

Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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Wood County EOC Situation Report

COVID-19 Response

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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 Sept. 15****

Governor DeWine: *Flu Vaccine*- Encouraged all Ohioans age 6 months and older to get vaccinated against the flu. This includes pregnant women, our oldest, youngest citizens, those with chronic health conditions, essential workers. Those age 65 and older are at the highest risk for flu related deaths. This group should consider the high dose vaccine. If unsure where to go to get the vaccine, visit www.Vaccinefinder.org. Governor DeWine, Fran DeWine, and Lt. Governor Husted all received their flu vaccine on air today. Today is *Hunger Action Day*. Orange is the color to represent hunger. Please visit Ohiofoodbanks.org/coronavirus.org. *Data*- numbers are starting trend back up. Governor DeWine discussed the percentage of cases by age group and month, and we continue to see an increase in the 0-29 age group relative to the overall population. DeWine also stated that with the hospitalization rates by age group, those younger than 30 generally have a lower rate than those 30+. He addressed the recommended travel restriction/ 14 day quarantine upon return to Ohio from states listed with positivity rates greater than 15%. These are: North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas, and Alabama. County color update- Lucas County dropped from red to orange. Red Counties- Putnam, has a high level of cases 280/100,000 population. 95 cases in the last 2 weeks. They are seeing family spread. Butler- numbers are largely influenced by Miami University. From Sept 2-8 there were 545 positive student cases reported. Workplaces and long term care outbreaks are also present. Mercer- meets the CDC threshold for high incidence 206/100,000. Also seeing outbreaks in workplaces and LTC facilities. Montgomery- seeing a decline in cases in the most recent week of reporting. University of Dayton shifted classes to remote. They have seen both workplace spread, LTC outbreaks. Preble- 105/100,000, cases have decreased. They are moving in the right direction, hopefully will be off the list next week. Summit County- Has seen a sustained increase in ED visits. Top 10 counties by highest incidence- Putnam, Butler, Mercer, Shelby, Montgomery, Auglaize, Franklin, Henry, Meigs, Darke. BGSU has a newly developed COVID dashboard. This reported 62 cases from Sept 1- Sept 8. Michael Frandsen- *Wittenberg University* president: cases have increased, they are doing their own contact tracing. They are also broadening testing for those asymptomatic students in order to get a better understanding of the big picture. They are at present on a 2 week pause for in person instruction, and are asking students to stay put and not go home during this time. They have 76 active cases at present. *Rape kits*- announced yesterday that 800 people have been indicted over the processing of these old kits. *New ODH Director*: Joan Duwve MD, MPH. A graduate of North Olmsted High School, Dr. Duwve attended undergraduate school at The Ohio State University. She received a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan and her Medical Doctor Degree from Johns Hopkins University. Most

recently, Dr. Duwve served as the Director of Public Health at the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control under South Carolina Governor Henry McMaster (R). Prior to her time in South Carolina, she served as an Associate Dean of Practice for the Indiana University Richard M. Fairbanks School of Public Health and developed and directed the ECHO Center to train providers in rural communities to treat patients with complex conditions. Dr. Duwve also served Indiana Governors Mitch Daniels, Mike Pence, and Eric Holcomb, as the Chief Medical Officer with the Indiana State Department of Health and the Medical Director for the Department's Division of Public Health and Preparedness. Before transitioning into her role improving public health, Dr. Duwve practiced family medicine. She is expected to start the new position October 1. Director Lori Criss, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, reminded Ohioans that your mental health is just as important as your physical health. Today is *world suicide prevention day*. Text 4hope to 741 741. Ohio Care line- 1-800-720-9616 help available 24/7. *Looking forward:* Hindsight is always great, however things continue to evolve with this virus. This is a fight were in, we cannot let the virus off the floor. We have been able to keep it smoldering and not flaring up. If we took the mask order off tomorrow, this would flare up. There is as much spread out there today as there has ever been during this entire period of time. This would not be a wise time for us to let up. I look at the sacrifices Ohioans are making as a price that we pay as Ohioans for freedom. *Antibody testing-* final report should be available this month. *Senior Centers-* Ursel McElroy will address senior center guidelines next week. *September 11, Patriot Day,* we remember those who died on this day. We pray for them and their families.

