



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #142 (Amended)

COVID-19 Response

April 24th, 2021

County EOC Status: Monitoring

State EOC: Partially 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: 893,695 (+29,805 in the last 7 days)

Probable: 168,212

Confirmed Ohio Resident deaths: 19,122

Deaths in Ohio: 19,118

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

Metrics (as of 04/24)

DATE	4/12	4/13	4/14	4/15	4/16		4/19	4/20	4/21	4/22	4/23
TOTAL CASES	5180		5199	5217	5232		5259	5280	5285	5297	5297
ACTIVE CASES	62		84	102	102		105	85	85	84	66
CONFIRMED	3188		3197	3200	3210		3227	3235	3237	3239	3239
PROBABLE	1992		2002	2017	2021		2030	2045	2048	2058	2058
MALES	2308		2318	2327	2335		2344	2354	2356	2363	2363
FEMALES	2872		2882	2890	2896		2913	2926	2929	2934	2934
CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	6		5	5	3		5	7	7	7	5
RECOVERED	4981		4977	4977	4992		5016	5057	5062	5075	5093
DEATHS	137		138	138	138		138	138	138	138	138
AVERAGE AGE	46		46	46	46		46	46	46	46	46



2020	TOTAL CLINICS	FIRST DOSES	SECOND DOSES	JANSSEN	TOTAL DOSES
DECEMBER	3	210	0	0	210
2021					
JANUARY	12	1153	214	0	1367
FEBRUARY	18	868	1147	0	2015
MARCH	16	551	876	300	1727
APRIL	11	296	336	486	1118
MAY					
JUNE					
JULY					
AUGUST					
SEPTEMBER					
OCTOBER					
NOVEMBER					
DECEMBER					
TOTALS	60	3078	2573	786	6437

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR:

(4/23/2021)

VACCINATIONS AND VIRUS SPREAD

- As of yesterday, 38 percent of Ohioans have received at least one coronavirus vaccination shot.
 - Although cases have plateaued, virus variants are more contagious among those who have not been vaccinated.

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- Dr. Vanderhoff also warned that Ohioans should not count on herd immunity until more people are vaccinated.
- The vaccine is now more widely available and there is no shortage. Ohioans can visit gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov to look for open appointments or call 833-4-ASK-ODH to book an appointment over the phone.
 - Ohio's mass vaccination clinic at the Wolstein Center in downtown Cleveland is also now booking appointments for next week.
 - First doses of the Pfizer vaccine will be offered. Appointments for the mass vaccination clinic can be booked via the aforementioned methods.

(4/22/2021) Governor DeWine discussed three essential facts regarding where we are today in the fight against COVID-19:

38%, more than 4.4 million Ohioans, have received their first dose of the vaccine
New cases, while high, have plateaued
The virus variants are much more contagious than what we have seen before

Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff added that unvaccinated Ohioans lack the same protection against the virus as those who are vaccinated. The virus is now in more contagious forms that put younger people at much greater risk, including the risk of ending up in the hospital.

VACCINATIONS: The CDC has issued interim public health recommendations for fully vaccinated people which can be viewed [here](#).

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated. per capita continue to increase statewide with many counties seeing an increase in positive cases. Franklin County has remained in the highest advisory level and is now purple due to increased hospital admissions, emergency visits and health care utilization. We are unable to download an image or .pdf of the system. Please go to <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/other-resources/public-health-advisory-system> for the dashboard.

VACCINATION SCHEDULING TOOL: Ohio's centralized scheduling website is now available at gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov. The website will serve as a singular location for Ohioans to confirm that they are eligible to be vaccinated, identify nearby providers, and schedule their appointments.

The Ohio Department of Health will continue to work directly with vaccine providers to integrate their current systems into the statewide system. Providers will be expected to use this system or another electronic scheduling system that interfaces this portal.

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The centralized scheduling website will also be used for scheduling appointments at the mass vaccination clinics, including the FEMA site in Cleveland.

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

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners heard from Carrie Duncan, of a Splash of Love from Home, Thursday morning.

Duncan's organization was formed in 2019 as a way to do something for American soldiers deployed in countries across the world. The group uses volunteers and donations to send care packages and messages of encouragement to troops overseas. The group has sent more than 200 packages since its inception.

Duncan said she came up with the idea for the organization after hearing about many veterans committing suicide. In 2019, the VA released its National Veteran Suicide Prevention Annual Report, which stated that the suicide rate for veterans was 1.5 times the rate of non-veteran adults. Duncan also recalled how poorly her brother was treated after returning from his military service in Vietnam.

"It broke my heart," she said.

