

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 Thursday September 10, 2020****

Governor DeWine- *Detective James Skernivitz* death- Gave condolences to the officers of the Cleveland police department and his friends and family. He spent more than two decades in law enforcement, protecting the citizens of Ohio. He was sworn in the day before his death to work as part of a federal initiative to fight violence in Cleveland. He leaves behind a wife and three children. *Ohio State* President Dr. Kristina Johnson- Classes started Aug 24th. 20,000 students came back for some variation of face to face classes. 12,000 students are living on campus, 8,000 off campus. OSU has decided to enhance their testing- To date, 40,000 tests have been done. So far, 1500 individuals have tested positive. They also ramped up contact tracing in order to isolate and quarantine those who needed it. *Gun Violence*- In the last week, 40 people shot, 21 of those died. We have to get tougher in Ohio on repeat violent offenders and those who have no business having a gun. There is a bill pending in state legislature that would help with this. *Data- Top 10 counties* ranked by highest occurrence- Putnam, Butler, Meigs, Mercer, Montgomery, Shelby, Auglaize, Darke, Franklin, Henry. *Pandemic EBT*- 1000s of children in Ohio who qualify for free or reduced-price meals, but are learning remotely will soon receive additional money to purchase nutritious foods through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer. This spring Ohio issued \$250M+ in PEBT benefits to more than 850,000 students. Ohio JFS will issue the second round of benefits later this month to eligible children. Parents don't need to apply, benefits will be loaded to your Ohio Direction care or a new one will be mailed *Cleveland Clinic in partnership with Clorox, Safer at Home campaign*: Dr. Aaron Hamilton, Chief Safety and Quality Officer at the Cleveland Clinic discussed this framework for families and individuals to assist them in making safe choices. This should help make assessments on the level of risk to allow individuals to make empowered decisions in their daily life. "Time, space and people" are some considerations to look at when deciding to engage in these activities. This Safer at Home guide, free and accessible for the public and can be found at: [Clevelandclinic.org/COVID19athome](https://clevelandclinic.org/COVID19athome). To honor our great *Ohio history*, beginning this Friday please visit [Ohiohistory.org/opendoors](https://ohiohistory.org/opendoors) virtual Ohio historical tours. *Rumors*- I want to clear up any confusion about the latest non-congregate sheltering order. The order was issued in March and has been renewed twice. This order allows for federal funds reimbursement for the agencies footing the bill for this type of sheltering. Bottom-line, neither FEMA nor ODH are going to set up "FEMA camps" for anyone to quarantine against their will. What we are doing is making available a safe place for people to stay when they have loved ones they are trying to protect and they have no other place to go. These are simply rumors on the internet. This is absolutely ridiculous, there is no intention to separate children from their families but somehow this has been reported by news and elected officials. We can't spend all of our time talking about these rumors. We have tried to get people

the best information that we can since March. *Prisons*- now at 44,600 total prison population which is the lowest number since 2005. There are 247 COVID+ inmates in 11 of 28 facilities. 7 facilities are currently COVID free. Most facilities have some tests pending. *Vaccine*- Look to our scientists and our doctors, let them do what they do, safely. We were notified to be ready by Nov. 1, that doesn't mean that the vaccine will be ready then.

Lt. Governor Husted- The Ohio BMV has been awarded the "Customer Convenience Award" from the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) for the "Get in line, online" virtual queuing system. This is an effort to use technology to improve the way we provide customer service in the state. To use this, go to their website, virtually get in line and reserve your spot, then enter this information when you get to the physical location, to then claim your spot. This process is very helpful during COVID. Bmv.ohio.gov for more information. *Root Insurance*- thanks for their help with Ohio pandemic unemployment system in our time of need. Remember to help your *small local businesses*. They may be struggling during this time. Honor life and service of *Patrick Sweeny*- Ohio legislator. *OSSHA*- sending out observers to make sure schools are in compliance with the orders given regarding school sports. Widespread compliance has been witnessed so far. *Unemployment \$300 benefit*- Ohio was approved for \$717 million dollars that will be paid out until the money is gone, then we would need to see an option from Congress to continue with that program beyond that.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 125144

Probable Cases: 6848

Total plus probable: 131992

Ohio Hospitalizations: 13967

ICU Admissions: 3042

Confirmed Deaths: 4009

Total Deaths: 4298

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): 1472 (+60)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 137 (+9)

Wood County Deaths: 70

Wood County Active Cases: 94 (-1)

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.

- 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 778 (131,336) total new cases, one (3,034) ICU admission, 17 (4,276) deaths, and 46 (13,887) 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. On September 7, a line of severe storms transited southward through the state. Flash flooding occurred in 19 northern and central counties. Wind gusts from the storm reached nearly 70 mph causing damage to many trees, power lines and a few buildings. Statewide power outages peaked at approximately 32,600. No State assistance has been requested at this time.
- 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 125144 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 1472 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 94 active cases, of those 137 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](https://www.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.
- 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:

- 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- Tomorrow 9/9, crews will be conducting crack seal work on Front Street/SR 25 North to the Maumee-Perrysburg Bridge. Delays are expected. Work is expected to take less than one day to complete.

Weather

- **This Afternoon:** A slight chance of showers, then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2pm. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. South wind 6 to 8 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New rainfall amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Tonight:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 9pm. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 66. East wind 5 to 7 mph becoming northeast after midnight. Chance of precipitation is 30%. New precipitation amounts of less than a tenth of an inch, except higher amounts possible in thunderstorms. **Wednesday:** Partly sunny, with a high near 81. Calm wind becoming northeast 5 to 8 mph in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 62. Northeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

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

