

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response August 6, 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 430pm
Information Cutoff Time: 330pm with exception of press conference

Executive Summary:

Today, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine took a test for COVID-19 as part of the standard protocol to greet President Donald Trump on the tarmac at Burke Lakefront Airport in Cleveland. Governor DeWine tested positive. Governor DeWine has no symptoms at the present time. Governor DeWine returned to Columbus where he and First Lady Fran DeWine, who also has no symptoms, were both be tested. Governor DeWine plans to follow protocol for COVID-19 and quarantine at his home in Cedarville for the next 14 days. Lt. Governor Jon Husted also took the COVID-19 test today as part of the protocol to greet the president. Lt. Governor tested negative.

Governor DeWine- I left at 0600 this morning to drive to Cleveland to greet the President when he arrived in Ohio. I was tested, then went to airport, and found out that I tested positive. This was a big surprise. I could not see the president. I then called Fran and our 7 children and headed back. I have a headache but otherwise feel fine, headaches are not that unusual for me. I have no idea where I could have got it, we have been playing back all different scenarios to try to figure that out. I have been following guidelines, keeping distance, only going to Columbus when needed for the press conferences. I have had a total of 3 tests, the public one in June and 2 tests today (one rapid, one not). The message I would like people to gain from this- This virus is very contagious, it lives among us. You are always simply dealing to improve your odds, doing this does not mean you will not get it. There are no guarantees with this or in life. Regarding the test today- it was arranged by the White House, I don't know much other than that was a rapid test because we got the results back right away. We are all human, this virus is everywhere and is very tough. You can contract it even when you are being very careful, but your odds are dramatically better when you follow the guidelines. Some things are out of our control. There is nothing certain in life. 2nd test was not a rapid test, and we don't expect those results for some time, maybe at earliest tonight. Masks- wear a mask to protect others. Some benefit to you, but mainly to protect others. People should not take from this that masks don't work, that is the wrong lesson to be learned. Those within DeWine's "bubble" were all tested today. As a state, we are continuing to work on testing capacity. We are currently at 22,000 tests/day. I will continue to lead as long as I am well enough to do so from my home in Cedarville. That is where most of my time and work is being done now anyways. We do plan on speaking tomorrow as long as we are able.

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 92273
Ohio Probable Cases: 5198
Ohio Total Confirmed plus Probable: 97471
Ohio Hospitalizations: 11366

ICU Admissions: 2627

Ohio Confirmed COVID Deaths: 3348

Ohio Probable COVID Deaths: 270

*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): 995

Wood County Hospitalizations: 100

Wood County Deaths: 58

Wood County Active Cases: 149

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: Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,199 (96,305) total new cases and 16 (2,609) ICU admissions, which were below the 21-day averages. 112 (11,231) hospitalizations and 26 (3,596) deaths, which were above their respective 21-day averages. There are no hot spots identified in the last 24 hours by the Ohio Department of Health; they continue to monitor 16 other spots. 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.
- 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://arcq.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.
 - The EMA has kits containing masks and hand sanitizer to be designated for local small businesses (under 100 total employees) that we will be able to push out soon. If you own a small business with less than 100 employees and are interested, please email us at woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.
 - 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. 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 are 92273 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 995 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 149 active cases, of those 100 are or have been hospitalized, 58 deaths.
- 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: woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us.

BGSU:

- Now publishing a situation report once/week.
- 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:

- President Trump spoke today at Whirlpool in Clyde, OH. He will then travel to Cleveland for another event this evening.
- City of Perrysburg: The City will be spraying for mosquitoes this evening weather permitting.
- The Wood County Commissioners have approved the use of up to \$250,000 of federal CARES Act funds for the Wood County Small Business Relief Program. The new program will provide eligible small businesses with up to \$5000 to cover business interruption expenses caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. For details go to our website at www.bgchamber.net/coronavirus/.
- Northwood: On Behalf of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Movie Nights in the Park scheduled for August 22nd at Brentwood park has been cancelled.

Weather

- **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 59. Northeast wind 5 to 7 mph becoming calm in the evening. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 81. Northeast wind 5 to 9 mph. **Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 59. Northeast wind around 5 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)
www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

