



**COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

**Situation Report  
August 19, 2020  
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*updates from the previous report are denoted in red*

***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	5,515,775
State of Ohio	109,923
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	5,445
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	203

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19

United States of America	172,640
State of Ohio	3,871
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	274
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	39

Total COVID-19 tests performed:\* 38,703

*\*Includes all (resident and non-resident) COVID-19 viral nasal swab tests performed in Lucas County (hospital and community testing sites). This number does not include Lucas County residents tested in other jurisdictions.*

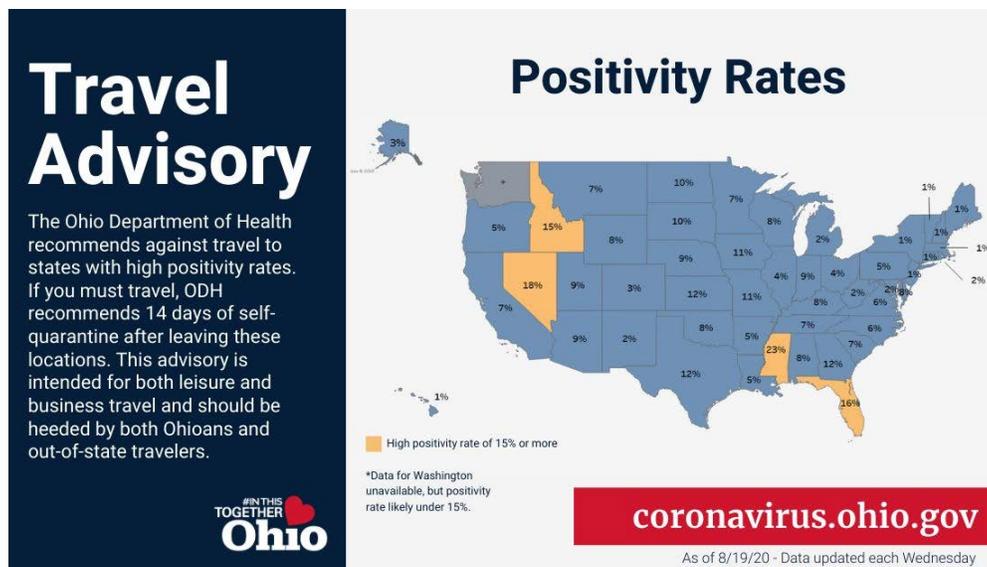
## State of Ohio Orders, Restrictions, and Advisories

- Dr. Acton executed a [Stay Safe Ohio Order](#) directing all Ohioans to Stay at Home effective from 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> through May 29<sup>th</sup>). This has been replaced by an “[Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory](#),” effective May 20<sup>th</sup>. This has been [extended](#) until the State of Emergency declared by the Governor no longer exists, or the Director of the Ohio Department of Health rescinds or modifies the order.
- Governor DeWine [announced that Ohio will separate its mass gathering guidance into its own order](#). The order will still permit Ohioans to go to work, worship, go to school, and acquire goods and service. Gatherings at a household or family residence should be limited to close friends and family, and are recommended to be 10 visitors or less.
- Effective July 23<sup>rd</sup> the Ohio Department of Health order has issued a mandate to wear [face coverings](#) in public across the entire state of Ohio. Face coverings are required in any indoor location that is not a residence; when outdoors and unable to consistently maintain a distance of six feet or more from individuals who are not members of their household; or while waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, a taxi, a private car service, or ride-sharing vehicle.
- Ohio Department of Health issued a [Director’s Order limiting county and independent fairs](#) with an opening day on or after July 31, 2020 to specific junior fair events only. Activities include livestock competitions for 4-H and Future Farmers of America competitions. Entrance should be limited to immediate family only and a 10:00 PM curfew will be instituted. Harness racing may proceed but rides, games and grandstand events will be prohibited.
- The Ohio Liquor Control Commission held an emergency meeting to enact a [statewide emergency rule](#) to prevent the sale of alcohol at liquor-permitted establishments at 10:00 PM each night, with on-premises consumption ending by 11:00 PM. Businesses may stay open and establishments that sell food can continue serving meals until closing. Additionally, the number of liquor and mixed drinks permitted to be purchased for carryout with a meal has been increased from two drinks to three drinks.
- **The Ohio Department of Health Director's Order [requiring K-12 students returning to the classroom to wear a mask](#). Distribution of 2M masks from FEMA to Ohio Educational Service Centers has been completed. There is discussion at the state level regarding a second push of masks earmarked for schools.**
- **[Governor DeWine announced](#) on Tuesday August 18<sup>th</sup> that the Ohio Department of Health will issue a Director's Order regarding sports this fall. The order will specify that only family members and individuals very close to the student athlete or halftime performer – such as marching band members – will be allowed to attend the games as spectators. Marching bands and cheerleaders will also be allowed. The decision for high school fall sports that have been postponed to springtime will be left to the school districts. This order will apply to all organized sports in the state, not just Ohio High School Athletic Association. This order will be posted on [coronavirus.ohio.gov](#)**

