



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #128
COVID-19 Response
February 16th, 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: 813,465 (+7,494 in the last 5 days)
Probable: 129,826
Confirmed Deaths: 14,000*
Probable Deaths: 2,453

***ODH is currently reconciling COVID-19 deaths, including about 650 in today's count. This primarily impacts deaths occurring from November to December 2020. Deaths will be shown by the date of death. Newly reported deaths will be higher during the next few days as ODH completes this reconciliation.**

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)
Metrics (as of 02/12)

Total Cases: 4,674 (+5)
Active Cases: 87 (+4)
Deaths: 124 (+/-0)
Recovered: 4,169 (+1)
Hospitalized: 7 (+/-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 gave an update on the Central Scheduling. Ohio chose to build its own system because the federal government's system would not work for Ohio. The first phase for launching the system is complete. The site has been developed, is functional, and ready from a technical standpoint. The goal is for Ohioans to have a positive customer service experience when

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the site is launched to make appointments. Those who are interested in getting a vaccination will be able to put in their zip code and pull up appointments within 20 miles.

VACCINE: Governor DeWine stated that some vaccine providers have canceled appointments due to snow emergencies, but many are continuing to vaccinate. If you have not heard from your provider and are concerned about if your appointment is still scheduled, you can contact your provider. Due to severe weather across Ohio and the country, vaccine shipments coming to providers directly from Pfizer and Moderna could be delayed by 1-2 days. Smaller shipments from the RSS Warehouse are being delivered on a 2-hour delay.

The Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services have scheduled a series of COVID-19 Vaccine Town Halls with medical experts, community leaders, and public health professionals to address common concerns and questions among specific populations. As Ohio continues to roll out the COVID-19 vaccine, sharing accurate, reliable information with at-risk populations to help reduce vaccine hesitancy remains a high priority. A [toolkit](#) is available to promote the Town Halls.

The Town Hall schedule for at-risk populations is as follows:

- Monday, February 22 – 6:30 PM – African American Ohioans
- Tuesday, February 23 – 6:30 PM – Hispanic/Latino Ohioans
- Monday, March 1 – 6:30 PM – Asian American and Pacific Islander Ohioans
- Tuesday, March 2 – 6:30 PM – Rural Ohioans

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated, however, there is no change from the past two weeks. The state is red, with the exception of Gallia, Hocking, Monroe, and Vinton counties, which remain at orange.

TRAVEL ADVISORY: There are five states on the latest Ohio travel advisory. Ohio recommends against traveling to the following states: Iowa; Idaho; Kansas; South Dakota; and Mississippi.

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.

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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.

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.

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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 **02/12-02/19**. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 194 COVID-19 patients with 127 (66%) in Lucas County hospitals, 28 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 39 (20%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 56 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 40 (71%) in Lucas County hospitals, 10 (18%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 6 (11%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 42 COVID-19 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 132,362 vaccines as of 02/12/2021
- 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 5.8%

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

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

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.