



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #117**

**COVID-19 Response**

**January 7th, 2021**

**County EOC Status: Monitoring**

**State EOC: Activated**

Distribution List: Villages, Townships, Seneca County Elected Officials, City of Tiffin Elected Officials, City of Fostoria Elected Officials, Fire Chiefs, Law Enforcement, Seneca County Education Contacts and LEPC/HS and Mental Health Recovery Services

**Ohio**

**Confirmed Cases: 670,586 (+42,250 in the last 72 hours)**  
**Probable: 82,482**  
**Confirmed Deaths: 8,522**  
**Probable Deaths: 940**

**Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)**

**Metrics (as of 01/06)**

**Total Cases: 3,739 (+239)**  
**Active Cases: 393 (-40)**  
**Deaths: 81 (+3)**  
**Recovered: 2972 (+273)**  
**Hospitalized: 26 (+4)**

**Resources:**

**Ohio ODH: [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)**

**CDC: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)**

**Seneca County General Health District: [senecahealthdistrict.org](https://senecahealthdistrict.org)**

**Executive Summary**

**GOVERNOR:** Governor DeWine reported that over the last 24 hours the state saw a jump in positive cases by 10,251 which is significantly higher than the 21 day rolling average of 7,471.

The Governor also provided greater details regarding Phase 1B of the state's vaccination plan which will begin with vaccinating people who are 80 years and older. Beginning the first week of February, the state anticipates vaccinating school personnel with the goal of having children in a full time or hybrid learning environment by March 1, 2021.

The Department of Health will hold a webinar for registered providers that outlines the state's expectations and instructions for distribution.

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**VACCINE:** Governor DeWine gave an update regarding Phase 1A vaccinations. Next week's shipment of vaccine will continue to be allocated to hospital and front line workers but the state anticipates that Phase 1A should be winding down.

The Governor went into further details on Phase 1B which is slated to begin on Tuesday, January 19, 2021. Those vaccinations will be available to those who are 80 years of age and older and who are not in long-term care facilities. The state expects to receive 100,000 doses that first week. With each following week the state hopes to open up vaccinations to those within the next five-year age group. For example, on Jan 25th, the state anticipates vaccinations will open up to those 75 years old and older. The following week it will open to people 70 and older, and the February 8th, the vaccinations will be available to those 65 and older.

In addition, during the week of January 25th, vaccinations will be available to those with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders. Additional details will be forthcoming on how those individuals will be able to receive their vaccinations.

During the first week of February, the state's goal will be to begin vaccination of school personnel with the goal of having children begin full person or hybrid learning by March 1, 2021.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:** ODH has extended the 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM statewide curfew for another three weeks, until January 23, 2021. This is because we do not know what effect the holidays may have on the hospitals and health care systems.

**COVID-19 VACCINATION DASHBOARD:** The COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard is now live, and displays the most recent data reported to the Ohio Department of Health regarding the number of individuals that have started and completed the COVID-19 vaccination series by various demographics and county of residence. This dashboard is available on the [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov) website, and will be updated daily.

**TESTING LOCATIONS:** **Seneca County is currently in the process of scheduling pop up testing. Date is tentatively scheduled with the National Guard in January.**

DeWine has started a walk-up/drive-up testing initiative with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and their affiliate members and the Ohio National Guard. These sites will also include other local community-based organizations i.e., faith-based organizations, community centers, food pantries, etc.

Testing for this initiative will be available for individuals with or without symptoms. The test has no out-of-pocket cost to the patient and individuals of any age are able to access the test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian.

For an exhaustive list of all the locations in the state that are offering testing, [click here](#).

**Seneca County Commissioners:** [www.senecacountyohio.gov](http://www.senecacountyohio.gov)

**Seneca County General Health District:** [www.senecahealthdept.org](http://www.senecahealthdept.org)

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The Health Commissioner reports that 73 vaccines have been administered with full schedule on Tuesday, December 29 and nearly full schedule on Wednesday, December 30<sup>th</sup>. A new batch of 100 doses of vaccine were received on Monday the 28<sup>th</sup>. The department is working through all those in phase 1a that want the vaccine and will move to phase 1b which includes the following: Ohioans 65 years-old and older; those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders; and adults who work in schools. Please see the phase 1b attachment.

Seneca County Health Commissioner will produce Facebook Live videos with updates from the Health District. This will occur at 10:30 on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Videos will be archived on Facebook and can be viewed live on the Health Department's and Commissioner's FB pages.

**Emergency Management Agency** [senecacountyema.org](http://senecacountyema.org)

Sign up for Vaccination Notifications on Seneca County WENS [here](#).

