



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #130
COVID-19 Response
February 23rd, 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: 823,091 (+7,034 in the last 5 days)
Probable: 135,062
Confirmed Deaths: 14,430*
Probable Deaths: 2,538

***The Bureau of Infectious Diseases and the Bureau of Vital Statistics continue to reconcile death data. This process is ongoing as the teams complete a deep review of the data. This review will result in some fluctuations in death numbers moving forward.**

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)
Metrics (as of 02/22)

Total Cases: 4,736 (+38)
Active Cases: 42 (-44)
Deaths: 128 (+2)
Recovered: 4,272 (+75)
Hospitalized: 3 (-3)

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

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GOVERNOR: Governor DeWine discussed the progress that has been made within long-term care facilities. Last week, long-term care facilities reported 343 new cases – this is compared to the 2,832 new cases when the numbers peaked in December.

Ohio's positivity rates for COVID-19 continue to decrease. Soon, more nursing homes may be able to allow more visitation. Governor DeWine is sending a letter to each facility to remind them to: check county positivity rates every week to determine their visitation status and to allow for

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compassionate care visits. Ohio's facilities are required to report in weekly and update the visitation dashboard to indicate if visitation is allowed at their facility. The dashboard can be accessed by clicking [here](#).

VACCINE: Governor DeWine gave an updated on the weather-related vaccine delivery delays that occurred last week. Some Pfizer shipments were delivered last week despite the bad weather, but all of the Moderna shipments were delayed. Some providers used second doses that they had received already, so they didn't have to cancel previously scheduled clinics. Those second doses will be backfilled with the shipments they receive this week. Additional delayed shipments of Pfizer and Moderna will arrive between today and Wednesday. For providers who canceled appointments, Governor DeWine urges them to expand their appointment schedules – including evening/weekend hours – to catch up and continue to get more vaccines out to Ohioans.

Age is the top indicator of the likelihood of death from COVID-19. 87% of all deaths in Ohio are of those ages 65 and older. As the vaccination plan moves forward, Ohio will hold at age 65 + until the demand for vaccines has been satisfied. The next age group will be 60+, then 55 +, and 50+. Those who are 50+ make up 97-98% of all COVID-19 deaths in Ohio. In addition, Governor DeWine is looking at certain small groups, that because of exposure, may potentially be added in the 60+ group.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated, however, there is no change from the past three 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: Idaho; Kansas; Alabama; South Dakota; and Iowa.

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 02/19-02/26. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 165 COVID-19 patients with 110 (67%) in Lucas County hospitals, 18 (11%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 37 (22%) from other NW Ohio counties

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- Regionally, there are 39 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 27 (69%) in Lucas County hospitals, 7 (18%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 5 (13%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 34 COVID-19 patients on ventilators
- According to ODH dashboard, Region 1 has begun 160,863 vaccines and completed 68,034 vaccines as of 02/19/2021
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 10 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (26%)
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 42 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 5.0%

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/>

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

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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