

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 scheduled for Tuesday Sept. 29th

Governor DeWine- *Data*: Top 10 counties ranked by highest occurrence: Mercer, Putnam, Shelby, Athens, Pike, Lawrence, Miami, Darke, **Wood**, and Butler. *Antibody positivity*: Since June the American Red Cross has been testing all blood, plasma, and platelet donors for COVID-19 antibodies. Ohio positivity levels are 3.3% at current. This is close to national positivity percentage of 3.5%. *Ohio public health advisory system*: This week 9 counties moved from yellow to orange. Cases are continually spreading out more into the rural regions of Ohio. The population of Ohioans living in yellow counties has decreased during the past four weeks indicating that we have significant spread of the virus across the state. <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/> *Higher education*- Changes in guidance- announcing today a recommendation that all residential colleges and universities ensure they are regularly testing a sample population of their students. This sample would focus on testing students without symptoms to ensure a random sample. Screening students without symptoms gives a better look of what's going on at the campus and surrounding it. Formal guidance on this will come out in the next several days. The expectation is to plan to screen at least 3% of their student population every week and also to work with the local health department. *Ursel McElroy*- Discussing today the expansion into indoor visitation guidance for older Ohioans in congregate settings. Encouraging increased vigilance by those entering these facilities. She emphasized that even though visitation will be allowed, this does not signal that conditions are improved and it is acceptable to become lax. Stay home if you feel ill in order to protect the residents and the staff that is taking care of them. Always remember you are walking into someone's home, stay tuned in to the level of spread happening in your area. If it local rate of spread is high, think about risks associated with you unknowingly spreading the virus within the facility. The facility has to determine its level of readiness, look at community transmission. Consider the case status within the facility. Staffing levels- do they have adequate levels? Do they have access to adequate testing? PPE supplies- do they have what they need? Is there adequate local hospital capacity to manage a local outbreak if one were to occur? Limit entry to personnel, screen all staff and visitors, maintain daily log of those entering, require scheduled visits in predetermined areas, 30 min maximum for a visit. 2 visitors per resident per visit. These visitors must be able to social distance and wear a face covering supplied by the facility. Visitation information will be reported to the state and this data will be reported via a state dashboard on the www.coronavirus.gov site. October 12th is the date when indoor visitations will be permitted in these settings. *Department of Developmental Disabilities*- beginning Monday Sept 28th indoor visitation can begin. *Mental health*- working with the general assembly to come up with additional funds to support these efforts. They hope to announce early next week additional funds for k-12 schools. We

also are going to try to get more assistance back into the individual communities. We also know that some of our renters are under great stress and we need to help them along with small businesses. Nothing specific to announce today, but they are trying to work out details by next week to announce some ways to help those in need. *National Guard*-After receiving a formal request from Cleveland officials last night, the governor is issuing a proclamation today that activates around 300 Ohio National Guard members to assist Cleveland Police ensure a safe and secure environment for those attending next Tuesday's presidential debate in Cleveland. *Police reform bill*- support local law enforcement agencies to recruit the right law enforcement officers. The main goal is to improve the training. The governor announced today that the Ohio Office of Law Enforcement Recruitment hired a new Director Sarah Shendy.

Lt. Governor Husted- *sports order update*: we have been successful with our actions so far. We are trying to incrementally get back into things and learn from experiences. We are now removing the prohibition of playing 1 team per day in the new order. We are however adding language to make sure everybody is following the protocols and to cooperate with the local inspectors making sure there is compliance. *Innovate Ohio*- in partnership with the Ohio Department of Health was recognized with the Government Experience Award for their COVID-19 response. Ohio's approach to data has received recognition from the Center of Digital Government, a national research and advisory institute focused on tech policy and best practices in state and local government. *STEMM scholarship*- announced a new request for proposal for Ohio Higher Ed's Choose Ohio First Program that will provide funding to support scholarships in science, technology, engineering, math, and medicine fields. This helps boost Ohio's efforts to strengthen the state's workforce in the STEMM fields while supporting almost 1,400 Ohio students. More than \$20 million will be awarded in the next 5 years. Community colleges, independent four year colleges, and universities, and public four year universities can visit ohiohighered.org to learn more.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 139632

Probable Cases: 8112

Total plus probable: 147744

Ohio Hospitalizations: 15051

ICU Admissions: 3228

Confirmed Deaths: 4414

Total Deaths: 4715

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): 1802 (+52)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 151 (no change)

Wood County Deaths: 81 (no change)

Wood County Active Cases: 160 (+27)

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.
- State EMA: Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 903 (146,753) total new cases, 8 (3,218) ICU admissions, 52 (4,687) deaths, and 78 (14,977) hospitalizations. ODH reports vaccine distribution discussions are occurring across all three clinical zones. 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.
- 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 139632 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1802 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 160 active cases, of those 151 are or have been hospitalized, 81 deaths.
- K-12 school districts are required to notify parents/guardians whose children may be impacted by someone who has confirmed or probable COVID-19 illness and participated in class, sports or activities.
 - Within 24 hours, schools will provide written notification to:
 - Parents/guardians of a student who shared a classroom or participated in a school activity.
 - Parents/guardians of students at the school building.
 - Schools will also report cases to the Health Department within 24 hours.
 - School district information will be released to the public once per week.
 - Updates from Wood County Health Department will be posted on Wednesdays at [Coronavirus.WoodCountyHealth.org](https://www.woodcountyhealth.org) and on social media.

