

# Wood County Emergency Management Agency

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## Wood County EOC Situation Report COVID-19 Response October 15, 2020 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:

Governor DeWine- *Data-* Yesterday we were at 2039 cases, our record high. Today, we reached 2178 cases in last 24 hours, another record high. This is a stark contrast to Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, when we had only 762 cases/24 hours. For some time we were hovering around 1000/day. We have gone up dramatically in a short period of time. Hospitalizations are also increasing even though it is a lagging indicator. On Sept 20<sup>th</sup>, there were 563 COVID patients in Ohio hospitals, there were 1042 yesterday, a number that has basically doubled. Today, we also add 13 new red counties, 29 red counties in total. 65% of the population of the state of Ohio are now living in red counties. 52 counties are classified as high incidence- when a county has more than 100 cases/100000 residents over the course of 2 weeks. This is a distinction made by the CDC. ICU admissions have also increased dramatically. *Top 10 highest incidence counties-* Athens, Fayette, Putnam, Mercer, Auglaize, Darke, Allen, Jackson, Butler, Miami. The current positivity number is 5.4, with the 7 day average being 4.2. As test numbers go up you expect to see a decrease in positivity, not an increase. With 70 counties being red or high incidence, 85% of the population of the state is now in an area of high risk. Schools are doing a very good job, and most spread is being found in social gatherings. Some noted examples of this are: bonfires, birthday parties, funerals, weddings, political events. Now is the time to rethink whether these large events are in the best interest of our communities. Health commissioners are also reporting witnessing less mask compliance. Ohioans are becoming complacent in settings where they are comfortable. They are letting their guard down, not wearing masks or keep distance.

Dr. Nick Dreher Medical Director Population Innovation Institute Metro Health System- Ohio knows what to do. It is the basic stuff, staying masked, disinfection, keeping distance. When the beds start disappearing from COVID cases, they disappear for all diseases. This is worrisome. Herd immunity- You don't want to do herd immunity by exposing people to the disease alone that just increases the number of deaths. We do not support use of herd immunity based on disease exposure, only if it is vaccine driven when indeed the vaccine does arrive and is accessible.

Dr. David Margolius Director COVID hotline and Internal Medicine Metro Health System- The COVID call line went from 50 calls/day average to now around 100, in last few weeks the calls have doubled. Those we are seeing testing positive have been spending time with friends and family indoors without masks. Its human nature to want to spend time with people, but it doesn't have to be a binary decision. Wear a mask, try to be outside, and try to be spread apart. Chances are you are less likely to get infected if you follow those guidelines. Throughout this event, he has talked to around 200 people who

have been diagnosed with COVID. We need constant reminders that COVID is still very much out there, and it has not gone away. We all want to be together with family and friends, and you can still do that, just be really careful. We need to exercise a harm reduction mentality. We are all in this together, we can do this.

Lt. Governor Husted- Today is the last day to fill out the 2020 *Census*. *Child care centers*- Children's Discovery Center in Lucas County highlighted. Hiring new people, class sizes small, implementing new protocols. Reassure folks there are *job opportunities* out there [ohiomeansjobs.com](http://ohiomeansjobs.com). 2800 internships also available. Micro credential training program can assist you in learning new skills.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 165627

Probable Cases: 10216

Total plus probable: 175843

Ohio Hospitalizations: 16824

ICU Admissions: 3507

Confirmed Deaths: 4730

Total Deaths: 5038

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): 2325 (+28)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 193 (+4)

Wood County Deaths: 94

Wood County Active Cases: 134 (+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:

