Seneca County EMA Situation Report #108
COVID-19 Response
December 7th, 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: **458,993 (+36,145 in the last 96 hours)**
Probable: **25,304**
Confirmed Deaths: **6,544**
Probable Deaths: **478**

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY Ohio's Public Health Advisory System
Metrics (as of 12/7)
Total Cases: **2,299 (+73)**
Active Cases: **739 (-90)**
Deaths: **39 (+6)**
Recovered: **1498 (+157)**
Hospitalized: **42 (+6)**

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 announced that tomorrow, December 8th, Ohio will be aligning with the CDC's current case definition, which means that we will begin reflecting the backlogged antigen tests immediately in the daily reported case counts moving forward. This will result in a one-day spike in reported cases tomorrow. These cases will be assigned to their appropriate onset date.

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All of the backlogged tests will not translate into new cases, they will be checked and duplicated records will be removed. The test results will be added to the positivity calculation in the coming weeks.

VACCINE PROVIDERS: Prospective COVID-19 vaccine providers are encouraged to review the enrollment checklist, FAQ's Document, and view the webinar that details how to enroll.
 To enroll in the COVID-19 Vaccination Program:

   Visit OHID webpage: https://ohid.ohio.gov
   Log-in using your OHID or create a new account
   Request access to the Vaccination Program (COVID-19) application
   Complete, sign, and submit all required forms electronically through the application

Other resources:

   ODH Provider Enrollment Information
   ODH Provider Training
   Interim DRAFT Vaccination Plan

PHASED APPROACH TO VACCINE ADMINISTRATION
Governor DeWine announced that Phase 1A of the vaccine will be available around December 15, 2020. Phase 1A of distribution priorities - in no particular order include:

   Health care providers and personnel routinely involved with the care of COVID-19 patients
   Residents and staff at nursing facilities
   Residents and staff at assisted living facilities
   Residents and staff of Ohio's veterans' homes
   Patients and staff at psychiatric hospitals
   People with intellectual disabilities and those who live with mental illness who live in group homes and their staff
   EMS responders

The federal government has made it clear that we will not know for sure how many vaccines are coming until closer to the time the shipments are finalized.

Our current understanding, which is subject to change, is that we will receive a shipment from Pfizer on December 15th with 9,750 vaccines for hospitals (prepositioned sites) and 88,725 for Walgreens and CVS for congregate care settings.

On December 22, we anticipate a shipment of 201,000 vaccines from Moderna. These will go to 98 hospitals and 108 health departments. Hospitals will vaccinate those dealing with COVID-19 patients. Health departments will vaccinate people like EMS, home health care works, and others.

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TESTING LOCATIONS: **ALERT! Drive Up COVID19 Testing Available in Sandusky County on Wednesday, December 9th from 10am to 2pm at Rodger Young Park, 711 South Front St. Fremont Ohio 43420. This is a NO COST, NO APPOINTMENT, NO SYMPTOMS NECESSARY for testing. Seneca County is currently in the process of scheduling the same type of pop up testing.**

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.

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 must 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 sytem 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)

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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 12/7/20. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format

Key points:

Regionally, there are 725 COVID-19 patients with 422 (58%) in Lucas County hospitals, 93 (13%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 210 (29%) from other NW Ohio counties

Regionally, there are 184 COVID Critical Care patients with 125 (68%) in Lucas County hospitals, 11 (6%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 48 (26%) from other NW Ohio counties

Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 18 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (47%)

· The number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Region 1 and Regions 1, 2 and 5 (Zone 1) combined continues to increase

o Region 1 COVID-19 hospitalized patients are higher than our previous peak in the 200-330 range in mid-April

o 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 15.9%

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 bloodhasn'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.mhrsbssw.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/

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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