



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #112
COVID-19 Response
December 21st, 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: 570,774 (+28,088 in the last 96 hours)
Probable: 58,550
Confirmed Deaths: 7,423
Probable Deaths: 699

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

Metrics (as of 12/21)

Total Cases: 3,037 (+123)
Active Cases: 779 (-293)
Deaths: 63 (+6)
Recovered: 2221 (+398)
Hospitalized: 18 (-37)

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

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

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR: Governor DeWine discussed Ohio counties ranked by highest occurrence of COVID-19 cases and said that we have 17 counties with a case rate over 1,000, which means that at least 1% of the people in those counties currently have or very recently had the virus and are at risk of spreading it to others. Only 4 counties in Ohio have a case rate below 500.

Governor DeWine urged Ohioans to keep up the work that started during Thanksgiving for the next several weeks to prevent another surge in January. If we can get through Christmas and New Year's without a significant surge, we will be much better positioned to start 2021 against the virus.

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.

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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.

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.

TESTING LOCATIONS: Seneca County is currently in the process of scheduling pop up testing. Date is tentatively scheduled with the National Guard in January.

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.

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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](#).

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

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Please see the attached COVID-19 Data Report for **12/21/20**. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format

Key points:

- **Regionally, there are 697 COVID-19 patients with 391 (56%) in Lucas County hospitals, 97 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 209 (30%) from other NW Ohio counties**
- **Regionally, there are 186 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 123 (67%) in Lucas County hospitals, 25 (13%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 38 (20%) from other NW Ohio counties**
- **Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 22 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (58%)**
- **The number of COVID-19 hospitalized patients in Region 1 and Regions 1, 2 and 5 combined continues to increase**
- **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's 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 43 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/>

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