



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Situation Report

Sept. 16, 2020

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updates from the previous report are denoted in red

Situation to Date

Declarations in Response to COVID-19

World Health Organization	Pandemic
United States of America	National Emergency
State of Ohio	State Emergency
Lucas County	Emergency

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

United States of America	6,621,523
State of Ohio	140,518
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	6,592
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	257

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19

United States of America	196,485
State of Ohio	4,555
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	311
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	39

Total COVID-19 tests performed:* 54,945

**Includes all (resident and non-resident) COVID-19 viral nasal swab tests performed in Lucas County (hospital and community testing sites). This number does not include Lucas County residents tested in other jurisdictions.*

State of Ohio Orders, Restrictions, and Advisories

- Dr. Acton executed a [Stay Safe Ohio Order](#) directing all Ohioans to Stay at Home effective from 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd through May 29th). This has been replaced by an “[Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory](#),” effective May 20th. This has been [extended](#) until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies the order.
- Governor DeWine [announced that Ohio will separate its mass gathering guidance into its own order](#). The order will still permit Ohioans to go to work, worship, go to school, and acquire goods and service. Gatherings at a household or family residence should be limited to close friends and family, and are recommended to be 10 visitors or less.
- Effective July 23rd the Ohio Department of Health order has issued a mandate to wear [face coverings](#) in public across the entire state of Ohio. Face coverings are required in any indoor location that is not a residence; when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; or while waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, a taxi, a private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.
- Ohio Department of Health issued a [Director’s Order limiting county and independent fairs](#) with an opening day on or after July 31, 2020 to specific junior fair events only. Activities include livestock competitions for 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitions. Entrance should be limited to immediate family only and a 10:00 PM curfew will be instituted. Harness racing may proceed but rides, games and grandstand events will be prohibited.
- The Ohio Liquor Control Commission held an emergency meeting to enact a [statewide emergency rule](#) to prevent the sale of alcohol at liquor-permitted establishments at 10:00 PM each night, with on-premises consumption ending by 11:00 PM. Businesses may stay open and establishments that sell food can continue serving meals until closing. Additionally, the number of liquor and mixed drinks permitted to be purchased for carryout with a meal has been increased from two drinks to three drinks.
- The Ohio Department of Health Director’s Order [requiring K-12 students returning to the classroom to wear a mask](#).
- Governor DeWine announced on Tuesday August 18th that the Ohio Department of Health will issue a [Director's Order regarding sports this fall](#). The order will specify that only family members and individuals very close to the student athlete or halftime performer – such as marching band members – will be allowed to attend the games as spectators. Marching bands and cheerleaders will also be allowed. The decision for high school fall sports that have been postponed to springtime will be left to the school districts. This order will apply to all organized sports in the state, not just Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- On Tuesday August 25, the ODH Director issued an [order that provides Mandatory Requirements for Entertainment Venues](#). “Entertainment Venues” shall include auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, concert and music halls, theaters, ballrooms, gymnasiums, convention centers, arcades, bingo halls, adult and child skill or chance games, laser tag

facilities, and interactive game facilities hosting non-Sports events. It follows similar capacity limitations to indoor and outdoor sports venues.

- Beginning Tuesday, September 8, parents or guardians and school staff should notify their school within 24 hours of receiving a positive test or a clinical diagnosis. Within 24 hours after receiving that notification, the school should notify other parents and guardians about that case in writing, providing as much information as possible without releasing protected health information. The school must also notify their local health department within 24 hours. [The order is posted at coronavirus.ohio.gov](#).
- Senior Centers may open on September 21st according to an ODH [Director's Order](#). Ohio has issued mandatory and recommended best practices in the [Responsible Restart plan for senior centers](#).
- Governor DeWine signed [House Bill 606](#) into law. House Bill 606, sponsored by Representative Diane Grendell, ensures civil immunity to individuals, schools, health care providers, businesses, and other entities from lawsuits arising from exposure, transmission, or contraction of COVID-19, or any mutation of the virus, as long as they were not showing reckless, intentional, or willful misconduct. It also shields health care providers from liability in tort actions regarding the care and services they provide during this pandemic unless they were acting recklessly or displaying intentional misconduct.

