



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #106
COVID-19 Response
November 30th, 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

FROM ODH: Today's data is incomplete. Thousands of reports are pending review. Please bear with us as we work through the surge in testing.

Ohio

Confirmed Cases: 398,371 (+36,748 in the last 96 hours)
Probable: 22,692
Confirmed Deaths: 6,009
Probable Deaths: 420

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY [Ohio's Public Health Advisory System](#)
Metrics (as of 11/30)

Total Cases: 1,989 (+337)
Active Cases: 862 (+589)
Deaths: 28 (+1)
Recovered: 1075 (+114)
Hospitalized: 34 (-1)

Due to the change suggested by the CDC in the way the health department does contact tracing, there will be a lag in the data just as there is a lag at the state level. We will get the statistics updated as soon as possible.

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

CDC: CDC.gov

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR: Governor DeWine held a press conference today at 3pm. The following announcements were made:

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- Vaccines: Pfizer could be ready on December 15 and Moderna on December 22, waiting approval from the FDA
- On Thursday's press conference DeWine will announce full rollout plan for the vaccines
- Dayton correctional officer died of COVID-19 this morning
- Ohio crossed 5,000 inpatients w/ COVID-19 in Ohio's hospitals for the first time. On Nov. 1 there were just under 1,700 coronavirus patients in Ohio hospitals.
- Dr. Andy Thomas said rural area hospital are being hit the hardest.
- A 1/3 of the patients across the state are COVID patients - 1 in 3 patients on a ventilator are COVID patients
- Dr. Thomas: If you travelled or went outside their bubble during the holiday weekend, make sure they are being safe now including quarantining at home and minimizing your contact with the community.
- Darke County is the county at the highest occurrence of cases in the state
- DeWine created a new program to help improve indoor air quality and reduce the transmission of COVID-19 for residents in nursing homes, assisted living centers, and adult day centers.
- DeWine asked companies to have employees work remote across the state
- For state employees, Ohio initially planned to have employees begin to return to work in early January, but are now putting a hold on that.
- Jamie Giere, a nurse and team leader for the COVID Unit at Premier Health's Upper Valley Medical Center in Troy, north of Dayton spoke about the stress her nurses and patients are going through. "I wish I could wear a go-pro for a few hours of the day for people to realize the stress that healthcare workers go through every day. It's exhausting. It's emotional. I don't think the public truly understands what we go through. Seeing the fear in patients' faces."
- Gov. DeWine to speak about the possibility of a stimulus bill later this week.

TESTING LOCATIONS: DeWine has started a walk-up/drive-up testing initiative with the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers and their affiliate members and the Ohio National Guard. These sites will also include other local community-based organizations i.e., faith-based organizations, community centers, food pantries, etc.

Testing for this initiative will be available for individuals with or without symptoms. The test has no out-of-pocket cost to the patient and individuals of any age are able to access the test. Minors will need signed consent of a parent/guardian.

For an exhaustive list of all the locations in the state that are offering testing, [click here](#).

Travel Advisory: Those entering Ohio after traveling to states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 are advised to self-quarantine for 14 days.

The list of states will be updated every week on Wednesday. Based on a 7-day rolling average of positivity rates of November 18, the affected states are highlighted in yellow on the attached map.

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Seneca County Commissioners: www.senecacountyohio.gov

Seneca County General Health District: 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

What do you do if you have symptoms of COVID? Contact your doctor. If you don't have a doctor, but have insurance, check to see if your insurance has tele-health and see a doctor. If your doctor does not recommend a COVID test but you need one, call the Tiffin Community Health Center, 419.455.8140 and make an appointment.

PCR swab tests may take 4-6 days to return results as they must be sent to a lab and be cultured to test for the virus. Rapid tests have a much shorter return time, but are in short supply. No test is 100% accurate. The test relies on, among other things, the amount of virus in your system at the time of the test. Tests are available at the following locations:

PCR (4-6 day return):

Mercy Health-Tiffin Hospital (with Drs. order)

ProMedica Hospital (with Drs. order)

Tiffin Community Health Center (Tele-health or Dr. on site)

Rapid Test (6-8 hour return):

Urgent Care (Tele-health or Dr. onsite)

CVS

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.

Hospital Council of Northwest Ohio: hcno.org

Please see the attached COVID-19 Data Report for 11/30/20. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 762 COVID-19 patients with 410 (54%) in Lucas County hospitals, 103 (13%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 249 (33%) from other NW Ohio counties

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- Regionally, there are 183 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 114 (62%) in Lucas County hospitals, 18 (10%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 51 (28%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 18 (47%) reported anticipating a nursing shortage
- The number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Region 1 and Regions 1, 2 and 5 (Zone 1) combined continues to increase
 - Region 1 COVID-19 hospitalized patients are higher than our previous peak in the 200-330 range in mid-April
 - Zone 1 COVID-19 hospitalized patients are higher than our previous peak in the 690-700 range in mid-April
- Cases reported through the Ohio Department of Health continue to increase substantially each day
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 42 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 14.5%

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/>

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

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

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

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

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

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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