



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #148**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**June 4th, 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: 923,497 (+6,307 in the last 7 days)**  
**Probable: 179,883**  
**Confirmed Ohio Resident deaths: 19,923**  
**Deaths in Ohio: 19,912**

**Seneca County: LEVEL 1 [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)**  
**Metrics (as of 6/3)**

	DATE	5/24	5/25	5/26	5/27	5/28		5/31	6/1	6/2	6/3
	TOTAL CASES	5445	5445	5456	5459	5460		HT	5463	5463	5462
	ACTIVE CASES	12	12	22	20	19		HT	13	12	3
	CONFIRMED	3318	3318	3325	3327	3327		HT	3327	3327	3327
	PROBABLE	2127	2127	2131	2132	2133		HT	2136	2136	2135
	MALES	2425	2425	2430	2431	2431		HT	2431	2431	2431
	FEMALES	3020	3020	3026	3028	3029		HT	3032	3032	3031
	CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	4	4	4	3	3		HT	3	2	1
	RECOVERED	5289	5289	5290	5294	5296		HT	5305	5305	5313
	DEATHS	144	144	144	145	145		HT	145	146	146
	AVERAGE AGE	46	45	45	45	45		HT	45	45	45

**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**

**(6/2/2021) GOVERNOR:** Governor DeWine has announced the rescission of various health orders. The order can be found attached to this email. The Governor also released a press release reminding unvaccinated Ohioans to continue wearing masks.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM:** The Ohio Department of Health has announced they will be no longer updating the Public Health Advisory System and map.

**VACCINE:** In an effort to increase vaccination rates among Medicaid beneficiaries, the Governor challenged managed care plans to ramp up their efforts. Plans have been offering gift cards, ensuring transportation is available, tailoring strategies to meet people where they are, and creating vaccine opportunities outside of normal business hours.

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

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners hosted a public hearing Thursday morning for the program year 2021 Community Development Block Grant Program and OK'd \$158,000 of potential projects for the program.

Seneca Regional Planning Commission Executive Director Charlene Watkins hosted the public hearing and explained the proposed projects that came from the Community Development Implementation Strategy meetings that preceded the hearing.

### **The proposed projects are as follows:**

- \$46,900 for an Americans with Disabilities Act-compliant sidewalk and curb project in Fostoria
- \$15,000 for homelessness prevention
- \$64,500 for a sidewalk replacement project in New Riegel on West Tiffin and South Perry streets (the project would include a \$30,000 match from the village).
- \$5,000 for Fair Housing
- \$25,600 for administration fees

The applications for the projects are to be submitted and will soon be reviewed by the state. If the projects are approved, they will receive funding in 2022.

In other business, the board accepted a \$303,042 bid from Damschroder Roofing, of Fremont, for the roof replacement project at 3362 TR 151 & 3300 S. TR 151. The project is for work done on the roof of

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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.

Work is expected to begin on July 1 and should be completed in about two weeks.

Also during the session, County Administrator Stacy Wilson announced that the Seneca County General Health District had received national accreditation through the Public Health Accreditation Board.

Wilson said former health commissioner Beth Schweitzer, who retired earlier this year, and all of the staff at the health department have worked hard for a long time to receive the honor. The program sets standards against which the nation's governmental public health departments can continuously improve the quality of their services and performance.

Seneca County Health Commissioner Anne Goon said she is pleased with the news.

"We especially thank former health commissioner Beth Schweitzer and former accreditation coordinator Laura Bogard for the many years of hard work invested to help make this achievement possible," she said.

During Commissioner Mike Kerschner's report, he mentioned that the Seneca County Sheriff's Office had accepted 19 Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainees this week, bringing the jail's total to 32 detainees. The jail receives federal funding for housing ICE detainees.

**In new business, the board approved all resolutions from the pre-meeting press release.**

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

The latest Vaccination numbers for Seneca County are as follows: 34.47% (19,022) 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.

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- 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

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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