



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #52
COVID-19 Response
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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: 28,758 (+584 in last 24 hours)
Probable: 2,036
Confirmed Deaths: 1,691
Probable Deaths: 181

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

No Press Conference today or Monday.

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.

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Seneca County Commissioners: www.senecacountyohio.gov

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners approved a proclamation Thursday night recognizing May 17-23 as National EMS Week.

The cause, which is celebrated during the third week of May each year, is one that is special to Seneca County, due to a strong tradition of volunteerism at Seneca County EMS.

Seneca County Emergency Services Director Ken Majors said EMS volunteers are what has made the department successful for more than 40 years. The department, which was founded in 1979, has had to deal with the COVID-19 pandemic over the past few months. Majors said his personnel has handled the crisis well because of a commitment to preparation.

“The most important thing is to not abandon our priorities of moving forward just because we have been challenged by the pandemic,” he said.

The proclamation states that the delivery of pre-hospital care is a difficult, dangerous and thankless job requiring many hours of training and continuing education.

The commissioners thanked Majors, the volunteers and all other EMS personnel countywide. In other business, Seneca Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Charlene Watkins gave the board an update on the Attica Veterans Memorial Park project.

She said the ongoing health crisis has delayed the timetable but noted that the project is still moving forward after receiving grant funding and having a successful fundraising campaign.

In November, SRPC worked with Attica officials and the Attica American Legion Post No. 260 to obtain an Ohio Department of Natural Resources grant of \$83,380 to complete the project. Watkins said Thursday that the total cost of the project is about \$124,000, and it is to be paid for by the grant and other donated funds. A \$5,000 donation from the Patriot Day Salute Committee was included for the project.

The park is to be located at the sight of the former Attica Eagles building. In October 2018, the commissioners hosted an event in Attica to celebrate the demolition of that building, which had become blighted. The demolition was possible due to a collaboration of many county agencies including the Seneca County Land Bank, Sutton Bank, Seneca County Prosecutor’s Office, SRPC, Seneca County General Health District and Fostoria Economic Development Corp.

Commissioner Shayne Thomas thanked everyone involved in working toward the creation of the first veterans’ memorial park in Attica. Commissioner Anthony Paradiso also gave a special thanks to all of the volunteers who are helping to install the park.

Watkins said design work for the project is nearly completed.

In other action, the commissioners approved the purchase of land near the Seneca County Airport that was owned by Airport Operator Brad Newman.

The \$587,481 purchase of about 37.5 acres is to be 100-percent grant funded by the Federal Aviation Administration. Brian Crosier, from the county’s long-term airport plan consultant Stantec, said the land being purchased is on the south side of the airport and includes several trees and potential obstructions that are to be removed.

Commissioner Mike Kerschner said the county will be reimbursed for the planning and appraisal costs associated with the purchase.

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In new business, the board approved:

- * 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.
- * 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.

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.

Blood Collection: www.redcross.org

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

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

The new unemployment rates for Ohio and the US came out today for April 2020. (The county rates come out on the 27th)

Ohio – 16.8% which is an increase of 11%

United States – 14.7% which is an increase of 10.3%

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

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

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

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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