

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- He stated that he is deeply concerned about the trends. We have done well, but we are now at a point where it is getting colder, and we are starting to see what we feared- young people getting sick then spreading it to someone older. We are seeing widespread spread. We have gotten this far and have not gone over the edge, but it is starting to come. *Top 10 counties with highest incidence-* Fayette, Mercer, Fulton, Athens, Darke, Putnam, Defiance, Henry, Butler, Auglaize. Positivity rate currently at 3.9%, 3.3% 7 day rolling average. This is an increasing trend, and the numbers are not good. *Public health alert system-* Wood County still orange. 18 red counties, highest number of red counties since July 23rd. 58 orange counties, virus impacting a wider swathe of Ohio. Much of the spread is from seemingly benign activities between neighbors and friends. Increased spread among families, friends, churches, after school activities, sports. Half of new red counties outbreaks related to funerals and weddings. Wedding took place recently and sadly 2 grandfathers of the couple died. 96% of Ohioans live in red or orange county. 4% of Ohioans in 12 yellow counties. We need to adjust our routines, we need to be careful in order to live with this virus. Our basic prevention measures hold as true today as they did at the beginning of the pandemic. Stay home if you are sick, even if you think you have allergies or a common cold, wear a mask, social distance, quarantine when you are exposed. *Flu vaccines-* thanked health departments for what they are doing. This may be the most important flu vaccination season in our history, as we fight both the flu and COVID-19 at the same time. Getting your annual flu shot is another layer of protection to stay healthy. *OH TF-1* activated to Louisiana yesterday, for hurricane Delta. Announcement- new *nursing facility order for visitation*. This has been signed by acting director Lance Himes and starts October 12th. This will be on the website after the press conference. The Ohio National Guard is assisting with *free COVID testing* in the Cincinnati area- as part of the First Ladies for Health- Family Health Day. Testing is available at nine locations Sunday October 11th from 1-4pm. Visit familyhealthday.org for details.

Ohio Confirmed cases: 154746

Probable Cases: 9516

Total plus probable: 164262

Ohio Hospitalizations: 16200

ICU Admissions: 3395

Confirmed Deaths: 4674

Total Deaths: 4983

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): 2195 (+18)

Wood County Hospitalizations: 177 (+5)

Wood County Deaths: 88

Wood County Active Cases: 119 (-15)

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 154746 confirmed COVID-19 cases in Ohio. There have been 2195 cases (total confirmed plus probable) in Wood County, presently 119 active cases, of those 177 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.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:

- 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.
- 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:

- In this week's COVID-19 update, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of positive cases over the last week, and, a decrease in our daily case average. While this is encouraging, it is important we remain diligent in our efforts to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community, both on and off campus. 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:

- US Route 6, between SR 235 and Range Line Rd., will be closed beginning Monday, October 5 through Saturday, October 10. Info and detours: <https://tinyurl.com/D2-TrafficAdvisory>
- 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.
- 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.
- 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. West wind 6 to 8 mph. **Tonight:** Mostly clear, with a low around 44. Light west wind. **Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 77. Light south wind increasing to 11 to 16 mph in the morning. Winds could gust as high as 29 mph. **Friday Night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. Southwest wind 11 to 14 mph, with gusts as high as 25 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