Lt. Governor Husted- *Census:* \$1.5 trillion dollars in federal funding to support essential services is distributed based on census reporting. As of today, 69% of all Ohioans have returned their census form. Visit 2020census.gov *Unemployment claims* have fallen last week by 4%. 12,178 fewer people are seeking unemployment in Ohio. We are moving in the right direction. Visit [Ohiomeansjobs.com](https://ohiomeansjobs.com), there are over 150,000 jobs currently available.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 127106
Probable Cases: 6980
Total plus probable: 134086
Ohio Hospitalizations: 14164
ICU Admissions: 3070
Confirmed Deaths: 4064
Total Deaths: 4354

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): 1497 (+19)
Wood County Hospitalizations: 140 (+2)
Wood County Deaths: 70
Wood County Active Cases: 93 (+7)

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:

- **National Preparedness Month (NPM) is recognized annually in September** to encourage family and community disaster planning not only for a month, but throughout the year. As our state and nation continue to respond to COVID-19, National Preparedness Month is an ideal time for Ohioans to ensure they are prepared for any disaster, including a pandemic. This year's theme for NPM is: "Disasters Don't Wait. Make Your Plan Today." Please visit ready.gov and follow Wood County EMA social media for tips and updates. We will be posting themed tips all month.
 - The focus this week is on building a kit. After an emergency you may need to survive on your own for several days. Visit ready.gov/kit for a list of some basic supplies. In the current COVID climate, there may be a few items you need to add to your kit: facial coverings, disinfecting wipes, gloves, hand sanitizer, and more. Also look to personalize your kit with additional items that make sense for you and your family: properly sized diapers for little ones, medications, things to keep you entertained like books and age appropriate items. Consider keeping both a credit card and cash accessible due to limitations based on what type of disaster it is. You may want to have smaller bills in case places cannot make change.
- State EMA: As of 8am, Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 973 (132,965) total new cases, 12 new (3,054) ICU admissions, 26 (4,324) deaths, and 116 (14,083) hospitalizations. State stockpiling and storage strategies continue to be developed through ESF-7 and the State EOC Unified Command. Warehouse capacity continues to be monitored as inbound supplies increase; ODH reports the warehouse operational and 40% of its rack space in use.
- 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.
- 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 127106 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1497 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 93 active cases, of those 140 are or have been hospitalized, 70 deaths.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommends against using face shields as a substitute for facial coverings or 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>.
- 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 Ohio State Board of Emergency, Medical, Fire, and Transportation Services (EMFTS Board) passed the following motion on August 19, 2020:**
The Board recognizes that EMS certificate holders are permitted to administer vaccinations so long as the route of administration is within the scope of practice and the certificate holder administers the vaccine pursuant to medical direction and training on the specific vaccine, which includes adherence to the recommendations and instructions of the Food and Drug Administration.

Healthcare:

- Mental health- Wood County ADAMHS: September 6-12, 2020 is National Suicide Prevention Week. Remember, your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you are interested in mental health services, please dial 2-1-1 to be connected to services for mental health and addiction treatment today. Help is here. Wood County Crisis line: 419-502-HOPE, Crisis Text line: text "4HOPE" to 741-741, Suicide prevention lifeline: 1-800-273-8255
- LTC facility staff are being tested every 2 weeks for COVID-19 as a directive from ODH.

BGSU:

- Now publishing a situation report once every other week.
- The BGSU COVID-19 Response Hotline is now open, with staff available to answer questions regarding COVID-19 and related topics. Students, faculty and staff are also asked to call the hotline if they have a pending COVID-19 test, or to report a positive result to begin contact tracing. The COVID-19 Response Hotline is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. To call the hotline, reach out at 419-372-3000.
- With our return this fall, we are asking our campus community to conduct a self-wellness check every morning. 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.

