

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:

Governor DeWine- *President Trump*: We pray for recovery of president and first lady. We need to accept that this virus is in every community in Ohio and that we are all at risk to get it. Wearing masks, keeping distance, washing hands, avoiding large gatherings, taking it seriously and respecting the enemy are all important pieces of this. We do not need to be afraid, we need to be realistic and practical. We need to keep focused. Testing is important but frequent testing cannot substitute for the other measures. This is a major lesson we have learned with the President's illness and WH operations. *Breast cancer awareness month*: Early detection is very critical. *Teachers*: yesterday world teacher day. Thank all of Ohio's teachers, this last year has been a struggle. Ohio teacher of the year Anthony Coy-Gonzales guest on the press conference. *Data*- case numbers trending upward. 1335 last 24 hours. We are concerned. Top 10 by highest occurrence- Mercer, Athens, Putnam, Fulton, Darke, Defiance, Fayette, Henry, **Wood**, and Auglaize. Hospitalizations- admissions had been declining since mid-July. This trend started to change a few weeks ago. The healthcare burden is shifting more towards the western side of the state. Ohioans 60+ now account for about 70% of COVID hospital admissions. This is considerably higher than the 50% we saw in July. *Recovery Ohio Director Alisha Nelson*- kick off mental health awareness week. This is a time of increased anxiety and stress. People who have never had to worry about these types of issues are starting to have these symptoms. Those who frequently have these issues are seeing their symptoms increase. We want to make sure that behavioral health system is open and working to be creative to assist in these times. Telehealth system, medication assistance treatment programs have been expanded, and expanding use of naloxone. 1800720916 is the number for the Ohio Care Line. *Gun violence*- Just this week, 42 more people have been shot, 23 have died. Tomorrow will mark 1 year since the legislation to get tougher on those who are responsible for most gun crimes (convicted felons, convicted of a crime of violence) was introduced. This legislation is still pending. Asking legislature to take action. *CARES money*- We are working closely with the partners in the General Assembly on a plan to use CARES Act money to help Ohioans struggling to pay their rent, mortgage, or water/sewer bills, as well to help small businesses and non-profits. Getting these details worked out in the general assembly. Hoping early next week. *Voting*- Today is first day of early voting. *Professional football*- Browns and Bengals to host 12,000 fans (this is double the capacity from earlier home games). Governor DeWine announced today that he has authorized a *study focused on school students* who are quarantined due to meeting the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's definition of [close contact](#) with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19.

"We have heard anecdotally that most quarantined students are not getting sick, but I believe that it is important to have data and evidence before considering a change to the recommended guidance," said Governor DeWine.

