



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #84**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**September 10th, 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: 127,106 (+6,635 in the last 48 hours)**  
**Probable: 6,980**  
**Confirmed Deaths: 4,064**  
**Probable Deaths: 290**

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

**Metrics (as of 9/9)**

**Total Cases: 401 (+1)**  
**Active Cases: 29 (-22)**  
**Deaths: 13 (+/-0)**  
**Recovered: 332 (+27)**  
**Hospitalized: 4 (+/-0)**

**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)**

**Executive Summary**

**GOVERNOR:** Governor DeWine discussed the percentage of cases by age group and month, and we continue to see an increase in the 0-29 age group relative to the overall population. DeWine also stated that with the hospitalization rates by age group, those younger than 30 generally have a lower rate than those 30+.

Governor DeWine reviewed the top 10 Ohio counties ranked by the highest occurrence, which includes the following counties: Putnam; Butler; Mercer; Shelby; Montgomery; Auglaize; Franklin; Henry; Meigs; and Darke.

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Governor DeWine and Director Lori Criss, Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services, reminded Ohioans that your mental health is just as important as your physical health. Help is available 24/7 via the COVID CareLine: 1-800-720-9616 or text "4hope" to 741-741.

**OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH:** Governor DeWine announced today that Dr. Joan Duwve has been selected as the new director of the Ohio Department of Health. Dr. Duwve is currently the director of public health for the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control.

"I am thrilled to return to Ohio, where I grew up," said Dr. Duwve. "Through forging strong partnerships across the state, I firmly believe that together, we can build healthier communities that in turn create greater opportunities for all Ohioans to thrive."

A graduate of North Olmsted High School, Dr. Duwve attended undergraduate school at The Ohio State University. She received a Master of Public Health from the University of Michigan and her Medical Doctor Degree from Johns Hopkins University.

She is expected to start the new position October 1.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM:** Ohio's latest health advisory map has 6 red counties (level 3). Summit County has returned to red, and Lucas and Wayne County have been reduced to orange (level 2). An updated map can be found attached.

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

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

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.

### **Emergency Management Agency**

**SCAM ALERT:** There are a number of ever evolving scams related to the current pandemic. Remember that during contact tracing no legitimate health department will ask you for insurance, medicare or credit card information. You can learn about current scams at [oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp](http://oig.hhs.gov/coronavirus/fraud-alert-covid19.asp) and report suspicious phone calls or contacts with suspected scammers by calling 800.447.8477.

The EMA will continue to update our partners on the numbers twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. Please continue to send your information to be shared with our partners to [jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov](mailto:jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov).

**Seneca County Regional Planning:** [senecarpc.org](http://senecarpc.org)

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**Blood Collection:** [www.redcross.org](http://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](http://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](http://www.redcross.org/volunteer)

For more information or questions, please contact Melanie Collins at [Melanie.Collins4@redcross.org](mailto:Melanie.Collins4@redcross.org) or 330-204-6615.

**Mental Health and Recovery Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties:** [www.mhrsbsw.org](http://www.mhrsbsw.org)

**City of Tiffin:** [www.tiffinohio.gov](http://www.tiffinohio.gov)

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

UNEMPLOYMENT: Ohioans filed 17,983 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to ODJFS. The total represents a 4% decline from the previous week, when residents filed 18,719 new jobless claims.

ODJFS reported Ohioans filed 328,515 continued claims last week, down 447,787 compared with the state's peak earlier this year. The agency said it has distributed more than \$6.3 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 779,000 Ohioans over the last 25 weeks.

The U.S. Department of Labor reported 884,000 initial jobless claims were filed nationwide last week, even with the prior week.

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

**Tiffin-Seneca Public Library:** <http://tiffinsenecalibrary.org>

Last fall, the Tiffin-Seneca Public Library hosted several programs to increase awareness of mental health issues and to reduce the stigma of talking about mental health and seeking help. We welcomed Kevin Hines, a suicide survivor who travels the world sharing his story of hope, healing, and recovery, as our third annual Foundation Speaker. Hundreds of people in our community attended these events. Because of COVID-19, people are experiencing even more mental health challenges as they battle isolation and depression, face serious health and financial concerns, and struggle with the stress of navigating daily life.

The Tiffin-Seneca Public Library is committed to helping our community during this time by "Continuing the Conversation" about mental health and will collaborate with community organizations to present a series of online events. Due to current social distancing guidelines, the Tiffin-Seneca Public

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Library is not hosting any in-person programming for the time being. The events will be conducted via Zoom and streamed live on Facebook.

**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](mailto:jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov) by 2:30 p.m. each publishing day.**

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