Duncan said the group is outgrowing its space for assembling the care packages, and she shared some photos of a recent event in her garage. She asked the commissioners if anyone had any ideas of a larger space the organization could use to continue its mission.

Audrey Flood, of Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership, who helps handle community development for the city of Tiffin, agreed to work with Duncan to provide ideas for some potential spaces.

In other business, Sheriff Fred Stevens visited the commissioners to provide an update and request funding for additional personnel.

On April 1, the commissioners agreed to up their financial commitment to the sheriff's office by approving a request from Stevens to purchase four vehicles. The \$135,000 supplemental appropriation also will cover the necessary equipment for the vehicles. This funding was on top of the initial \$60,000 budgeted for two vehicles.

Stevens said Thursday the office also has personnel needs. He said at times, there are only two deputies in the road across the 553 square miles of the county. Overall, he said there are just 13 deputies that work regularly on the road.

"That's not acceptable," Stevens said.

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Stevens' overall request, which also includes equipment, uniforms and more, would create an estimated expense of \$478,361.80. The request would include the hiring of one captain, four deputies and a dispatcher.

In other action, the commissioners received one bid for a van on behalf of the Seneca County Opportunity Center. The \$39,965 bid, from Transportation Equipment Sales Corp. of Oregon, OH, was for a 2020 Dodge Caravan with a rear entry ramp and wheelchair tie-down.

In other business, Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership Development Manager Audrey Flood provided a brief update from her agency.

She discussed several initiatives, including the Creating Entrepreneurial Opportunities program. The new program will connect students with local business leaders and will give them a hands-on opportunity to learn about entrepreneurship. The program is currently searching for a facilitator and is accepting applications for students. To learn more, visit www.SenecaCountyCEO.com.

During new business, the board approved all resolutions from the pre-meeting release, including moving \$129,000 out of the General Fund to cover the design work for the County Services Building (health department) wall project. The county is to work with DLZ on the project.

The board also approved \$7,500 to be used for a space needs study of the RTA Building, to be completed by The Gossman Group.

Seneca County General Health District: www.senecahealthdept.org

The latest Vaccination numbers for Seneca County are as follows: 26.49% (14,617) have completed the vaccination cycle (Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson). State and county dashboard can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards/covid-19-vaccine/covid-19-vaccination-dashboard>

Emergency Management Agency senecacountyema.org

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance: The COVID-19 pandemic has brought overwhelming grief to many families. At FEMA, our mission is to help people before, during and after disasters. We are dedicated to helping ease some of the financial stress and burden caused by the virus.

Under the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021 and the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, FEMA will provide financial assistance for COVID-19-related funeral expenses incurred after January 20, 2020.

Who Is Eligible?

To be eligible for funeral assistance, you must meet these conditions:

- The death must have occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- The death certificate must indicate the death was attributed to COVID-19.
- The applicant must be a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien who incurred funeral expenses after January 20, 2020.

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- There is no requirement for the deceased person to have been a U.S. citizen, non-citizen national, or qualified alien.

How to Apply

COVID-19 Funeral Assistance Line Number

Applications begin on April 12, 2021
844-684-6333 | TTY: 800-462-7585

Hours of Operation:
Monday - Friday
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Central Time

If you had COVID-19 funeral expenses, we encourage you to keep and gather documentation. Types of information should include:

- An official death certificate that attributes the death directly or indirectly to COVID-19 and shows that the death occurred in the United States, including the U.S. territories, and the District of Columbia.
- Funeral expenses documents (receipts, funeral home contract, etc.) that includes the applicant's name, the deceased person's name, the amount of funeral expenses, and the dates the funeral expenses happened.
- Proof of funds received from other sources specifically for use toward funeral costs. We are not able to duplicate benefits received from burial or funeral insurance, financial assistance received from voluntary agencies, government agencies, or other sources.

For more information, please point your browser at:

<https://www.fema.gov/disasters/coronavirus/economic/funeral-assistance#apply>

Due to decreased breaking information from ODH and the Governor's office, the EMA will publish a weekly digest of information on Fridays to update our partners regarding COVID-19 and Vaccinations. State and County Numbers will be available on their respective websites throughout the week. Please continue to send your information to be shared with our partners to jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov.

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.

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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: Ohio Department of Job & Family Services Interim Director Matt Damschroder provided an update on the efforts ODJFS and the P3 team have been implementing to improve unemployment processes. The improvements they have worked to implement have resulted in the implementation of new fraud detection software to verify applicant I.D., decreased newly-filed claims, the clearing of outstanding backlogs from 2020 and the reduction of on-phone wait times to less than 10 minutes.

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.