Lt. Governor Husted: *Voting*- Reminding folks they don't need to stand in line to vote, you can request an absentee ballot and drop it off. *Economy*- outlined some of the successes achieved during the first year of the Ohio IP Promise. The initiative, launched by the Lt. Governor in 2019, seeks to make Ohio's universities hubs for innovation and entrepreneurialism by streamlining the process for guiding intellectual property through to commercialization. The Ohio IP Promise is operated jointly by InnovateOhio and the Ohio Department of Higher Education. Since its launch in 2019, the Ohio IP Promise has enabled the University of Cincinnati to generate a record 400 percent increase in startups spun out of UC intellectual property last year and a 1,000 percent increase this year. The Ohio State University now has more than 100 active startup companies in its portfolio, with the IP Promise making a direct and positive impact through the transparency, speed, and ease of engagement that is has driven. The changes made because of the IP Promise also helped quickly facilitate a recent deal in COVID-19 detection with the University of Dayton Research Institute. The licensee noted that the IP Promise helped the deal move along quickly by reducing risk, because of the transparency and trust created by the initiative. "If we want Ohio to be the most innovative, entrepreneurial state in the Midwest, we have to make sure our state is a magnet for research, capital and talent, and by signing on to the IP Promise, our state's universities are playing a greater role in making that happen," said Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "As we move forward and grow this collaboration, I'm confident we will continue to see more invention disclosures and business startups coming out of our universities, and see that those institutions will be better positioned to attract world-class talent to Ohio." The Lt. Governor announced three new areas of collaboration for IP Promise commercialization efforts: 1. Establish a statewide inter-institutional agreement. These agreements are used when two or more institutions (example: the University of Toledo and the University of Akron) jointly own an invention and wish to work together to commercialize it. These agreements define responsibilities for marketing, lead for licensing, and proportional costs and royalties. 2. Establish a collection of institutional entrepreneurial resources. Collecting and cataloging entrepreneurial resources across the IUC provides an opportunity to share and leverage best practices. 3. Establish agreement among IUC members to use consistent non-financial starting terms. Each institution's license may contain different terms and conditions irrespective of technology. By standardizing the terms, partners would be able to process commercialization deals more quickly. Moving forward, the IP Promise will track five benchmarks to further measure the initiative's success in promoting innovation, including **number of invention disclosures**, the **number of technologies licensed**, the **number of startups launched**, the **total amount of portfolio funding**, and the **net promoter score** to measure stakeholder satisfaction. These numbers will be updated annually using five-year moving averages to show up and down trends. Ohio's IP Promise, launched on September 6, 2019, brings together the state's higher education institutions to provide a uniform, transparent, and easy process for technology commercialization for the benefit of students, faculty, and investors. IP Promise is one of several initiatives established under Lt. Governor Husted through his role as Director of InnovateOhio, an office of the Governor, launched by the DeWine-Husted Administration to help make Ohio the most innovative, creative, and entrepreneurial state in the Midwest. On August 13, InnovateOhio and IP Promise partnered with NASAiTech for Ignite the Night Ohio, <https://www.nasaitch.org/ignite-the-night> , a pitch competition. Featured technologies included a portable nuclear reactor from The Ohio State University and an advanced bone fracture risk measurement technology from Ohio University. The Ohio IP Promise was developed in consultation with the Inter-University Council (IUC) of Ohio. Each member institutions has agreed to use the Ohio IP Promise as the starting point for its own commercialization process. *Jobs*- 165,000 jobs currently available on Ohio Means Jobs. *N95s*- Phoenix Quality Manufacturing will produce N95 masks, creating 40 jobs in Jackson County. The facility will convert 23,000 sq. feet of the former Elemental (Ohio Precious Metals) facility into an N95 mask manufacturing operation.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 151983
Probable Cases: 9316
Total plus probable: 161299
Ohio Hospitalizations: 15972
ICU Admissions: 3367
Confirmed Deaths: 4638
Total Deaths: 4947

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): 2164 (+17)
Wood County Hospitalizations: 171 (+1)
Wood County Deaths: 88 (+1)
Wood County Active Cases: 148 (+6)

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 151983 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 2164 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 148 active cases, of those 171 are or have been hospitalized, 88 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.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:

- 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.

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-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 City of Bowling Green City Council has decided to extend the mask mandate/ordinance until the end of the year (Dec. 31.). This is an extension from October 31st.
- Washington Township Fire BBQ Fundraiser- October 17th 4pm-sold out. Public welcomes, free will donation, DRIVE THRU ONLY. 18614 Main Street Tontogany, OH
- Northwood: Meeting Reminder: City Council will meet next Thursday, October 8, 2020 at 7pm. Dial 1 646 876 9923 and use the Meeting ID:811 2347 2091 and Passcode: 231390 to enter.
- 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.
- NWWSD - In response to safety guidance issued by the Ohio Department of Health, The Northwestern Water and Sewer District's Board of Trustees meeting, scheduled for Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 a.m., will take place via teleconference call. Members of the public can listen in by following these instructions: *Webinar:* On Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 a.m., join the webinar by clicking this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87684696892?pwd=SEVRYVZmRGNVc20xU3IPN0NsOXRtUT09> Password: 664391 *Phone only:* On Thursday, October 8, at 7:30 a.m., use your phone to dial: 1-301-715 -8592 When prompted, use ID: 876 8469 6892 and Password: 664391. Note that public access is watch/listen-only. Comments can be emailed to publicinfo@nwwsd.org during and after the meeting.
- 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

- **Today:** Sunny, with a high near 70. Southwest wind 9 to 18 mph, with gusts as high as 29 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 55. Southwest wind 9 to 16 mph.
Wednesday: Sunny, with a high near 74. Breezy, with a west wind 16 to 21 mph.
Wednesday Night: Clear, with a low around 44. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph becoming light north 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

