Seneca County EMA Situation Report #115
COVID-19 Response
December 31st, 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: **628,336 (+19,907 in the last 72 hours)**
Probable: **72,044**
Confirmed Deaths: **8,112**
Probable Deaths: **850**

Seneca County: LEVEL 3 (High Incidence) PUBLIC EMERGENCY Ohio's Public Health Advisory System
Metrics (as of 12/30)
Total Cases: **3,500 (+263)**
Active Cases: **433 (-59)**
Deaths: **76 (+3)**
Recovered: **2699 (+306)**
Hospitalized: **22 (+3)**

Resources:
Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov
CDC: CDC.gov
Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary
GOVERNOR: During today's press conference, Governor DeWine stated that we cannot control how fast the vaccine comes to Ohio, but we can control how fast we get it out. When hospitals get the vaccine, they are asked to ensure that the vaccinations are administered within 24 hours and report that information back to the state.

Governor DeWine gave an update on the case incidence and regional COVID ICU utilization. All regions of the state have at least 1/5 of their ICU patients who are positive for COVID-19. In most regions, 1/3 or more patients in the ICU are COVID positive.

Governor DeWine announced that prelim results from Ohio Schools COVID-19 Evaluation Team found if students in class are masked/distanced, they did not have an increased risk of catching the virus from a nearby positive student. Schools should continue to quarantine exposed students if

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masking/distancing protocols were not followed. This change doesn't apply to after-school activities, including sports.

OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH: ODH has extended the 10:00 PM to 5:00 AM statewide curfew for another three weeks, until January 23, 2021. This is because we do not know what effect the holidays may have on the hospitals and health care systems.

COVID-19 VACCINATION DASHBOARD: The COVID-19 Vaccination Dashboard is now live, and displays the most recent data reported to the Ohio Department of Health regarding the number of individuals that have started and completed the COVID-19 vaccination series by various demographics and county of residence. This dashboard is available on the coronavirus.ohio.gov website, and will be updated daily.

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.

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
        The Health Commissioner reports that 73 vaccines have been administered with full schedule on Tuesday, December 29 and nearly full schedule on Wednesday, December 30th. A new batch of 100 doses of vaccine were received on Monday the 28th. The department is working through all those in phase 1a that want the vaccine and will move to phase 1b which includes the following: Ohioans 65 years-old and older; those living with severe congenital, developmental, or early-onset medical disorders; and adults who work in schools. Please see the phase 1b attachment.
        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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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)
>> 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 12/30/20. Throughout the COVID-19 response, HCNO will release updated reports regularly using this format.

Key Points:

- Regionally, there are 605 COVID-19 patients with 338 (56%) in Lucas County hospitals, 84 (14%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 182 (30%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Regionally, there are 163 COVID-19 Critical Care patients with 107 (66%) in Lucas County hospitals, 13 (8%) in Allen County hospitals, and the remaining 47 (26%) from other NW Ohio counties
- Out of 38 regional hospitals reporting, 20 hospitals reported strained or critical nursing shortages (53%)
- The statewide median age for COVID-19 is 43 years old
- The statewide 7-day average positivity rate for testing is 12.6%

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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

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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