorms with damaging wind gusts are possible on Wednesday.

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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