

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response August 27, 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:

Governor DeWine- Thoughts and prayers to those on the Gulf Coast during Hurricane Laura. OH Task Force 1 is one of 28 US&R teams managed by FEMA. They departed last night to head to College Station, TX. Data- slight increase in cases compared to last week. Not surprising as many of those Ohioans are going back to school and people are moving around more. We are now over 4,000 Ohio deaths. Top 10 Ohio Counties Ranked by highest occurrence- Henry, Mercer, Jackson, Darke, Meigs, Fayette, Gallia, Auglaize, Erie, Shelby. These are all rural counties with lower populations. 6 red counties- This is the lowest number we have had in the alert system since we started it. Mercer, Erie, Preble, Lucas, Montgomery, and Lorain. 76 counties remain at the same level as they were last week, small movement between levels. Partners in Health- ODH has a contract in place with them for contact tracing. The MOU was signed on May 18 and was set to expire last week. ODH is in the process of extending the MOU for 3 more months. This is a non-profit group based in Massachusetts. Partners in health provides these services free of charge, and the agreement moving forward does not involve any money as well. Testing- allows us to isolate those that are positive, we have expanded our capacity over time. This is a work in progress and we are not yet where we want to be. Ohio National Guard efforts have brought testing into the nursing homes, and have conducted free popup testing for the public in particular underserved communities. Control testing starting today within assisted living to validate testing results and efforts due to some noted inconsistent results. We do not intend to change any of our testing protocols based on CDC recent changes. Schools- K-12 we know that schools are coming back and are working very closely with their local health departments. Thanks to them for the hard work they have put in and collaboration with the health departments. New order today- This will require the prompt reporting to the public and to parents and in turn will help prevent spread. Schools required to establish a reporting mechanism for parents to report cases. Similarly used absentee lines could function as this reporting mechanism. Parents need to be able to call in to report positive cases and concerns. 48 hours after learning of a case, the school needs to report this case to the local health department. Schools will then need to make this information available to the public. Schools will also notify parents or guardians in writing or by other method to tell them about the situation with as much detail as possible without disclosing protected health information. Then, the local health department notifies Ohio Department of Health on a weekly basis about reported cases. The more information available out there the better. If a community has a large amount of spread, this will be reflected in the school. The fact that the school has cases present should not cause any great alarm or indication that the school has done anything wrong. The real key, is how we handle this. This is a team effort.

Paula Crew Clark County Tecumseh school superintendent- Completely remote for first 9 weeks of the school year, yesterday was the first day. She discussed measures they have used to address the

needs of those within their school district with both IEPs, and significant developmental delays/special needs. Recommend for all parents that at home they try to provide a quiet place for the student to work, staying on a regular schedule, and making sure that the social and emotional state of their child is functioning well. They encourage parents to reach out if they notice changes in their child's mental health. Success within college/university environments seems to be centered on a close relationship between the university and the city it resides in, and also their relationship with the local health department. Also a close relationship between campus police and local police departments has been working well. Dr. Katherine Fell president University of Findlay- Classes started 9 days ago. They are doing health assessments, self-assessment tracking via an app, have tested 163 with 15 positive cases. There are 5 on campus in isolation, 10 in quarantine. All positive cases are doing well. They have made modifications to their normal welcome student activities to allow them to continue but keeping them safe harnessing distancing measures. Dr. Alex Johnson Cuyahoga Community College- They are doing mandatory health assessments, mandatory temperature taking, mandatory facial coverings. They started school Monday, no confirmed cases from their campus. Created a relationship with a local healthcare partner for testing. Happy to be able to accommodate the hands on training completion to continually support workforce development training. They moved quickly to remote instruction and the outcomes have been tremendous. Jim Tressel Youngstown State University- The workforce has made adjustments (layoffs and furloughs), IT department has stepped up. Make sure that we don't have those large gatherings, make sure we wear our facial coverings. If we want to stay on campus we need to do a great job with our distancing. Today is their 9th day back, masks are everywhere, smiling faces are visible under the masks. Students are excited to be here, and they don't want to mess it up.

Lt. Governor Husted- sports: Previously, there was a 24 hour rule to limit exposure of teams so they weren't playing multiple teams on the same day. Changing wording to "calendar day" from "24 hour" window. This is to allow these contests to happen despite the small difference of a few hours. This does not allow multiple contests in a single day. This is focused on golf and cross country where there may be a few teams participating in one contest. We are trying to learn if we can get this right. We are listening and will adjust as things go along. Spectators- "to allow and encourage the family, household members... to share in the experience of these athletes." We want the families there. Use lawns and standing room only areas to allow for 6 feet of distance between groups. Every school has to develop a plan and present it to their local health department. Unemployment- word came from FEMA that Ohio's application was approved. Grant award of 717 million dollars to provide additional assistance for eligible individuals. This grant will allow Ohio \$300/week to those receiving unemployment benefits because of COVID. This will be administered through JFS, payments retroactive to August the 1st for those approved. Visit www.Jfs.ohio.gov/owd/jobseekers for additional assistance with employment. Application period closes Monday for www.techcred.ohio.gov.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 112489

Probable Cases: 6339

Total Cases: 118828

Ohio Hospitalizations: 13150

ICU Admissions: 2929

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3791

Probable Deaths: 285

Total Deaths: 4076

*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): 1289
Wood County Hospitalizations: 121
Wood County Deaths: 64
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 1,089 (117,584) total new cases, 48 (4,044) deaths, 17 (2,920) ICU admissions, and 87 (13,043) hospitalizations, 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.
- 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.
- An 84-member Ohio Task Force 1 team activated and departed to College Station, Texas to await further instructions as the team plans to aid in support of Hurricane Laura relief. The team, complete with four boats, two inflatable boats and a search & rescue dog, left their Vandalia facility for the 17 1/2-hour trip to Texas just after 10 p.m. Wednesday.

Public Health:

- There have been 112489 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1289 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 74 active cases, of those 121 are or have been hospitalized, 64 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 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.

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.
- With our return this fall, we are asking our campus community to conduct a self-wellness check every morning. Today, we are excited to launch a health app, #CampusClear, to make this easier. We encourage you to download the app, available on both [Android](#) and [iOS](#), and use it daily so we can all work together to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- 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>

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.
- Toledo Northwestern Ohio Food Bank- Friday September 4th at 10am-1130am at First United Methodist Church 1526 E. Wooster St. Bowling Green, OH 43402. Pre-registration and ID required. Call 419-242-5000 ext. 215 or visit toledofoodbank.org
- Perrysburg: The city will be spraying for mosquitoes tonight weather permitting.
- 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.

Weather

- **Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. Heat index values as high as 99. West wind 11 to 15 mph. **Tonight:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 1am. Partly cloudy, with a low around 71. Southwest wind 6 to 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Friday:** Showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. High near 87. Southwest wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Friday Night:** Showers and thunderstorms likely, then showers and possibly a thunderstorm after 1am. Low around 70. South wind 8 to 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 80%. New rainfall amounts between a half and three quarters of an inch possible.

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

