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**COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Situation Report**

**March 27, 2020**

**2030 hours**

***Situation to Date***

Declarations in Response to COVID-19

World Health Organization Pandemic

United States of America National Emergency

State of Ohio State Emergency

Lucas County Emergency

Confirmed Cases of COVID-19

United States of America 101,276

State of Ohio 867

Lucas County Residents 50

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19

United State of America 1,572

State of Ohio 19

Lucas County Residents 2

Tests Performed in Lucas County

Total Tests 421

Tests Pending 236

First Responders Staffing

Quarantined Officers – 22

* First Responder which have had potential exposure to COVID-19, are not showing symptoms and have not been tested

*Fire Service - 22*

Toledo 17

Springfield Township

Monclova Township 2

Maumee 2

Air Guard 1

*Law Enforcement - 0*

Isolated Officers – 17

* First Responders which have had potential exposure to COVID-19 and showing symptoms
  + Number in Parenthesis are number with Positive Test for COVID-19

*Fire Service - 11*

Maumee

Springfield Township 1

Toledo 10 (1)

*Law Enforcement - 6*

Oregon 1

Toledo 4

Whitehouse 1

State of Ohio Orders, Restrictions, and Advisories

* Dr. Acton executed a Health Order directing all Ohioans to Stay at Home effective from 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23rd through April 6th, (copy of order can be found at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/))
* Effective on Thursday, March 26th through April 30th only child care facilities receiving a new pandemic operating license may continue to operate (details at [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/))
* Governor DeWine recommends all Ohio residents suspend vacation travel
* All but 5 Bureau of Motor Vehicle offices closed in the State
  + Bowling Green BMV open for Commercial Licensing
* The Primary Election in the State of Ohio has been postponed until April 28, 2020
* All colleges and universities are ordered closed through March 30, 2020
* All K-12 schools are ordered closed effective, Monday, March 16, 2020 through April 3, 2020
  + The school closure order does not currently apply to Ohio’s childcare system, such as daycare centers and home-based childcare providers
* Visitation to state psychiatric hospitals by outside visitors are prohibited.
* Visitors to nursing homes are limited to one visitor per day per resident.

***Actions Taken to Date***

* State of Ohio Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated (March 9, 2020 at 1300 hours)
* Ohio National Guard has been mobilized to support food bank operations throughout the State and is developing plan for an extensive medical mission
* Governor DeWine has signed an Executive Order providing immediate unemployment benefits to all workers that do not have access to paid leave from an employer
* Governor DeWine signed an Executive Order to expand and enhance telehealth options for Ohio Medicaid recipients and their providers
* State of Ohio approved for the Economic Injury Disaster Loam Program through the U.S. Small Business Administration
* Lucas County EOC activated on March 12, 2020 at 0930 hours and virtualized on March 26, 2020
* Fire and Emergency Medical Service organizations asked to provide resource needs, information requests and regional objectives to Emergency Support Function (ESF) 4 desk in the EOC, which will be staffed by Deputy Chief John Kaminski
  + (419) 392-4175
  + [LCFireCOVID19@gmail.com](mailto:LCFireCOVID19@gmail.com)
* Law Enforcement organizations asked to provide resource needs, information requests and regional objectives to ESF-13 desk in the EOC, which will be staffed by Lt. Phil Cook
  + (419) 392-4330
  + [LCLECOVID19@gmail.com](mailto:LCLECOVID19@gmail.com)
* All public information and messaging asked to be coordinated with the Public Information Liaison (Gretchen DeBacker)
  + (419) 297-7210
  + [gretchen.debacker@toledo.oh.gov](mailto:gretchen.debacker@toledo.oh.gov)
* All other organizational concerns to include resource needs, information requests and regional objectives asked to be funnel to the appropriate Liaison in the EOC, as identified below:
  + Michael Hart will serve as the liaison for municipalities, townships, independent governmental boards, and other local governmental organizations to include courts and the offices of independently elected officials within Lucas County
    - (216) 673-4403
    - [mhart@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:mhart@co.lucas.oh.us)
  + Ben Pushka will serve as the liaison for the business community via the Chamber of Commerce; all local school districts as well as private and charter schools; community colleges and universities; non-profit organizations; and religious organizations that are located within or serve Lucas County
    - (734) 497-1011
    - [bpushka@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:bpushka@co.lucas.oh.us)
    - Doug Born will serve as the point of contact for businesses interested in production, logistics or transportation of goods in support of the response to COVID-19
      * (419) 304-9016
      * [dborn@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:dborn@co.lucas.oh.us)
  + Caryn Maloney will serve as the liaison for all health care organization to include public, private and non-profit hospitals, medical facilities, behavioral health, nursing homes, long-term care facilities providers and organizations that serve these organizations and populations that are located within or serve Lucas County
    - (715) 222-6937
    - [cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us)
* Virtualized members of the EOC are operational daily from 0800 to 1800 hours
* Established a single website to provide local information on community guidance to include testing protocols, resources, and closures and modifications to service delivery (<https://lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/>)
* Established Lucas County Community COVID-19 Call Line, a 24/7 centralized phone number for the public to receive answers to clinical questions related to COVID-19
  + (419) 251-4000
  + (419) 291-5355
* Prioritized testing of first responders and essential medical personnel in alignment with the recommendation of the Ohio Department of Health
* Outpatient evaluation testing (drive-thru) for the general public has been suspended
* Toledo-Lucas County Health Department recommends the following:
  + Religious organizations begin to transition away from in-person ceremonies
* University of Toledo Medical College established local testing laboratory for COVID-19
* A Donations Management System and Center has been established to accept and distribute donations
  + Established a landing page to direct donors to the appropriate place to provide their donation – Volunteer, Food, Financial Assistance, Goods ([dontateTLC.org](http://www.donatetlc.org))
    - Linked this through our Health Dept Coronavirsus page as well
  + All donations of goods should be emailed to [Donations@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:Donations@co.lucas.oh.us)
  + Toledo Community Foundation is accepting financial donations to support the response to COVID-19
  + United Way is coordinating food donations and volunteers
  + Medical and Public Safety organizations should email [EOC@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:EOC@co.lucas.oh.us) with PPE and other resource needs
  + All other non-profit organizations should submit identified needs through the following link: <https://bit.ly/COVID-19NeedsSurvey>
* The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department closed its building and will be working remotely from Thursday, March 26th through Monday, March 30th due to positive COVID-19 tests amongst staff

