



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #68
COVID-19 Response
July 16th, 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: 66,540 (+3,627 in the last 72 hours)
Probable: 4,061
Confirmed Deaths: 2,849
Probable Deaths: 254

Seneca County: LEVEL 1 PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#) NEW

Metrics (as of 6/30)

Total Cases: 54
Deaths: 2
Recovered: 38
Hospitalized: 1

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

(PUBLISHED Wednesday July 15th) GOVERNOR: In a [statewide address](#) from his office in the Statehouse tonight Governor DeWine said that the state is at a critical point in the COVID-19 pandemic and implored Ohioans to take appropriate action to reverse the rapidly increasing spread of the virus.

"Today, more Ohioans are getting sick than at any previous point in this pandemic. We are sliding down a very dangerous path, with our once flattened-curve starting to sharpen and spike," said Governor DeWine. "This is a worrisome, disturbing reversal of our progress -- a jarring reminder of just how quickly our fate can change."

Governor DeWine commended Ohioans for doing their part at the beginning of the pandemic. However, with positive cases increasing, he reminded Ohioans that the choices they make today will impact the spread of the virus in the coming weeks. During the speech, grounded in [scientific evidence and data](#), Governor DeWine reminded Ohioans about the efficacy of facial coverings to protect

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themselves, loved ones, friends, neighbors and other citizens. He also renewed the call to socially distance and limit public gatherings.

“I am calling on all Ohioans to once again unite. We must work together, support each other, and help each other through this challenging time. I’ve seen you do this. I know you can do this. Ohioans can continue to help our most vulnerable, while also protecting ourselves and our families. Together, we can be the Ohio where our hospitals are not overwhelmed, where our schools can open, where sports can start, and where our economy can continue to grow, Governor DeWine added.

A video of the address is available on the [Ohio Channel’s YouTube page](#).

PUBLISHED Thursday July 16th: GOVERNOR: The Governor today released the latest public health advisory system map, which now has 18 counties at level 3, the red level, which is up from 12 last week. No counties were upgraded to level 4, or purple. As far as the starred watch list, the counties from last week are no longer starred, but remain at level 3, however Athens county has been elevated to the watch list.

DeWine says Athens County has rapidly accelerated with isolated outbreaks that have resulted from a concerning community spread. Local health officials report at least 3 outbreaks at local bars, all of which have temporarily closed due to staff cases.

Lt. Governor Husted announced a \$20M grant through development service agency to help manufacturers make personal protective equipment. This money will go to 68 Ohio companies to retool their production to make PPE.

The ODH 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

Seneca County General Health District: www.senecahealthdept.org

The Health Department reports 54 total confirmed cases of the COVID-19 virus including 38 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 the second and fourth Wednesday of the month. Videos will be archived on Facebook and can be viewed live on the Health Department’s and Commissioner’s FB pages.

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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.

Seneca County Fair: senecacountyfair.org

The 2020 Seneca County Fair is happening. Some of the grandstands events have been cancelled due to the current restrictions of 50% grandstands capacity. More details to follow.

Seneca County Regional Planning: senecarpc.org

Blood Collection: www.redcross.org

For a limited time, your blood donation will include an antibody test with results returned to you through your Red Cross Donor App. Go to redcrossblood.org for more information.

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

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

UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohioans filed 35,422 initial claims for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. The number represents an increase from the previous week's total of 33,483.

ODJFS reported Ohioans filed 429,638 continued claims last week – down 346,664 from the state's peak earlier this year. The agency said it has sent more than \$5.2 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 747,000 workers over the past 17 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 1.3 million new claims were received nationwide last week, about even with the previous week.

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

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

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

This situational report will be sent around 4 p.m. on Mondays and Thursdays and 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 by 2:30 p.m. each publishing day.

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