- The Ohio Department of Health will release similar information on Thursdays at [Coronavirus.Ohio.gov](https://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)
 - For several reasons, there won't be a direct correlation between K-12 statistics and the daily numbers that Wood County Health Department reports.
 - Cases reported by school districts focus on the physical impact to the school. If a student attends classes in two school systems, both school systems are impacted, so both would report the case. In this example, one student would be counted twice for the school reporting, but they would only be counted as one positive case in the Health Department's regular COVID-19 case update.
 - It's also possible that employees who do not live in Wood County could be counted in one or more school district updates, but not as a Wood County COVID-19 case.
 - Overall case numbers will still be reported based in the county where a person lives.
- Wood County Health Department continues to engage with many public and private schools in our county.
 - We are committed to continuing to work closely with schools to help them navigate this process. We will provide guidance, help them report information, and answer questions they may have.

Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS:

- September 21-27 is rail safety week. <https://oli.org/about-us/public-awareness-campaigns/rail-safety-week>
- In honor of First Responder Appreciation Week the Wood County ADAMHS Board and the Frontline Responders Network will be providing a series of **FREE**, virtual webinars available to **ALL** first responders in Wood County! Please distribute this to your contacts that could benefit. The schedule is as follows:
 - **Friday 9/25/20 @ 9 A.M. : “Local Resources for Front Line Workers: Caring for Our Caregivers”**
 - Experts will provide various resources that are available in the Wood county region and how first responders and their families can benefit from these resources. To sign up for and to watch the webinar please visit: <https://www.frontlinerespondersnetwork.com/registration>. This registration will give you access to the Frontline Responders Network where you'll be able to interact with others and watch other recorded webinars.

BGSU:

- 116 positive COVID cases this week. 114 students, 1 faculty, 1 staff. Individuals experiencing COVID symptoms or who have been potentially exposed should call their health care provider or the Falcon Health Center and self-isolate while they await test results. If you have been exposed and receive a negative test result, you need to quarantine the full 14 days from the time of exposure, as symptoms could present at any point. In addition to symptomatic testing, BGSU is implementing a program of randomized surveillance testing that will help monitor and respond to the prevalence of COVID. <https://www.bgsu.edu/coronavirus/return-to-campus/isolation-and-quarantine-protocols.html?deliveryName=DM8482>
- The BGSU COVID Response Hotline: 419-372-3000 is open M-F 8am-8pm and Saturday from 10am-2pm. Students, staff, and faculty can email health@bgsu.edu or call the hotline if they have a pending COVID test or to report a positive result to begin contact tracing.
- BGSU has launched the #campusclear app which can be downloaded for free and used for daily health screenings. <https://www.bgsu.edu/news/2020/09/bgsu-launches-campusclear-app.html?deliveryName=DM8482>

- Falcon Commitment: <https://www.bgsu.edu/coronavirus/return-to-campus/before-arriving-on-campus.html?deliveryName=DM8482>

Schools:

- For school positivity data please see the Wood County Health Department website at: <https://sites.google.com/view/wchdohio-coronavirus>

Local:

- Wood County: Wood County Employment Opportunities: Know someone looking for a job? Wood County Government posts open positions on-line at <https://www.co.wood.oh.us/commissioners/employment/default.html>.
- Grand Rapids Township Fire and Rescue: Saturday September 26th 2020. This will be a drive-thru event at the fire station. We will start to serve at 11am until sold out. We will only be doing full meals they are \$10 for a half chicken, baked beans, potato salad and a roll with butter. With the circumstances we are under this year, there is NO dining in at the station. We are asking that you please stay in your vehicles. If possible please have the exact amount for your order.
- Perrysburg Township Fire: Although our annual open house is canceled due to COVID we plan on having a drive through chicken BBQ Saturday Oct 10 at the station, 26711 Lime City Rd, from 4 pm until the chickens are gone. \$10 donation for a half chicken two side and cookies for desert. We hope to see you there!
- Wood County Committee on Aging: The Wood County Committee on Aging, Inc. (WCCOA) is offering various educational and enrichment opportunities through their new LivelyU Virtual Learning Academy (VLA). Virtual programs that fall under this umbrella will be recorded and accessible on the agency website and YouTube channel for participants unable to attend the live program. The aim of the LivelyU VLA is to reduce social isolation, encourage active engagement, and enhance older adults' abilities to remain at home while Wood County Senior Centers remain closed. LivelyU VLA is planned to continue after centers have opened as well. Sessions will focus on providing up-to-date information on various topics including public health, nutrition, financial planning, book clubs, cultural programming, caregiver education and more. If you are interested in joining LivelyU VLA programming, contact the Programs Department at 419.353.5661 or 800.367.4935 or email programs@wcco.net Past programs can be viewed at <http://wcco.net/video-library/>
- Wood County Senior Centers: All senior center locations within Wood County, including Perrysburg, Rossford, Walbridge, Grand Rapids, Pemberville Wayne, North Baltimore, and the Wood County Senior Center in Bowling Green will remain closed until November 3, 2020.
- The City of Northwood will be conducting a Public Hearing September 24, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the Planning Commissions recommendation for the re-zoning of parcel M50-812-350000032000 from (NCO) Neighborhood Commercial and Office and (PUD) Planned Unit Development to (RA) Rural Residential. If you would like to attend, please use the meeting information below. The same Zoom link will be used for the Council Meeting immediately following the Public Hearing.
 - Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85417306180...> Meeting ID: 854 1730 6180 Passcode: 133141 Dial by your location +1 646 876 9923

Weather

- **Today:** Mostly cloudy through mid morning, then gradual clearing, with a high near 82. Calm wind becoming southwest 5 to 9 mph in the morning. **Tonight:** Clear, with a low around 53. Southwest wind 3 to 5 mph. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming south

around 6 mph in the afternoon. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 58. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm in the evening.

- There will be a virtual basic spotter training class October 5th from 6-8pm. The class is free and open to anyone. Please register at: <https://www.weather.gov/iln/onlinespotter>

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