What do you do if you have symptoms of COVID? Contact your doctor. If you don't have a doctor, but have insurance, check to see if your insurance has tele-health and see a doctor. If your doctor does not recommend a COVID test but you need one, call the Tiffin Community Health Center, 419.455.8140 and make an appointment.

PCR swab tests may take 4-6 days to return results as they must be sent to a lab and be cultured to test for the virus. Rapid tests have a much shorter return time, but are in short supply. No test is 100% accurate. The test relies on, among other things, the amount of virus in your system at the time of the test. Tests are available at the following locations:

PCR (4-6 day return):

Mercy Health-Tiffin Hospital (with Drs. order)

ProMedica Hospital (with Drs. order)

Tiffin Community Health Center (Tele-health or Dr. on site)

Rapid Test (6-8 hour return):

Urgent Care (Tele-health or Dr. onsite)

CVS

The Public Health Advisory System shows that Seneca County has met 5 of the 7 indicators needed to change the level. Wearing a mask, washing your hands and/or using hand sanitizer and not congregating with friends or family not living in your household is the best way to stem the tide of this virus. This is inconvenient and difficult, but necessary.

The EMA will continue to update our partners on the numbers twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Please continue to send your information to be shared with our partners to [jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov](mailto:jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov).

**Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio:** [hcno.org](http://hcno.org)

Please see the attached COVID-19 Data Report for **01/06/21**. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

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### **Key Points:**

- Regionally, there are 580 COVID-19 patients with 308 (53%) in Lucas County hospitals, 84 (15%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 188 (32%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 159 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 104 (65%) in Lucas County hospitals and the remaining 52 (35%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 97 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 22,333 vaccines as of 01/05/2021
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 18 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (47%)
  
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 43 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 14.8%

**Seneca County Regional Planning:** [senecarpc.org](http://senecarpc.org)

**Red Cross:** [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

After saying goodbye to 2020, many people are thinking about setting New Year's resolutions. Now is a great time to encourage your friends and family to include volunteering with the American Red Cross on their resolution list.

The Resolve to Volunteer recruitment initiative will run throughout January and February. Our objective is to bring in new Disaster Action Team members, Blood Transportation Specialists and Blood Donor Ambassadors and Service to the Armed Forces Caseworkers and Facilitators.

To help make this campaign successful, I'm asking for your help to spread the word. Here are a couple of ways you can help:

Attached is a recruitment flyer that can be handed out or hung around the community.

Refer someone through our Friends and Family referral program

Share the need through your Social Media. Attached you will find our social media channels. We encourage you to follow and share our content!

Ask those interested in volunteering to apply now at [redcross.org/volunteertoday](http://redcross.org/volunteertoday)

I hope that you can join us in encouraging people to Resolve to Volunteer! If you have questions or additional ideas, please contact Melanie Collins at [melanie.collins4@redcross.org](mailto:melanie.collins4@redcross.org) or 330-204-6615. Thank you again for all you do!

American Red Cross  
Northern Ohio Region Volunteer Services

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<https://www.redcross.org/local/ohio/northern-ohio/volunteer.html>

For a limited time, your blood donation will include an antibody test with results returned to you through your Red Cross Donor App. Go to [redcrossblood.org](https://redcrossblood.org) for more information.

Blood Collection Screeners Needed: COVID-19 has disrupted our daily lives, but the need for lifesaving blood hasn't changed. To help protect everyone's safety, we have a need for Donor Screener volunteers (ages 18+) to take the temperatures of blood donors entering American Red Cross blood drives or donation centers.

In this volunteer position you can volunteer just once or multiple times, the choice is yours!

Apply now at [www.redcross.org/volunteer](https://www.redcross.org/volunteer)

For more information or questions, please contact Melanie Collins at [Melanie.Collins4@redcross.org](mailto:Melanie.Collins4@redcross.org) or 330-204-6615.

**Mental Health and Recovery Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties:** [www.mhrsbsw.org](https://www.mhrsbsw.org)

**City of Tiffin:** [www.tiffinohio.gov](https://www.tiffinohio.gov)

**Job and Family Services:** <https://difs.co.seneca.oh.us/>

**Education:** <http://www.ncoesc.org/>

**Tiffin-Seneca Public Library:** <http://tiffinsenecalibrary.org>

**Economic Recovery (Seneca County):** <https://www.tiffinchamber.com/coronavirus-resources>

**Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership:** <https://senecasuccess.wordpress.com/tag/tsep/>

**This situational report will be sent around 4 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and as needed on other weekdays and weekends.**

**If you wish to update or add information to this report, please send it to the EMA at [jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov](mailto:jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov) by 2:30 p.m. each publishing day.**

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