



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #119

COVID-19 Response

January 14th, 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: 707,885 (+11,59 in the last 72 hours)
Probable: 91,754
Confirmed Deaths: 8,874
Probable Deaths: 1,007

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

Metrics (as of 01/13)

Total Cases: 4,088 (+249)
Active Cases: 415 (+1)
Deaths: 97 (+8)
Recovered: 3043 (+241)
Hospitalized: 34 (+/- 0)

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR: Governor DeWine announced that as of today, 361,603 vaccines have been given in Ohio. The goal is to eventually vaccinate anyone in Ohio who wants a vaccination, but we have to take this one week at a time.

This coming week, Ohio will start vaccinating those in the public who are 80+. There are 750 provider locations across the state and approximately 100,000 vaccines. Beginning next Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, depending on delivery date, the vaccines will be available.

Yesterday and today, local health departments and emergency management agencies have held press conferences or sent notifications to media to notify residents about where to sign up to get vaccinated. All local health departments should have this information on their website by tomorrow morning. Also, tomorrow, a new tool will be available on the coronavirus.ohio.gov website where Ohioans can select their county or zip code to see a list of providers that received the vaccine.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: This week, there are some small changes in the Public Health Advisory System alert map. Ohio isn't necessarily seeing a dramatic surge after Christmas and the New Year, but there is a bit of an upswing in cases. Reflecting this, Hamilton County has moved to purple this week. There are also two counties moving to the watch list: Lorain and Clermont.

TRAVEL ADISORY: An updated travel advisory map has been released and is the appropriate section below. There is not much of a difference between last week and this week, besides the addition of Virginia to the list of states.

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 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

Seneca County General Health District: www.senecahealthdept.org

The Health Commissioner reports that 73 vaccines have been administered with full schedule on Tuesday, December 29 and nearly full schedule on Wednesday, December 30th. A new batch of 100 doses of vaccine were received on Monday the 28th. 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

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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

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.

Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio: hcno.org

Please see the attached COVID-19 Data Report for 01/13/21. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- * Regionally, there are 501 COVID-19 patients with 270 (54%) in Lucas County hospitals, 75 (15%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 156 (31%) from other NW Ohio counties
- * Regionally, there are 139 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 88 (63%) in Lucas County hospitals

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and the remaining 51 (37%) from other NW Ohio counties

- * Regionally, there are 82 patients on ventilators
- * According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 39,657 vaccines as of 01/13/2021
- * Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 17 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (45%)
- * The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 43 years old
- * The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 13.4%

Seneca County Regional Planning: senecarpc.org

Red Cross: 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

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 or 330-204-6615. Thank you again for all you do!

American Red Cross
Northern Ohio Region Volunteer Services
<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 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.

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In this volunteer position you can volunteer just once or multiple times, the choice is yours!
Apply now at www.redcross.org/volunteer
For more information or questions, please contact Melanie Collins at Melanie.Collins4@redcross.org or 330-204-6615.

Mental Health and Recovery Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties: www.mhrsbsw.org

City of Tiffin: www.tiffinohio.gov

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

UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohioans filed 37,309 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. The total represented an increase of 7,600 claims, or about 26%, compared with the previous week. ODJFS reported residents filed 278,026 continued jobless claims last week, up from 274,460 continued applications the week before.

The agency said it has sent more than \$7.7 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 895,000 workers over the last 43 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 965,000 new jobless claims were filed nationwide last week, up 181,000 from the previous week.

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 by 2:30 p.m. each publishing day.

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