



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #145
COVID-19 Response
May 14th, 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: 908,008 (+4,674 in the last 7 days)
Probable: 175,661
Confirmed Ohio Resident deaths: 19,441
Deaths in Ohio: 19,439

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)
Metrics (as of 05/13)

| DATE | 5/3 | 5/4 | 5/5 | 5/6 | 5/7 | | 5/10 | 5/11 | 5/12 | 5/13 |
|------------------------|------|------|------|------|-----|--|------|------|------|------|
| TOTAL CASES | 5369 | 5369 | 5389 | 5395 | | | | 5415 | 5417 | 5417 |
| ACTIVE CASES | 66 | 36 | 56 | 62 | | | | 78 | 38 | 38 |
| CONFIRMED | 3281 | 3281 | 3288 | 3292 | | | | 3307 | 3308 | 3308 |
| PROBABLE | 2088 | 2088 | 2101 | 2103 | | | | 2108 | 2109 | 2109 |
| MALES | 2393 | 2393 | 2399 | 2404 | | | | 2412 | 2412 | 2412 |
| FEMALES | 2976 | 2976 | 2990 | 2991 | | | | 3003 | 3005 | 3005 |
| CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | | | | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| RECOVERED | 5162 | 5191 | 5191 | 5191 | | | | 5194 | 5236 | 5236 |
| DEATHS | 141 | 142 | 142 | 142 | | | | 143 | 143 | 143 |
| AVERAGE AGE | 46 | 46 | 46 | 46 | | | | 46 | 46 | 46 |

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

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Executive Summary

GOVERNOR:

(5/12/2021)

GOVERNOR: Governor DeWine announced beginning June 2nd all COVID-related health orders except for those regarding nursing homes and assisted living facilities will be lifted.

VACCINE: The FDA and CDC has completed their approval process and those aged 12-15 are now able to begin taking the Pfizer vaccine.

In an effort to increase the number of Ohioans who currently have not taken a COVID-19 vaccine to get vaccinated, Governor DeWine announced a series of statewide drawings to help incentivize vaccinations:

- Ohioans under the age of 18 who are eligible to receive a COVID-19 vaccine will be entered into a drawing for a four-year full scholarship to any of Ohio's state colleges and universities, including full tuition, room, and board.
- Ohioans aged 18 and older will be entered into a weekly drawing with a prize of up to \$1 million.
- A total of five weekly drawings for each prize will take place, with the first winners being announced on May 26th. Winners must have received at least one dose of a COVID-19 vaccine by the date of the respective drawing.
- The drawings will be administered by the Ohio Department of Health, with technical assistance from the Ohio Lottery Commission, and will be funded through existing allocations to the Ohio Department of Health of unexpended coronavirus relief funds.
- Further details and contest rules will be announced by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio Lottery Commission next week during a briefing to news media.

STATE MONTHLY FINANCIAL: The Ohio Office of Budget Management Monthly Economic Summary and State Financial Report for April 2021 can be viewed as a pdf attached to this email.

PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM: The Public Health Advisory System map has been updated and Seneca County's numbers are attached to the email.

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.

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

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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

The latest Vaccination numbers for Seneca County are as follows: 31.81% (17,552) 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.
- 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

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EMA

SENECA COUNTY

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>

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

UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohioans filed 19,926 initial jobless claims last week, according to statistics ODJFS reported to the U.S. Department of Labor. The total number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last 60 weeks (3,302,876) was more than the combined total of those filed from 2013-2019. Ohioans filed 231,915 continued jobless claims last week, which was 544,387 fewer than – or about 29% of – the peak last year.¹ That includes both traditional unemployment claims and claims for extended benefits. In addition, 178,583 Ohioans received Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) last week. Over the last 60 weeks, ODJFS has distributed over \$9.8 billion in unemployment compensation payments to over 997,000 Ohioans. In addition, ODJFS has issued over \$10.8 billion in PUA payments to over 1 million Ohioans.

This situation report will be published weekly on Fridays or 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.

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