



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #121**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**January 21th, 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: 746,398 (+13,636 in the last 72 hours)**  
**Probable: 103,306**  
**Confirmed Deaths: 9,402**  
**Probable Deaths: 1,116**

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

**Metrics (as of 01/21)**

**Total Cases: 4,323 (+151)**  
**Active Cases: 238 (-193)**  
**Deaths: 115 (+12)**  
**Recovered: 3677 (+331)**  
**Hospitalized: 34 (+/- 0)**

**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 announced a new partnership with Abbott and eMED to bring rapid, reliable testing into homes. Ohio will purchase at least 2 million at-home BinaxNow COVID-19 rapid antigen tests that can be self-administered with results in about 15 minutes. Through an agreement with eMed to provide telehealth services, an individual who uses one of these tests can be guided by a proctor and will get the results in minutes, without having to visit a testing location. This new agreement allows communities to more aggressively test for COVID-19 than at any other time during the pandemic. This \$50 million investment of CARES Act funding will help make testing more broadly available.

With Ohio's COVID-19 curfew expiring this Saturday, Governor DeWine plans to renew the curfew for a second time. DeWine said that the curfew is still needed to control the spread of COVID-19, while balancing the need to keep businesses open.

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**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM:** No county is seeing their status becoming worse. There are 83 counties at red, 4 counties at orange, and 1 county still at purple – Hamilton County. An updated map is in the appropriate section below.

**TRAVEL ADVISORY:** An updated travel advisory map has been released, and is below. Several states have been removed from the advisory, including Arizona, Kentucky, Missouri, Nevada, Ohio, and South Carolina, and Mississippi has been added to the travel advisory map.

**TESTING LOCATIONS:** 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)

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)

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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 01/18/21. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

### **Key Points:**

- Regionally, there are 503 COVID-19 patients with 277 (55%) in Lucas County hospitals, 70 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 156 (31%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 134 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 85 (63%) in Lucas County hospitals, 17 (13%) in Erie County, and the remaining 32 (24%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 90 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 51,665 vaccines as of 01/18/2021
- 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 10.9%

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

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

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](http://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](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer)

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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](http://www.mhrsbsw.org)

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

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

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** Ohioans filed 42,975 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Jobs and Family Services. The total represented an increase of 5,666, or about 15%, compared with the previous week.

ODJFS reported Ohioans filed 265,467 continued jobless claims last week, down from 278,026 the week before. The agency said it has sent more than \$7.9 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 900,000 Ohioans over the last 44 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 900,000 initial jobless claims were filed nationwide last week, down from 26,000 from the previous week's revised total.

**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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