



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #51
COVID-19 Response
May 21, 2020
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: 28,174 (+657 in last 24 hours)
Probable: 1,993
Confirmed Deaths: 1,653
Probable Deaths: 183

Seneca County

Total Cases: 16
Deaths: 2
Recovered: 13

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov
CDC: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)
Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

Governor Mike DeWine discussed Thursday that COVID-19 is bringing more attention to the gaps and disparities among our minority communities in Ohio. He stated that Ohio must address the social conditions, such as health care access; education; housing; transportation; employment; and availability of nutritious food.

Governor DeWine announced two new interactive tools on the COVID-19 data dashboard:

Map to access county level data by race and ethnic background

Ohio Opportunity Index – A map to understand where to target resources and improve the conditions of the most vulnerable Ohioans

This past April, a Minority Health Strike Force was created to study Ohio's vulnerable population. A preliminary report will be released today with information on messaging; testing; accessibility; and collaboration. The final recommendations from the report will be released in June.

Also revealed today by Governor DeWine are few new initiatives:

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To help with underserved populations, each area will have a person dedicated to the social determinacies of health and opportunity by working directly with local communities with their specific health needs and response to COVID-19

Working with “Us for Us” to unveil a new communications campaign, stay in the fight: stay informed, involved, and inspired during the pandemic

Expanding access by partnering with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers, which includes Ohio’s Federally Funded Health Centers

Partnering with Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and Nationwide Foundation to give kits with information and COVID-19 protection related items

Increasing the number of public health workers to notify Ohioans of possible exposure to the virus

Governor DeWine also announced a \$1 million grant from the federal government for our response to specifically provide mental health and addiction services for the hard to reach individuals in Ohio.

Lt. Governor Husted informed that on May 26, leagues and competitions can resume for golf, baseball, softball, and racket sports – non-contact activities. Along with gyms and fitness centers opening on May 26, bowling alleys and miniature golf and batting cages can also open. Also effective on May 26, skills training can resume for sports, including contact sports like football, basketball, and lacrosse, including weight training, agility, skills, etc. This does not include tournaments, games, and competitions for contact sports.

Lt. Governor Husted also informed that on June 1, catering and banquet centers will be able to reopen under similar guidelines as restaurants (6 feet between tables; no congregating; facilities limited to 300 people).

Governor DeWine reports that there is now an email set up to coordinate donations and offers to help. This address is together@governor.ohio.gov.

Dr. Acton reports there is a new coronavirus interactive dashboard at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/dashboard>.

Ohio State Fair:

The Expo Commission has cancelled the 2020 Ohio State Fair due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Ohio State Fair’s management team along with the Ohio Expo Commission evaluated information from state and local health officials, along with the financial feasibility of a reduced attendance over the past several weeks.

Seneca County Commissioners: www.senecacountyohio.gov

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners is to meet 7 p.m. this evening for a regular board meeting..

During the regular meeting, the commissioners will hear from the Liberty Township Trustees. The trustees for Liberty Townships are Tim Lynch, Joe Kimmert and Jeff Lynch.

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The board typically attempts to conduct one meeting per quarter at night and located somewhere outside of the commissioners' office. This meeting is an attempt to continue that tradition, albeit digitally.

To maintain maximum accessibility, the meeting will be recorded, archived and streamed live through Zoom. Residents can join the meeting by computer or mobile device at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/92595230790>.

Residents also can download the Zoom meeting app and join with meeting ID 925 9523 0790.

For those who would rather call in and listen to the audio of the meeting while it's occurring, they can dial (646) 558-8656 and use the meeting ID. This Zoom information is the same as it was for the previous two meetings.

The session also will be streamed live on the Seneca County Commissioners Facebook page. Like or follow that page for more information.

In other action, the commissioners are to approve a proclamation recognizing this week as National EMS Week. The board also expects to hear a few words from Seneca County Emergency Services Director Ken Majors.

In new business, the commissioners are to consider:

- * A \$733.17 supplemental appropriation to the County Sewer District Fund for other expenses.
- * A \$530,000 supplemental appropriation to the County Engineer's Maintenance and Repair Fund for contracts/projects.
- * Authorizing Board President Shayne Thomas to sign two contracts with the IBI Group for the engineering of the Bloomville Sidewalk Project and the Melmore Park Project under the program year 2019 Community Development Block Grant Program.
- * A real estate purchase agreement with Bradley Newman.

Seneca County General Health District: www.senecahealthdept.org

The Health Department said there are 16 total confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus including nine people who have recovered from the illness and two who have died due to complications of COVID19.

Seneca County Health Commissioner will produce Facebook Live videos with updates from the Health District. This will occur at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Videos will be archived on Facebook and can be viewed live on the Health Department's and Commissioner's FB pages.

Emergency Management Agency

Scammers are contacting people claiming to be tracing COVID-19 contacts. While legitimate health agencies, including the Seneca County General Health District are calling people to complete contact tracing, they will never ask for your Social Security or Bank Account information. Do not click on links or respond to texts saying you have been exposed to COVID-19.

The EMA will continue to update our partners on the numbers on a daily basis Monday through Friday with weekend reports only being published if there is breaking news. Please continue to send your information to be shared with our partners to jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov.

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Blood Collection: www.redcross.org

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/>

For the week ending May 16, the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) reported 46,062 initial unemployment claims. "The number of initial jobless claims filed in Ohio over the last nine weeks (1,215,756) is more than the combined total of those filed during the last three years," ODJFS said in a release.

ODJFS reported it has distributed more than \$2.8 billion in unemployment compensation payments to some 619,000 claimants. The agency has processed over 92% of the 1 million applications it has received.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 2.4 million initial claims in the week ending May 16, down 249,000 compared to the previous week's revised level.

Deloitte Consulting is currently under contract with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) to develop the system to administer the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) program. Over the weekend, Deloitte notified ODJFS that about two dozen individuals inadvertently had the capability to view other PUA claimants' correspondence. Once the unauthorized access was identified, Deloitte fixed the issue within one hour. ODJFS contacted the individuals who had accidental access to the system data. Although there is no evidence of any widespread data compromise, Deloitte is offering credit monitoring to all PUA claimants for 12 months. ODJFS holds the confidentiality of claimant data in the highest regard and agreed with the immediate steps Deloitte took to prevent any unauthorized PUA access in the future.

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

OSS Solid Waste District: <https://recycleoss.org/>

Economic Recovery (Seneca County): <https://www.tiffinchamber.com/coronavirus-resources>

Economic Recovery (State)

This daily situational report will be sent around 4 p.m. each day M-F and as needed over the weekend. If you wish to update or add information to this report, please get it to the EMA at jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov by 2:30 p.m. each day.

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