



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #124
COVID-19 Response
February 1st, 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: 780,982 (+9239 in the last 96 hours)
Probable: 114,810
Confirmed Deaths: 9,955
Probable Deaths: 1,220

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

Metrics (as of 01/28)

Total Cases: 4,513 (+190)
Active Cases: 250 (+12)
Deaths: 118 (+3)
Recovered: 3852 (+175)
Hospitalized: 39 (+5)

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR: Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today unveiled their Executive Budget for Fiscal Years 2022 to 2023, which includes an aggressive plan to spur Ohio's continued recovery by investing in communities, people, and businesses. Through the Investing In Ohio Initiative, the Executive Budget launches a strategic effort to invest more than \$1 billion toward accelerating economic growth and ensuring economic vitality. **Please see full press release attached to the email.**

1/28/2021 Governor DeWine announced that COVID-related hospitalizations are at 2,829. Tonight, Ohio starts the 11:00 PM curfew because we have had 7 days in a row below 3,500 hospitalizations. The numbers will be looked at again in 2 weeks to potentially move to a midnight curfew or eliminate the curfew completely.

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Governor DeWine announced that Ohio Department of Health Director Stephanie McCloud signed a health order pushing back the curfew one hour, beginning January 28, 2021 at 12:01 PM and lasts through February 11, 2021 at 12:01 PM.

VACCINES: Starting Monday, February 1st, vaccinations will be open to Ohioans 70 and older. This week, those with intellectual or developmental disabilities and certain medical conditions have begun to receive their vaccinations. These individuals are being contacted directly about where to get vaccinated.

To help schools return safely to in-person education, vaccinating K-12 school employees is a priority. This includes teachers, bus drivers, cafeteria workers, custodians – anyone who is in a school building. One goal for the vaccine distribution is to get kids back in school by March 1. Every public school in the state, except for one, has agreed to go back to class by March 1. Schools with access to vaccines next week have been notified. Tomorrow, all schools will be notified for which week they will receive their vaccinations.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated. Hamilton County is no longer purple, and the rest of the state remains the same.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: The Travel Advisory has been updated. Comparing the list from last week to this week, not much has changed, however, Georgia and Tennessee have been removed from the list.

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

Seneca County General Health District: 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.

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Emergency Management Agency senecacountyema.org

K-12 Educational Staff will begin getting vaccinated this week. Seneca County schools are scheduled in the week 4 schedule starting February 22nd. The schedules by week are available at <https://senecacountyema.org/covid-19/vaccination-information> or you can see them in the attachments to the email.

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 01/29/21. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 354 COVID-19 patients with 217 (61%) in Lucas County hospitals, 55 (16%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 83 (23%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 94 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 62 (66%) in Lucas County hospitals, 13 (14%) in Erie County hospitals, 11 (12%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 8 (8%) from other NW Ohio counties

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- Regionally, there are 58 COVID-19 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 86,970 vaccines as of 01/29/2021
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 14 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (37%)
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 42 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 8.2%

Seneca County Regional Planning: senecarpc.org

Red Cross: 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 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

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 49,974 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. The total represented an increase of 6,999, or about 16%, compared with the previous week.

ODJFS reported residents filed 262,999 continued jobless claims last week, down from 265,467 the week prior. The agency said it has sent more than \$8 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 908,000 workers over the last 45 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 847,000 new claims were filed nationwide last week, down 67,000 from the previous week's revised level.

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

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

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

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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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