Situational Awareness

Statewide Updates

- Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,001 (139,485) total new cases, 14 (3,111) ICU admissions, 87 (4,506) deaths, and 103 (14,481) hospitalizations (source: SEOC SitRep 9/16/2020).
- Statewide positivity rate is 3.7% over the past 7 days. The reproduction number as of September 15th is 0.94. Data calculations conducted by the Ohio Department of Health also show the continued increase in cases among younger adults in the age groups of 0-19 and 20-29.
- People entering Ohio after travel to or from states reporting a 15% positive rate or higher are asked to quarantine for 14 days. As of September 9th, that applies to North Dakota, South Dakota, Kansas and Alabama. The [list of states with a travel advisory](#) is updated each Wednesday.
- Adult day care and senior centers will open on September 21st. The facilities will test staff every other week and participants if they present symptoms. Outdoor visitation started at Ohio nursing homes on July 20th. If visitors have questions about protocols or concerns about a facility in their area, they can contact the Ohio Department of Aging. The Department of Aging is working on a dashboard to increase transparency about the status of visitation at facilities across the state.

- With flu season approaching, Governor DeWine today reminded Ohioans of the importance of getting a flu shot this year. Those who are elderly and need help getting to their physician's office can contact their local Area Agency on Aging at 866-243-5678 to access transportation resources and other services. Anyone without a primary healthcare provider can visit vaccinefinder.org to find nearby pharmacies and other healthcare locations offering the flu vaccine.
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention [issued an Order](#) under Section 361 of the Public Health Service Act to temporarily halt residential evictions to prevent the further spread of COVID-19. This Order is effective September 4, 2020 through December 31, 2020.
- USDA extended their school food program through December 31st so all students regardless of situation have access to food. This extension allows summer meal program operators to continue serving free meals to all children into the fall months.
- The Ohio School Safety Center requires each school building must conduct at least one emergency management exercise annually to assess and evaluate the school's emergency preparedness. The deadline for conducting the 2020 annual Emergency Management Test has been extended from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021. Essentially, requiring two emergency exercises by the end of 2021.
- An allocation of cloth masks from Health and Human Services is being shipped to schools through Ohio Department of Education and the regional Educational Service Centers
- The Ohio Secretary of State has reached an agreement with Walmart for transportation and distribution of PPE for local boards of elections.

Lucas County Updates

- Popup Testing will be held at UT Scott Park campus on September 16th and 17th from Noon to 7pm, supported by the Ohio National Guard.
- Governor DeWine provided a new ranking of all Ohio counties by highest occurrence of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents. Lucas County is no longer in the top 10 counties and is currently ranked #33 with 69.1 cases per 100k from August 31st to September 13th.
- On September 10th, Lucas County was downgraded from a Level III (Red) to Level II (Orange) in Ohio's Public Health Advisory system. This Risk Level classification is based on 7 indicators. The 7 indicators include: new cases per capita*, sustain increase in new cases, proportion of cases not congregate cases*, sustained increase in Emergency Room visits, sustained increase in Outpatient visits, sustained increase in new COVID-19 Hospital admissions, and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed occupancy. Risk Levels will be updated every Thursday. (* indicates this is a metric that Lucas County is meeting as of September 10, 2020). **indicates this is a metric that Lucas County is meeting as of September 10, 2020.*
- COVID-19 Public Testing is available at a number of locations within Lucas County. A complete list of testing locations can be found at on the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department [website](#).
- No deliveries of PPE are expected to arrive this week from the State of Ohio EOC. This

PPE has been procured by the State and Federal Government. The guidance of the State EOC continues to be that this PPE be distributed to Tier I groups (hospitals, fire/EMS, law enforcement, long term care facilities and health care). As of September 16, 2020, the Lucas County EOC has received 621 Resource Requests.

- The Lucas County Distributions/Donations Center continues to be operational on Mondays and Wednesdays. Resource requests should be submitted to the EOC at eoc@co.lucas.oh.us.
- County Virtual EOC Briefings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, The next briefing will be on Wednesday, September 23, 2020.
- The Situation Report will be distributed on Wednesdays

Actions Taken to Date

- Established a single website to provide local information on community guidance to include testing protocols, resources, and closures and modifications to service delivery (<https://lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/>)
- To report concerns, such as businesses not adhering to sector specific operating requirements/guidelines, including appropriate social distancing and/or employees wearing face coverings, please call the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department at 419-213-4161, option 4, and leave a message.
- There is a call-in number for people with access and functional needs to report needs related to COVID-19 (419-885-5733).
- A Donations Management System and Center has been established to accept and distribute donations
 - Established a landing page to direct donors to the appropriate place to provide their donation – Volunteer, Food, Financial Assistance, Goods (dontateTLC.org)
 - Linked this through our Health Department Coronavirus page as well
 - All donations of goods should be emailed to Donations@co.lucas.oh.us
 - United Way is coordinating food donations and volunteers
 - All organizations in need of PPE should refer to the process posted at <https://donatetlc.org/requests>. Requests should only be submitted if supplies cannot be obtained through standard procurement channels.
 - Hours of operation: Mondays and Wednesdays 0900-1600

