



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #126
COVID-19 Response
February 9th, 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: 801,505 (+10,314 in the last 5 days)
Probable: 123,845
Confirmed Deaths: 10,468
Probable Deaths: 1,325

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

Metrics (as of 02/09)

Total Cases: 4,650 (+61)
Active Cases: 71 (-100)
Deaths: 124 (+3)
Recovered: 4,161 (+309)
Hospitalized: 7 (-2)

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 discussed that last week in the Executive Budget that he announced was that there will be an expansion of the investment into the Student Wellness and Success Programs and the wrap-around services they provide to \$1.1 billion. With this flexible funding, individual schools make decisions about what their students need most. So far, more than one in four of the initiatives have been focused on mental health services. Almost one in seven initiatives are focused on physical health services.

Governor DeWine worked with the General Assembly to request that the state Controlling Board approve \$100 million in federal funding to help low-income Ohioans who do not own their own home

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pay their rent, water, sewer, wastewater, electric, gas, oil, and/or trash removal bills. Ohio Development Services Agency is distributing the funding among Ohio's 47 Community Action Agencies. Eligible Ohioans may contact their local Community Action Agency for assistance. Assistance can go toward outstanding balances dating back to March 13, 2020, assistance for future rent/utility payments once back bills have been made current, and assistance for future rent and utility assistance for 3 months at a time.

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](#).

Seneca County Commissioners: www.senecacountyohio.gov

Seneca County General Health District: www.senecahealthdept.org

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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.

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Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio: hcno.org

Please see the attached COVID-19 Data Report for **02/05/21**. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 250 COVID-19 patients with 162 (65%) in Lucas County hospitals, 35 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 53 (21%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 66 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 42 (64%) in Lucas County hospitals, 10 (15%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 14 (21%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 50 COVID-19 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 112,721 vaccines as of 02/05/2021
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 12 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (32%)
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 42 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 7.1%
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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/>

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

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

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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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