

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 September 8, 2020****

Governor DeWine- Today marks 6 months since the decision to cancel spectators attending the Arnold Classic. That was a tough decision but it set Ohio on a good path. *Labor Day* is coming up this weekend. What we saw over the 4th of July, was a large uptick in cases in the weeks following the holiday. What we do this weekend will determine what our fall will look like. We have a lot of things going for us now in Ohio and we don't want to go backwards. We can still have fun. It's not where you go, but rather what you do and how you do it. *Data*- 50 deaths reported yesterday. This is the highest number since June. *Top 10 counties* ranked by highest case occurrence: Putnam, Montgomery, Meigs, Butler, Jackson, Darke, Shelby, Mercer, Henry, Auglaize. 7 counties are red. *Anecdotes regarding spread*- multiple off campus parties in Cincinnati (78 confirmed cases), in Wood County some small social gatherings have facilitated spread. *Wastewater monitoring*: New dashboard for this at coronavirus.ohio.gov. Testing wastewater will provide us with an early warning sign for increase in COVID prevalence in certain communities. We will be looking for RNA within the wastewater. This might alert us earlier about a potential uptick or hotspots. 22 active sites presently. *Child care*- Earlier this week, a milestone was achieved. As of Tuesday 100% of providers that serve publicly funded children were required to have been rated by the Step Up to Quality measure. *Lead*- \$725,000 is being awarded to the City of Cincinnati to remove and replace lead service lines/fixtures at nearly 200 childcare centers. *Colleges*- Dr. Gregory Crawford Miami University. Miami started classes all online. They have a significant number of students living off campus in the community. Have seen a spike among those living off campus in a short amount of time (704 cases). Likely a result of parties and large gatherings. As a result, Miami has increased testing and tracing strategies. This includes casting a wide net and testing asymptomatic individuals. *New Order*- K-12: Parents to notify school if their child is positive, requires the school notify parents of positive case in building, and to make information about cases available to the public. This goes into effect on September 8th. The parents or guardians and school staff should notify their school within 24 hours of receiving a positive test result or clinical diagnosis. In addition, a school district will identify a COVID coordinator to facilitate the reporting of case information and upon request schools or buildings are required to provide the local health department a copy of their pandemic plan. OSU Wexner- PSA from Dr. Sophia Tolliver to air. Previous donation from FEMA 2 million masks to state education centers- FEMA is donating 9 million masks to Ohio in the next few weeks. They will be distributing 4 million of those masks to students and teachers at schools across the state including public, private, charter and parochial schools and career centers. 144,000 masks will go to Ohio JFS to distribute to daycare centers. 2 million masks will go to programs

and organizations that help underserved groups. 1 million masks will go to higher education institutions across the state. The remaining masks will be stored until needed.

Lt. Governor Husted- *US Department of Defense* has made a commitment to Ohio's defense manufacturers and put the state in a positive to receive \$5 million grant to improve manufacturing processes and train workers for next-generation jobs. Ohio has also been designated as a Defense Manufacturing Community, which is a program designed to support long term community investments that strengthen national security innovation and expand the capabilities of defense manufacturing. Thank you to *Progressive Insurance* for their patriotism and willingness to pitch in during a difficult time through their assistance with the unemployment compensation system. They provided 100 call center employees for free to Ohio Job and Family Services to help field calls related to pandemic unemployment assistance claims.

Ohio total confirmed cases: 120,471

Total plus probable: 127,112

Ohio Hospitalizations: 13,663

ICU Admissions: 3,003

Total Deaths: 4,226

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): 1389 (+13)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 127 (no change)

Wood County Deaths: 70 (+1)

Wood County Active Cases: 81 (+5)

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." "Even while battling the coronavirus, Ohioans have dealt with other emergencies, including floods, tornadoes, and extreme heat," said Governor Mike DeWine. "Disasters can happen at any time, and National Preparedness Month is a good time to ensure you're ready to handle the next emergency." "As the governor said, disasters don't pause because of the coronavirus," said Ohio Emergency Management Agency Executive Director Sima Merick. "We have to stay diligent. We have to stay prepared. We have to make plans to protect ourselves and loved ones from hazards and severe weather events that can impact our lives. Making and practicing your emergency plans, which includes having disaster supply kits for the home and car, are just a few things that we all can do to be safe and resilient." In coordination with FEMA's Ready campaign, the Ohio EMA and

ReadyOhio encourage households, county EMAs, businesses, schools, and places of worship to plan for emergencies by participating in the weekly themes for NPM 2020. Please visit ready.gov and follow Wood County EMA social media for tips and updates.

- State EMA: As of 8am, over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,157 (125,767) total new cases, 14 (2,989) ICU admissions, and 95 (13,574) hospitalizations, which were above the 21-day averages. There were 11 (4,176) deaths in the last 24 hours which is below the 21-day average. 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.
- 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 120,471 total confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1389 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 81 active cases, of those 127 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>.
- 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](https://www.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.
- **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:

- Wood County ADAMHS: 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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:

- 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
- Wood County Museum: will be opening a new permanent exhibit, The Mary & Carl Bach Story, on October 1, 2020. This exhibit confronts the folklore surrounding the most recognized object in the museum's collection – Mary's fingers. Human remains exhibited in unnatural circumstances can be emotionally concerning while inexplicably fascinating to visitors, but there is more to the story. This exhibit contextualizes how Carl & Mary met, what led to the murder, and what the trial transcripts reveal. A grand opening celebration & open house for the exhibit will take place on Thursday, October 1, 2020 from 3:00 PM – 6:00 PM. A ribbon cutting, courtesy of the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce, will be held at 4:00 PM on the museum lawn. In addition to the ribbon cutting, The Cocoon will display "The Wood County Clothesline Project" on the Museum front lawn. Visitors will be expected to wear a facemask or covering and respect a six-foot distance from other visitors. The 30,000 square-foot museum building provides ample room for social distancing. RSVP's appreciated, send to marketing@woodcountyhistory.org
- 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.
- The City of Perrysburg will be spraying for mosquitoes tonight weather permitting. Perrysburg City Council approved a proposal to establish their own Downtown Outdoor Refreshment Area in a 5-2 vote.

Weather

- **This Afternoon:** Sunny, with a high near 84. Southwest wind 11 to 13 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind 6 to 10 mph. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 74. West wind 6 to 15 mph. **Friday Night:** Clear, with a low around 54. West wind 5 to 7 mph becoming southwest after midnight.

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

