

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 Thursday October 1, 2020****

Governor DeWine- *Gun Violence*: 20 Ohioans this past week died due to gun violence. In the last week, 21 or more additional Ohioans have been shot. There is legislation that has been pending in the general assembly for almost a year. This legislation is a way to get tough against convicted felons carrying guns illegally. *Data*- new case numbers above the average. This is typically expected after the weekend lag. Top 10 counties ranked by highest occurrence: Putnam, Mercer, Pike, **Wood**, Athens, Shelby, Lawrence, Henry, Jackson, Defiance. *Wastewater project*: Rebecca Fugitt from ODH discussed testing wastewater for gene fragments of COVID. A significant sustained increase in these gene fragments can prove an early community COVID warning sign and point out potential hotspots. Research suggests that we see this gene fragment increase in wastewater 3-7 days prior to an increase in cases. Increases have been detected in 6 cities recently. The program is currently monitoring 36 cities, and the plan is to increase to an additional 25 cities in the next month. *Director Annette Chambers Smith* discussed how wastewater monitoring plays a role in a new testing plan to help limit virus spread in Ohio's prisons. Starting Oct 6, mandatory testing will be done at the Department Rehabilitation and Correction based on triggers from wastewater testing. They are also transitioning to having testing on site on demand for staff, rather than encouraging/requiring staff to seek out testing as needed on their own and on their own time. At present, 79 staff and 266 residents have tested positive in the prison system. 3 Ohio prisons have the majority of the positive cases. 1/3 of Ohio prisons don't have any positive cases. Flu shots in prison- the goal is to ensure that staff have accessibility to these vaccines. Flu vaccines will also be provided to those who are incarcerated. Airflow inside the prison- since COVID began, HVAC systems have been improved, the prisons also engaged Dr. Weir from OSU to provide guidance on air filtration systems and associated testing to ensure their efficacy. Additionally, they changed out air filters to improved ones and are procuring portable air filtration systems to have ready when in need. *Medicaid*- new application will open tomorrow for businesses interested in providing managed care plans for children and adults within the Medicaid program. The selected plans will be an essential piece in improving the health and lives of millions of Ohioans. Not only will selected plans work with the administration to build better systems of care, but they also play a special role in helping their members develop good health habits. If you are currently covered by Medicaid, please know that any changes to Ohio's managed care plans will not disrupt your coverage or access to care. Medicaid will also be issuing a second managed care application later this fall to specifically serve children who have complex and behavioral health needs. The new managed care program for children called Ohio RISE will work to build up evidence based care coordination and

behavioral health programs throughout the state ensuring access for more children and better outcomes. We have developed a new vision for Ohio's Medicaid program that focuses on people and not just the business of managed care. This is the first major overhaul of Medicaid in 15 years. *PSAs*- These are airing now and were made by the Ohio Hospital Association. They are featuring Ohioans who are COVID19 survivors sharing their stories. *Ohio fire service hall of fame*- 11 recipients named in 2020, visit state fire marshal's website for more information on the recipients.

Lt. Governor Husted- In *Cleveland* for the presidential debate. *Workforce issues*- individual micro credential assistance program (IMAP). This program reimburses training providers. Ohioans who are low income, partially employed, or unemployed, can access training through IMAP at no cost. This will help 2000 Ohioans earn credentials. The program offers up to 71 credentials to assist to upskill Ohioans. Visit www.lmap.development.ohio.gov for more information. 12 eligible providers are listed there, learn how to enroll, 55 of these 71 credentials can be done online. IMAP reimburses training providers up to \$3000 for each completed technology-focused credential issued, and up to \$250000 per provider. *FAFSA*- Reminder for Ohioans of the free application for federal student aid that opens October 1st. All *Midwest states* except Ohio reported more cases in the past four weeks as compared to the prior four weeks according to a Reuter's article.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 144265

Probable Cases: 8642

Total plus probable: 152907

Ohio Hospitalizations: 15413

ICU Admissions: 3274

Confirmed Deaths: 4480

Total Deaths: 4783

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): 1958 (+28)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 159 (+3)

Wood County Deaths: 81

Wood County Active Cases: 177 (-30)

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:

- OPEN Online Training - When community-based organizations such as food pantries, daycares & nonprofits are unable to sustain operations during an emergency or pandemic, people who rely on them are severely impacted. Organizations Preparing for Emergency Needs (OPEN) online training is designed to help community-based organizations and individuals to better prepare for incidents. OPEN uses 10 preparedness actions to develop disaster response plans. [#BeReady https://community.fema.gov/opentraining](https://community.fema.gov/opentraining)
- 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:

- **Pop up testing available in Oregon, OH September 30th from 9am-2pm. Oregon Recreation Soccer Fields, 5401 Starr Extension Oregon, OH 43616.**
- There have been 144265 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1958 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 177 active cases, of those 159 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 and on social media.
 - The Ohio Department of Health will release similar information on Thursdays at 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:

- 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 dessert.
- Milton Township's Chicken Barbecue on this Sunday, October 4th, from 11 am until gone, Drive Thru only...enter from the East on Mermill Rd.

BGSU:

- 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-campus-clear-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>.
- The City of Perrysburg will begin its fall leaf collection on Monday, October 19th. During this period, the city will be covered several times. Crews will begin on the east side of town this year and work their way west. A final sweep of the city leaf collection will commence on Monday, November 30th. A supervisor will follow the crew to ensure all leaf piles are collected. Leaves put out once crews have completed the final sweep will not be picked up.
- Wood County 3rd annual personal shredding event: Saturday Nov. 14, 2020 9am-12pm. Located at Wood County JFS parking lot. Wood County residents may bring up to 5 bags or boxes of paper items to shred onsite as you watch. All they ask is that you provide a gift card or cash donation. Masks required if you get out of your car and social distancing requirements encouraged.
- The WIC Clinic at the Wood County Health Department is reopened, 1840 E. Gypsy Lane Rd. Bowling Green. We are still offering curbside service. Follow our signs to the side of our building and we will serve you at your car. Keep your appointment or make a new one. We will have WIC swag bags for all our participants.
- 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.
- Food giveaway: Friday October 2nd 10:00am-1130am. Drive thru only, Wood County residents only. First United Methodist Church 1526 E. Wooster St. Bowling Green, OH. 419-353-0682

Weather

- **Today:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 64. Southwest wind around 10 mph. **Tonight:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 48. Southwest wind around 8 mph. **Wednesday:** A chance of showers, mainly after 4pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 65. Southwest wind 11 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible. **Wednesday Night:** A chance of showers before 8pm. Partly cloudy, with a low around 45. West wind 8 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch possible.
- 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

