



**Seneca County EMA Situation Report #103**  
**COVID-19 Response**  
**November 19th, 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: 310,103 (+20,510 in the last 72 hours)**  
**Probable: 16,512**  
**Confirmed Deaths: 5,522**  
**Probable Deaths: 368**

**Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)**

**Metrics (as of 11/19)**

**Total Cases: 1,208 (+113)**  
**Active Cases: 346 (-6)**  
**Deaths: 24 (+2)**  
**Recovered: 913 (+77)**  
**Hospitalized: 35 (+7)**

**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:** DeWine today said that the state has seen an increase in antigen tests and as a result, ODH is taking time to comb over the stats from the past two days to ensure that the positive antigen tests are not incorrectly reflected in the positive case numbers.

DeWine addressed SB 311, which would diminish the administration's ability to issue public health orders saying it will put Ohioans in jeopardy. He again promised to veto the legislation. The House has the legislation on their calendar today, meaning it could be sent to the Governor in the coming days.

**PUBLIC HEALTH ADVISORY SYSTEM:** Franklin became the first county to reach the purple level in the Health Advisory System since its implementation. For the first time, there are no yellow counties, only

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orange, red and now purple. Lake, Lorain and Montgomery counties are all at risk of turning purple next week.

**TRAVEL ADVISORY:** Wisconsin and Arizona have been added to this week's travel advisory map, while North Dakota and Nebraska have been removed.

**UNEMPLOYMENT:** Ohioans filed 24,964 initial applications for unemployment compensation last week, according to the Department of Job and Family Services. The total represented an increase of 3,096, or about 14%, from the previous week.

ODJFS reported residents filed 254,613 continued jobless claims last week, down from 260,855 the week before. The U.S. Department of Labor reported 742,000 new unemployment claims were filed last week nationwide, up 31,000 from the previous week's revised level.

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

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners met via Zoom Thursday morning.

During the meeting, the board congratulated the Tiffin Calvert Lady Senecas Volleyball team and Head Coach Lori Rombach on winning a second state championship in three years.

Back in November 2018, when the team won the first state championship, coaches and players joined the commissioners' meeting to accept a proclamation from the commissioners. Unfortunately, due to COVID-19, the team and coaches couldn't join the meeting in person, but the team did join the meeting through Zoom.

Rombach thanked the commissioners and all the Calvert Volleyball fans and supporters in the community.

"This was truly a team win," she said.

The commissioners presented a proclamation to the team and one to Rombach for her coach-of-the-year honors.

This week, the county is lighting the cupola at the Seneca County Justice Center with blue and white lights for the team. The board also put together a brief video for the Lady Senecas with words of encouragement from the commissioners.

"I'm always proud to say I'm a Calvert graduate," Kerschner said. "I am so, so very proud of Calvert High School, but especially today, knowing that we are, indeed, state volleyball champions. Congratulations to all of you."

In other action, the commissioners approved \$56,269.13 of county-related expenditures to be funded with CARES Act money. The county has now approved about \$1.2 million in CARES Act projects for unbudgeted expenses brought about by the current health crisis.

The county also made \$1.25 million available through several community organizations to lend assistance to residents, nonprofits and businesses.

The county has a little less than \$800,000 in CARES funding still available.

Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership Development Manager Audrey Flood updated the commissioners on the Seneca CARES Small Business Relief Grant Program, which was funded by the county and other townships and villages.

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She said applications were accepted from Oct. 28-Nov. 9, and roughly 130 businesses requested assistance. Of the 130, about 60 were from the city of Tiffin, with 10-15 coming from nonprofit-organizations and the rest coming from businesses in townships and villages in the county.

Flood said more information would be available in the coming weeks on how much funding was awarded to businesses in the community.

Applications are still being accepted through Great Lakes Community Action Partnership, Tiffin-Seneca United Way and Seneca County Department of Job and Family Services for financial assistance. Residents could be eligible for rent/mortgage, utility or food assistance, among other programs.

Also during the meeting, the commissioners approved a proclamation recognizing Charles Giles as the Seneca County Veteran of the Year. A dinner event on Veterans Day to celebrate Giles and the holiday was canceled due to COVID-19 concerns, but the commissioners thanked Giles for his service to his country and his community.

The board also recognized November 2020 as National Adoption Month.

In new business, the board approved:

- \* A \$33,570.33 supplemental appropriation to the General Fund on behalf of the board of elections.
- \* A \$60,000 supplemental appropriation to the Maintenance and Repair Fund for salaries.
- \* A \$90,000 supplemental appropriation to the Child Support Enforcement Fund.
- \* A \$30,909.10 supplemental appropriation to the Workforce Investment Act Fund.
- \* A \$1,500 supplemental appropriation to the General Fund for supplies on behalf of the auditor's office.
- \* A \$123,974.63 supplemental appropriation to the Children Services Fund.
- \* A \$48,133.11 reduction to the VOCA Fund.
- \* A \$93,119.23 supplemental appropriation to VOCA Fund in the transfers out line.
- \* A \$250,000 supplemental appropriation to the Public Assistance Fund for contract services.
- \* A \$60,939.50 fund transfer to the Public Assistance Fund.
- \* A \$93,119.23 fund transfer to the VOCA Grant Fund.
- \* A \$25,000 fund transfer for the Local Government Fund Alternate Formula to the Ambulance Service Fund.
- \* An agreement with the Ohio Department of Justice for the fiscal year 2020 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program on behalf of the Seneca County Sheriff's Office.
- \* Placing King/Ruthman Ditch District SC#11-363 on Permanent Maintenance.
- \* Authorizing the 2021 Wellness Extra Incentive Premium Differentials for 2022 Discount.
- \* Authorizing a contract service agreement with Huron County Board of Commissioners for the receipt, custody and care of Huron County juveniles on behalf of the Seneca County Youth Center for 2021.

**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.

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### **Emergency Management Agency**

The Public Health Advisory System shows that Seneca County has met 5 of the 7 indicators needed to change the level. Wearing a mask, washing your hands and/or using hand sanitizer and not congregating with friends or family not living in your household is the best way to stem the tide of this virus. This is inconvenient and difficult, but necessary.

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)

**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/>

Please see the attached update of jobless claims for the week of November 8-14<sup>th</sup>.

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

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

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

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

**Tiffin-Seneca Economic Partnership:** <https://senecasuccess.wordpress.com/tag/tsep/>

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