

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

Next press conference scheduled for Thursday October 15th, 2020 2pm

Executive Summary:

Governor DeWine- Today I want to discuss where we are and where we are going. You can liken this to halftime of a sporting event. *Data-* There have been 1447 new cases in the last 24 hours. This number has gone up dramatically in the last few weeks from what was around 1000/day. We are also not yet seeing a drop in positivity. 4.1% in the last day, 3.9% in the last 7 days. These numbers have gone up dramatically. Many of these red counties are about 3 times what is considered the high incidence level from the CDC. 51 counties are now considered high incidence counties. This shows how the virus has spread throughout the state. *Top 10 Ohio counties by highest occurrence-* Athens, Fayette, Putnam, Mercer, Darke, Auglaize, Jackson, Butler, Henry, Miami. Where are we going- no one can answer this with great certainty. Things will get better, but in all likelihood they will get worse before they get better. We have been seeing this in the last few week's trends. All the experts say that when cold weather hits and people move inside, we will see more spread. We have achieved a lot and have done exceedingly well throughout this event. What we have really avoided is the huge spike where we would see our hospitals overflowing. I am proud of where we are and what you have done, it has made a big difference. We have seen more deaths and cases than we want, but we are doing well when compared to other states and countries. The future- This could be a tough fall and winter. We are seeing fairly significant spread throughout Ohio at a higher rate. Cases and positivity and hospitalizations are up. We need to remember we can control and mitigate a lot of this. Ohioans are tough and resilient. How we come out of this, how it impacts all of us, will really depend on both what we do and will depend on how quickly we get the vaccine and how well it works. *Vaccine-* We have every indication that the President's Operation Warp Speed, which is subsidizing vaccine companies clinical trials and manufacturing costs, is working well. The timing is something that Ohioans cannot control. It seems to be coming along. The money and right people have been put in and are working hard. Wear your masks, wash your hands, and keep distance. What we do collectively helps to improve what the next few months will look like. By next summer, we could be in a position where we are getting the vaccine out in large quantities. *Goals moving forward-* keep economy moving, keep the jobs we have, create new jobs, keeping small businesses going. To do this, we have to keep the virus from flaring up. We all want to get through this alive and unhurt so we can be there for our families. What we do in our communities will determine this. *Game plan-* wear masks when you're out and seeing others. This is how we disrupt the virus spread. The virus needs our help to spread, don't help it. *Childhood vaccines and well visits-* Make sure your children continue to get their normal vaccinations, we do not want these preventable diseases hurting our kids and our communities. Make

sure you continue to take your children to go to their well child visits. There have been some concerns about the decline in these visits from normal numbers. As a result of the pandemic, vaccine rates have been plummeting across the country. Well child visits fell during the spring, which dropped the rates of vaccinations. From Jan-April CDC saw a cumulative decrease in 2.5 million doses of vaccines administered. They also noted a decrease in 350,000 well child visits. We are starting to see these numbers trend back up, but we need to play catch up. We can run the risk of vaccine preventable illness spreading throughout our community. It is recommended that all individuals 6 months and older get their flu vaccine before Halloween. *Lab capacity dashboard*- new today. We know that pharmacists, nursing homes, colleges/universities, employers, and others administering COVID tests may struggle to find a lab to run their samples. Today we are launching a new dashboard to help private entities that are administering tests. [Coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) under other resources tab. This dashboard provides self-reported information about labs that can run tests, including hours of operation, types of tests they accept, estimated turnaround time, and locations. *Testing*- Nursing homes must comply with rigorous federal requirements. In order to assist, the federal government purchased 150 million of these BinaxNOW tests and are sending them to the states in order to increase testing capability. The team in Ohio is working on how to incorporate these antigen tests into the state testing strategy. Lab based PCR tests are the gold standard and provide the most accurate results. Antigen tests, binaxNOW tests can have some level of false positives and negatives, this is a tradeoff but this is an opportunity to test more broadly even though they can be less specific. As a reminder, nothing is a substitute for the precautions we address every day- masks, avoiding large gatherings, washing hands, keeping distance. A negative test is not a green light to let your guard down that is only snapshot in time.

“Testing is an important tool, but if we are truly going to stay ahead of COVID, it will be through acting responsibility and taking care of each other.”- Governor Mike DeWine

Ohio Confirmed cases: 161678

Probable Cases: 9948

Total plus probable: 171626

Ohio Hospitalizations: 16565

ICU Admissions: 3447

Confirmed Deaths: 4709

Total Deaths: 5017

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): 2283 (+55)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 186 (+8)

Wood County Deaths: 94 (+6)

Wood County Active Cases: 128 (+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:

- It's Cybersecurity Awareness Month is here! This year's theme is **Do Your Part. #BeCyberSmart**, emphasizing the role everyone plays in protecting their online lives. If everyone does their part – implementing stronger security practices, raising community awareness, educating vulnerable audiences or training employees – our interconnected world will be safer and more resilient for everyone.
- 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 161678 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 2283 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 128 active cases, of those 186 are or have been hospitalized, 94 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.coronavirus.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:

- Washington Township Fire BBQ Fundraiser- October 17th 4pm-sold out. Public welcome, free will donation, DRIVE THRU ONLY. 18614 Main Street Tontogany, OH
- Wood County Sheriff's Office Drive Thru Trunk or Treat Monday October 26th 6pm-730pm 1960 E. Gypsy Lane Rd Bowling Green, OH.

BGSU:

- Continue to wear a face covering, stay physically distanced, practice good handwashing, conduct a self-wellness check before leaving your home and call a health care provider if you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19.
- October is a good month to get a flu shot, especially this year as public health officials plan for COVID-19 and flu season. Getting a flu vaccine will not protect you from COVID-19; flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, helping to conserve potentially scarce health care resources. By getting a flu shot, you will also reduce your chances of experiencing flu-like symptoms, which could lead to COVID-19 testing and quarantine as you await results.
- BGSU will host flu shot clinics on campus, with dates to be announced soon. Flu shots are also readily available now at the [Falcon Health Center](#) and at local pharmacies.
- 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:

- The Wood County Park District has created a free, self-guided program in the parks that lasts through October. For more information on this family program, here is a link to the promo video: <https://youtu.be/NKXzH0oEDCA>
- There will be a drive-thru food pantry on Thursday, October 15 at 6:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. open to any Wood County resident in need at First United Methodist Church, 1526 East Wooster Street, Bowling Green.
- 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>.
- PERRYSBURG — Way Public Library continues to offer special hours for those age 60 and over and the immunocompromised on three mornings each week. Beginning Oct. 20, the special hours will be modified.
- 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.
- 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.

Weather

- **This Afternoon:** Sunny, with a high near 68. Southwest wind 7 to 10 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 42. Southwest wind 5 to 9 mph. **Wednesday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 71. Light and variable wind becoming south 6 to 11 mph in the afternoon. **Wednesday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 54. Southwest wind 15 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 28 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