- 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 165627 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 2325 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 134 active cases, of those 193 are or have been hospitalized, 94 deaths.
- Families should approach trick-or-treat differently this year in order to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19. Here are some suggestions for enjoying a safe Halloween:
  - Avoid having children select their own treats from a bowl or common container.
  - Limit the number of houses you visit and ask your children to stay as far as possible from anyone you don't live with. Celebrate Halloween in your own community, and don't visit other areas.
  - Wipe off candy wrappers with sanitizing wipes, and allow children to eat only factory-wrapped treats. Avoid homemade treats made by strangers.
  - If your child is at greater risk of serious illness from COVID-19, contact your doctor before allowing participation in Halloween activities. Decorating your home and hiding treats can be a fun alternative to trick-or-treating.
  - A costume mask is not a safe substitute for a cloth mask. A costume mask should not be used unless it is made of two or more layers of breathable fabric that covers the mouth and nose and doesn't leave gaps around the face.
  - Do not wear a costume mask over a protective cloth mask because it could become hard to breathe. Instead, consider using a Halloween-themed cloth mask.
- If you will host trick-or-treaters at your house, take steps to make it safer:
  - Make it contactless. Place treats or individual goodie bags on your porch, steps or a table in the driveway, or hang treats from a wall or fence.
  - Greet trick-or-treaters from behind a storm door or window.
  - Use creative decorations to create a buffer on your porch.
- Party hosts, if you're looking to celebrate this season, follow these tips for a safer event:
  - Do not hold large, in-person Halloween parties. Instead have smaller parties to limit your gathering to no more than 10 people, preferably outside or in larger indoor spaces with ventilation. If you decide to have several parties, be sure to clean and sanitize between groups.
  - If you will have food, it's safer to have prepackaged single-serving food and drinks and disposable utensils. Consider having guests bring their own food and beverages.
  - Practice social distancing and offer plenty of hand sanitizer.
  - Avoid activities such as bobbing for apples that foster the spread of infection.
- Going to a Halloween gathering? Here are some tips to make it safer:
  - Don't go if you feel sick at all. Be sure to check your temperature before you leave the house and monitor for COVID-19 symptoms.
  - Avoid parties that will have more than 10 people.
  - Think about bringing your own food or drink. Avoid potluck or family-style meals.

- Wear a face covering, bring hand sanitizer and keep your distance from people who are not part of your household.
- Consider safer, socially distant ways to celebrate that don't put you in close contact with other people, such as:
  - Having a virtual costume party or pumpkin-carving contest.
  - Having a Halloween movie night with people you live with
  - Having a scavenger hunt-style trick-or-treat search with your household members in or around your home, rather than going house to house.

#### Law Enforcement/Fire/EMS:

- Washington Township Fire BBQ Fundraiser- October 17<sup>th</sup> 4pm-sold out. Public welcome, free will donation, DRIVE THRU ONLY. 18614 Main Street Tontogany, OH
- Wayne Volunteer Fire Department: We will be having another Chicken BBQ!! Saturday, October 24, 2020 Wayne Vol. Fire Department 200 N. Center St., Wayne, Ohio \$10.00 per meal. Drive Through Only Serving 4:30pm until gone
- Wood County Sheriff's Office Drive Thru Trunk or Treat Monday October 26<sup>th</sup> 6pm-730pm 1960 E. Gypsy Lane Rd Bowling Green, OH

#### 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](mailto: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.
- Salvation Army Thanksgiving and Christmas Applications: Oct. 1, 2020-November 19, 2020 M-Th 9a-11am & 1p-3p. 1045 N Main Street #8Bowling Green, OH 43402. 4193525918. Following documents required on distribution day: Photo ID for all adults in the household. Proof of age for all children in the household. Proof of address within the last 30 days.
- 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.
- Reminder that due to COVID-19, the shelter houses are currently closed and reservations are not being taken for 2020. Additionally, the City of Perrysburg will not be issuing any Block Party, Parade/Assemblage, or Special Use Park Permits during the public health emergency. We apologize for the inconvenience and thank you for your patience.
- Wood County 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Museum: Each year in May, during Preservation Month, we host a “This Place Matters” group photo and invite the public & museum members out to participate. This year the group photo was cancelled due to COVID-19. So instead of a 2020 group photo, we are asking for you to email a photo of you holding a special “This Place Matters” sign and help us celebrate the Wood County Museum with “This Place Matters Week!” Please post your photos on Facebook or Instagram and tag us (@WoodCountyMuseum) and use the hashtags #ThisPlaceMatters & #WoodCountyMuseum.
- 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

- **Today:** A chance of showers. Cloudy, with a high near 59. West wind 14 to 16 mph, with gusts as high as 26 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50%. New precipitation amounts between a tenth and quarter of an inch possible. **Tonight:** Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 34. West wind 6 to 9 mph. **Friday:** Patchy frost between 9am and 10am. Otherwise, sunny, with a high near 54. West wind 5 to 9 mph. **Friday Night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 36. Southwest wind around 7 mph
- **FROST ADVISORY REMAINS IN EFFECT FROM 2 AM TO 9 AM EDT FRIDAY.** WHAT: Temperatures as low as 34 will result in frost formation. WHERE: Lucas, Crawford, Hancock, Ottawa, Wood, Sandusky, Seneca, Wyandot and Marion Counties. WHEN: From 2 AM to 9 AM EDT Friday. IMPACTS: Frost could kill sensitive outdoor vegetation if left uncovered.

PRECAUTIONARY/PREPAREDNESS ACTIONS: Take steps now to protect tender plants from the cold.

**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](mailto:woodcountyema@co.wood.oh.us)  
ODH Call line: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634)  
[www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov)