Resource Needs and Information Requests

The following significant resource needs and information requests have been fulfilled:

- Compiled a list of COVID-19 specific resources available to individuals with access and functional needs
- Provide guidance regarding the operation of cooling centers during COVID-19
- Guidance pertaining to appropriate disinfectant use for COVID-19 in school settings

- Evaluation of legitimacy and effectiveness of 24-hour hand sanitizer
- Visitation rights of individuals with developmental disabilities that are hospitalized. The Ability Center and the NW Ohio Hospital Council are working on a draft policy.

The following significant resource needs and information requests are outstanding:

- **Recommendations for community Halloween events**
- Monitor the average wait-time in appointment availability and approximate turn-a-round time of test results for all public testing sites
- Status of available rent assistance programs in Lucas County
- Requests for reports of COVID-19 cases and deaths by municipalities
- Guidance for door-to-door canvassing expected with upcoming elections
- Provide PPE as needed for medical staff at Lucas County schools

Incident Objectives

The following objectives have been recently completed:

- Supporting of pop-up testing site at UT's Scott Park Campus July 29-30.
- Established protocol for government offices, businesses, etc. for how to handle a positive COVID-19 case among their workforce, including contact and cleaning guidance.
- Establish additional antibody testing opportunities among Fire and Law Enforcement departments
- Continued distribution of face masks donated by Fiat Chrysler to Lucas County subdivisions
- Ongoing discussion with schools regarding reopening plans and resources needed
- Facilitate a planning meeting among Lucas County senior centers and the Toledo Lucas County Health Department

Our top objectives for the next planning period are projected as:

- **Identify potential Point of Dispensing (POD) sites for COVID-19 vaccine**
- **Identify storage needs and storage capacity for COVID-19 vaccine**
- Continued distribution of face masks donated by Fiat Chrysler to non-profits
- Review weekly PPE Survey results submitted by Long Term Care facilities, fire/EMS, and law enforcement departments and reach out to departments who have indicated they are in need of PPE.
- Provide guidance to various Lucas County entities about specific questions and clarifications pertinent to their reopening.
- A working group continues to meet weekly to plan for a second wave and/or a potential surge in the number of COVID-19 cases
- Continue to receive shipments of PPE from the State of Ohio EOC and distribute to Tier I agencies.

The following other objectives have been identified:

- Complete a Memorandum of Agreement with Toledo Memorial Park and the Catholic Cemeteries for mass burial and mass cremation services.

Next Update

- The next Situation Report will be released on Wednesday, September 23, 2020

EOC Information

- Virtualized members of the EOC are operational daily from 0800 to 1630 hours
- Fire and Emergency Medical Service organizations asked to provide resource needs, information requests and regional objectives to Emergency Support Function (ESF) 4 desk in the EOC, which will be staffed by Deputy Chief Jim Wolfe
 - LCFireCOVID19@gmail.com
- Law Enforcement organizations asked to provide resource needs, information requests and regional objectives to ESF-13 desk in the EOC, which will be staffed by Lt. Phil Cook
 - LCLECOVID19@gmail.com
- All public information and messaging asked to be coordinated with the Public Information Liaison (Shannon Lands)
 - landss@co.lucas.oh.us
- All other organizational concerns to include resource needs, information requests and regional objectives asked to be funnel to the appropriate Liaison in the EOC, as identified below:
 - Questions from municipalities, townships, independent governmental boards, and other local governmental organizations to include courts and the offices of independently elected officials within Lucas County can be directed to Abby Buchhop at abuchhop@co.lucas.oh.us
 - Ben Pushka will serve as the liaison for the business community via the Chamber of Commerce; all local school districts as well as private and charter schools; community colleges and universities; non-profit organizations; and religious organizations that are located within or serve Lucas County
 - bpushka@co.lucas.oh.us
 - Caryn Maloney will serve as the liaison for all health care organization to include public, private and non-profit hospitals, medical facilities, behavioral health, nursing homes, long-term care facilities providers and organizations that serve these organizations and populations that are located within or serve Lucas County
 - cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us