***Resource Needs and Information Requests***

The following significant resource needs and information requests have been fulfilled:

* Forms for governmental organizations, businesses, non-profit and hospitals to track losses associated with COVID-19 provided to all organizations
* Provided guidance on access to unemployment benefits
* Provided CDC guidance to public safety regarding optimizing PPE supplies
* Created and shared video providing guidance for public safety regarding approaching suspected infected individuals and proper use of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
* Provided infographic guidance from local health department on release of first responders from quarantine
* Received list from the State of Ohio on local enforcement of daycare pandemic licensing

The following significant resource needs and information requests are outstanding:

* A National Guard government liaison officer
  + Will clarify role in food distribution
* An Ohio EMA liaison officer (virtual)
* A liaison to the regional hospital incident command system (HICS)
  + Identify scope of HICS region
* A logistics resource from 180th Air National Guard unit
* Numerous PPE requests
* Temporal thermometers
* Written guidance from local health department to support first responder return to work protocol

***Incident Objectives***

Daily Objectives

* Establish Incident Action Plan by 1000 hours
* Distribute Situation Report to organizations
* Provide daily media briefings at 1600 hours
* Encourage and support all organizations to plan and operate their own incident command branches and feed into the EOC via appropriate Liaison or ESF desk
* Receive, respond and fulfil resource need requests provided to the EOC
* Facilitate communication amongst all organizations
* Align and consolidate as best possible all public information through the Public Information Liaison
* Ensure accessibility of COVID-19 guidance to all Lucas County residents

The following objectives have been recently completed:

* Aligned with Ohio Department of Health guidance on testing with a prioritization of first responder and medical personnel
* Established a process to assist businesses in documenting the impact of COVID-19
* Established First Responder COVID-19 Exposure Protocol streamlining quarantine and testing for first responders
* Established a distribution plan for PPE provided through the Strategic National Stockpile or otherwise
* Virtualized the EOC
* Established process for tracking availability of ventilators in Lucas County
* Identified point of contact for businesses interested in production, logistics or transportation of goods in support of the response to COVID-19
* Determined that behavioral health providers are considered prioritized medical personnel for testing purposes
* Determined how hospitals intend to communicate status of ventilator supply within Lucas County.

Our top objectives for the next planning period are projected as:

* Establish liaison with regional hospital incident command system
* Establish a quarantine location for first responders exposed to COVID-19
* Develop written guidance from local health department to support first responder return to work protocol
* Distribute information regarding application for FEMA Public Assistance for governments, hospitals, and non-profit organizations

The following other objectives have been identified:

* Support resource needs of the Board of Elections related to primary election
* Distribute PPE provided through the Strategic National Stockpile and otherwise
* Establish a process for quarantine of unhoused persons to include location and transport
* Discuss challenges posed by food insecurity related to COVID-19
* Support the needs of persons with access and functional needs
* Establish process for training and integrating EOC staff alternates

***Next Update***

* The next Situation Report will be released on March 30, 2020