



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #146**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**May 21st, 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 (+9,182 in the last 7 days)**  
**Probable: 177,552**  
**Confirmed Ohio Resident deaths: 19,628**  
**Deaths in Ohio: 19,623**

**Seneca County: LEVEL 2 [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)**  
**Metrics (as of 05/20)**

DATE	5/11	5/12	5/13	5/14		5/17	5/18	5/19	5/20	5/21
TOTAL CASES	5415	5417	5417	5417		5437		5443	5443	
ACTIVE CASES	78	38	38	19		35		16	15	
CONFIRMED	3307	3308	3308	3308		3317		3319	3319	
PROBABLE	2108	2109	2109	2109		2119		2124	2124	
MALES	2412	2412	2412	2412		2421		2424	2424	
FEMALES	3003	3005	3005	3005		3016		3019	3019	
CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	5	5	5	5		5		4	4	
RECOVERED	5194	5236	5236	5255		5259		5284	5285	
DEATHS	143	143	143	143		143		143	143	
AVERAGE AGE	46	46	46	46		46		46	46	

**Resources:**

**Ohio ODH: [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)**

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

**Seneca County General Health District: [senecahealthdistrict.org](https://senecahealthdistrict.org)**

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## Executive Summary

**GOVERNOR:**

**(5/12/2021)**

**GOVERNOR:** The Governor announced the Ohio Department of Health Issued a new health order amending an existing order for social distancing, facial covering and non-congregating for those who are fully vaccinated.

### **NEW HEALTH ORDER**

- Today, the Ohio Department of Health [amended its remaining health order to conform to the new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) guidance](#), which allows those who have been vaccinated to stop wearing masks.
  - Under the CDC's new guidance, those who have not been vaccinated should still wear a mask and socially distance.
- Ohio's order reflects the CDC's recommendation that everyone wear masks when in a healthcare setting, when traveling on public transportation (including airplanes), and when at a business or employer that chooses to require masks.
- The CDC recommendations make clear that businesses will be able to choose for themselves whether they continue to require masks in their premises.
  - If a business chooses to require masking for employees and customers, that is permitted under the CDC guidance and Ohio's order.
  - If a business chooses not to require masks and leave that choice to customers and employees, that is also permitted in the CDC guidance and Ohio's order.
- As advised by the CDC, Ohio's order also continues to require masking in congregate settings, such as nursing homes and assisted living facilities, and in settings with large numbers of unvaccinated individuals, such as schools and daycare centers.

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

**Seneca County Commissioners:** [www.senecacountyohio.gov](http://www.senecacountyohio.gov)

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners received six bids for a roofing project during Thursday morning's session. The project is to replace the shingle roof on the buildings that house the Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services, the Seneca County Engineer's Office and the Seneca Park District. The buildings are located just south of Tiffin near SR 100 and US 224.

### **The bids received were as follows:**

- Midstate Contractors, of Marion, for \$389,800

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- J.B. Roofing, of Tiffin, for \$393,738
- CRM Roofing, of Clyde, for \$349,719
- E. Lee Construction, of Delphos, for \$339,960
- Damschroder Roofing, of Fremont, for \$303,042
- ACI Advanced Concept Inc., of Canal Winchester, for \$441,697.

Seneca County Buildings and Grounds Maintenance Supervisor John Logsdon is to review the bids before one is given the contract for the project.

In other action, the commissioners agreed to hire Jaime Wolfe as the director of the newly created Human Resources Department.

Wolfe has worked in the HR field since 2013, including her most recent stint as a Human Resources Specialist for the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners. The HR office is to be located in the County Services Building in the former space of the Public Guardian's Office. Wolfe is slated to start her new position on June 7.

The commissioners had set aside funding in previous years for the eventual creation of the office. The new office should help to improve and organize human resource functions while also reducing liability to the county.

During County Administrator Stacy Wilson's report, the commissioners received a positive update on the county's sales tax receipts.

The county received \$822,871.44 in May. The collection for the month reflects sales tax data from some of February and most of March. Wilson said the number represents an increase of about 23 percent compared to the same period in 2019. She did not compare the figure to 2020 due to the economic complications brought on by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through the first five sales tax reports of 2021, the county has collected about \$4,250,000. This figure is about \$830,000, or 24 percent, higher than the amount collected in the first five months of 2019.

In other action, the commissioners informed the public that they had signed and sent a letter to Tiffin Columbian Boys Tennis Coach Chip Weingart to congratulate his team on finishing an undefeated season in the Sandusky Bay Conference. The board also wished district performers



good luck this week, including the New Riegel Softball team who will play for the district title on Friday in Oak Harbor.

The board also participated in two joint ditch maintenance hearings, one with Sandusky County and another with Sandusky and Wood County. To learn more, view the following resolutions that were approved: [Sandusky, Wood and Seneca resolution](#) ... [Sandusky and Seneca resolution](#)

**During new business, the board approved all new business from the pre-meeting release and:**

- \* Set June 10 at 10:30 a.m. to open bids for capital improvements at the CROSSWAEH facility.
- \* Set June 17 at 10:30 a.m. to open bids for one, seven-passenger, two-wheelchair accessible van on behalf of the Seneca County Opportunity Center.
- \* Set June 17 at 10:15 a.m. to open bids for the CR 47 pavement resurfacing project on behalf of the Engineer's Office.

**Seneca County General Health District:** [www.senecahealthdept.org](http://www.senecahealthdept.org)

The latest Vaccination numbers for Seneca County are as follows: 32.76% (18,074) 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](http://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.

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- 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

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/>

**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](mailto:jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov).**

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