



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #125
COVID-19 Response
February 4th, 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: 791,191 (+10,209 in the last 72 hours)
Probable: 119,656
Confirmed Deaths: 10,225
Probable Deaths: 1,284

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

Metrics (as of 02/02)

Total Cases: 4,589 (+76)
Active Cases: 171 (-79)
Deaths: 121 (+3)
Recovered: 3852 (+152)
Hospitalized: 9 (-30)

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 there are 2,252 people in Ohio's hospitals right now because of COVID-19, but those numbers are dropping. A week from today, Governor DeWine will look at the numbers again, and if the trend continues, the curfew may be able to be removed if numbers stay under 2,500 for 7 days straight.

In regards to unemployment, Ohioans are seeing the new federal money they are due and those who have not yet, will soon. So far this week, Ohio has paid nearly \$100 million to more than 110,000 Ohioans receiving traditional unemployment. This includes new people who recently lost a job as a result of the pandemic, as well as Ohioans who continue to be impacted due to the

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pandemic. By the last week in February, everyone will have the ability to claim all the weeks and supplements available under the law and receive the benefits they are owed.

In order to improve Ohio's unemployment system, Governor DeWine has put together a new Ohio Department of Job and Family Services Public-Private Partnership Team made up of highly-skilled experts – most of whom are on loan from some of Ohio's top banking and insurance companies. These experts will provide recommendations and solutions to improve the unemployment call center, claims process, and fraud detection efforts in the state unemployment system. They'll examine short-term and long-term improvements.

VACCINE: Governor DeWine stated that Pfizer will be able to increase the amount of vaccine available for federal shipment by about 40% around the middle of February. Also, Pfizer says that by the end of March, vaccine shipments to Ohio should double from where they are today. They are currently shipping 73,000 doses to Ohio each week. Moderna doses have increased from 73,200 two weeks ago to 105,600 coming to Ohio next week. DeWine believes that the Moderna vaccine shipments will expand, as well.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated, however, there is no change from last week. The state is red, besides Gallia, Hocking, Monroe, and Vinton counties, which remain at orange.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: The Travel Advisory has been updated. Ohio recommends against traveling to the following: Pennsylvania; Idaho; Iowa; Kansas; Mississippi; South Dakota; and Texas.

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](#).

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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.

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 **02/03/21**. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

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Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 287 COVID-19 patients with 169 (59%) in Lucas County hospitals, 48 (17%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 70 (24%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 70 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 41 (59%) in Lucas County hospitals, 12 (17%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 17 (24%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 57 COVID-19 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 102,725 vaccines as of 02/03/2021
- 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 7.5%

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.mhrsbssw.org

City of Tiffin: www.tiffinohio.gov

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

UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohioans filed 47,786 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. The total represented a decline of 2,188, or 4%, compared with the previous week.



ODJFS reported Ohioans filed 278,102 continued jobless claims last week, up from 262,999 the week prior. The agency said it has sent more than \$8.2 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 916,000 Ohioans over the last 46 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 779,000 initial jobless claims were filed nationwide last week, down 33,000 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>

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.