- To protect the safety of our students, faculty and staff, ***the University asks that any gathering, meeting, and/or event be moved to a virtual environment, if at all possible.*** Virtual online meetings, conferences or events may be scheduled by University students, faculty and staff using our BGSU affiliation with either **Webex**, or **Zoom**. If this is not possible to meet in a virtual environment, then the following strict guidelines must be adhered to in order for it to take place. <https://www.bgsu.edu/content/bgsu/en/bowen-thompson-student-union/conference-and-event-services/covid-19-pandemic-booking-guidelines.html>
- We recognize that it is not in the best interest of public health – and the health of those who plan to attend Homecoming – to move forward with an in-person Homecoming in 2020. We are announcing a virtual Homecoming experience, taking place Oct. 1-4.
- 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:

- BG's Art Supply Depo and Big Fab Lab are hosting a Drive-Thru Art Loop on September 12th from 10a-4p. You can drive through in your car or walk through if you're wearing a mask and maintaining proper social distancing.
- Perrysburg: A reminder from the City of Perrysburg Income Tax Division: Third quarter estimated tax payments are due September 15, 2020. On Monday, the city will be conducting work on Five Point Road between Pargillis Road and Ohio 25.
- Wood County Museum: Individuals, families, and organizations are invited to show their community spirit by creating a scarecrow for display on the grounds of the Wood County Museum. The contest is free to enter. Cash prizes, including \$100 for first place, are provided by sponsors. Registration is required at <https://forms.gle/dDCZQCJ5u3P1o46g7>. Once completed, bring your finished creation on Oct. 13 from 4-7:30 p.m. to display at the Wood County Museum, 13660 County Home Road. Fence posts will be provided. Scarecrow straw, clothing and parts will not be provided. Scarecrows will be displayed on the museum lawn Oct. 14-25. Museum grounds are open daily from 8 a.m. until 30 minutes past sunset. Registration deadline is Oct. 11. For contest rules and regulations and information about additional programs, adventures, and activities, visit wcparks.org
- Northwood: Meeting Reminder: City Council will meet Thursday, September 10, 2020 at 7pm. Click the link below or dial 1 646 876 9923 and use the Meeting ID: 811 6901 7363 and Passcode: 304294 to enter. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87121036360?pwd=WUN5dW5HZmpWS2h0dzVxc2FFVFdvQT09>

Weather

- **Today:** Cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northeast winds around 10 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. Northeast winds 5 to 10 mph. **Friday:** Partly sunny. Highs around 70. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy in the evening, then becoming mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 50s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.
- The National Weather Service Cleveland Weather Forecast Office (WFO) will be moving to a new building on **September 14, 2020**. The new office is located in 925 Keynote Circle Suite #314, Brooklyn Heights Ohio 44131. The radar and the official climate observing equipment

(ASOS) will remain at the existing location at the Cleveland Hopkins International Airport. Most NWS forecast products and services will be uninterrupted by utilizing a combination of remote computing capabilities as well as backup support from the Weather Forecast Office in Buffalo, NY. The move will begin approximately 8am Monday September 14th and could last up to 2 to 3 days until complete. **Radar data will be unavailable for approximately 8 to 12 hours during the move starting around 8am September 14th.**

Ten NOAA Weather Radio transmitters will be temporarily off the air for up to a couple of days during the move to the new facility. These include:

Akron, OH KDO-94 162.400 MHZ
Youngstown, OH WWG-56 162.500 MHZ
Cleveland, OH KHB-59 162.550 MHZ
Mansfield, OH WWG-57 162.450 MHZ
Bellevue, OH KHB-97 162.400 MHZ
Carey, OH KZZ-47 162.525 MHZ
Toledo, OH WXL-51 162.500 MHZ
Grafton, OH WNG-698 162.500 MHZ
Meadville, PA KZZ-32 162.475 MHZ
Erie, PA KEC-58 162.400 MHZ

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