## Situational Awareness

### Statewide Updates

- Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 861 (109,923) total new cases, was below the 21-day average. 19 (2,805) ICU admissions, 39 (3,871) deaths, and 117 (12,436) hospitalizations were all above 21-day averages (source: SEOC SitRep 8/19/2020).
- Ohio's Reproduction number has plateaued and is approximately 0.92-0.98. The Reproduction Number represents the average number of people that a person will spread a disease to. Statewide, Ohio's positivity rate is decreasing.
- People entering Ohio after travel to or from states reporting a 15% positive rate or higher are asked to quarantine for 14 days. As of August 19th, that applies to Florida, Idaho, Mississippi and Nevada. The list of states with a travel advisory will be updated weekly by Governor DeWine's office. The list of [states with a travel advisory](#) will be updated weekly by the Ohio Department of Health.



- A [final Minority Health Strike Force report](#) has been released by the State of Ohio. This strike force was created to examine the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on minority communities. This report includes 34 recommendations on dismantling racism, removing public health obstacles, improving the social/economic and physical environments, and strengthening data collection to better track.
- Governor DeWine announced that Ohio is entering into a multi-state purchasing agreement with Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Virginia to expand the use of rapid point-of-care tests. This will help detect outbreaks sooner with faster

turnaround time; expand testing in congregate settings; and make testing more accessible for the most high-risk and hard-hit communities.

- The State of Ohio will be receiving a significant donation of hand sanitizer from Anheuser-Busch that will be distributed to Ohio's Boards of Elections through the Secretary of State. Delivery is currently anticipated for September.
- Governor DeWine has issued a [letter to leaders of faith based organizations](#) in Ohio. Because religious services have been exempt from regulations through the pandemic, with the exception of the statewide mask ordinance, there has been several cases transmitted at houses of worship. The letter includes recommended best practices for religious services.

### Lucas County Updates

- Governor DeWine provided a new ranking of all Ohio counties by highest occurrence of COVID-19 cases per 100,000 residents. Mercer County continues to have the highest number of cases per 100,000 residents. On August 12th, Lucas County was ranked fourth. This week Lucas County is no longer in the top 10 counties. Many rural counties are seeing case numbers surge, including Sandusky and Erie counties.

<b>Top 10 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence of COVID-19 Cases</b>			
COUNTY	Cases Per 100K (8/4 to 8/17)	Case Count (8/4 to 8/17)	POPULATION
Mercer	245.3	101	41,172
Darke	207.4	106	51,113
Lawrence	200.1	119	59,463
Meigs	161.5	37	22,907
Preble	159.0	65	40,882
Shelby	137.9	67	48,590
Sandusky	129.9	76	58,518
Perry	113.5	41	36,134
Champaign	113.2	44	38,885
Auglaize	109.5	50	45,656


  
[coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

\* The 14-day period used for this table covers data from 8/4 to 8/17. The data were pulled on 8/17 and excludes incarcerated individuals.

- On July 16th, Lucas County was designated as Level III (Red) in the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, and has remained Level III since then. This Risk Level classification is based on 7 indicators. The 7 indicators include: new cases per capita\*, sustain increase in new cases, proportion of cases not congregate cases\*, sustained increase in Emergency Room visits, sustained increase in Outpatient visits, sustained increase in new COVID-19 Hospital admissions, and Intensive Care Unit (ICU) bed occupancy. Risk Levels will be updated every Thursday. \*indicates this is a metric that Lucas County is meeting as of August 6, 2020.

- COVID-19 Public Testing is available at a number of locations within Lucas County. A complete list of testing locations can be found at on the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department [website](#).
- One delivery of PPE is expected to arrive this week from the State of Ohio EOC. This PPE has been procured by the State and Federal Government. The guidance of the State EOC continues to be that this PPE be distributed to Tier I groups (hospitals, fire/EMS, law enforcement, long term care facilities and health care). As of August 19th, the Lucas County EOC has received 594 Resource Requests.
- The Lucas County Distributions/Donations Center continues to be operational on Mondays and Wednesdays. Resource requests should be submitted to the EOC at [eoc@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:eoc@co.lucas.oh.us).
- County Virtual EOC Briefings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, The next briefing will be on Wednesday, August 26th. The Situation Report will be distributed on Wednesdays as well.

### ***Actions Taken to Date***

- 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/>)
- To report concerns, such as businesses not adhering to sector specific operating requirements/guidelines, including appropriate social distancing and/or employees wearing face coverings, please call the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department at 419-213-4161, option 4, and leave a message.
- There is a call-in number for people with access and functional needs to report needs related to COVID-19 (419-885-5733).
- 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://dontateTLC.org))
    - Linked this through our Health Department Coronavirus page as well
  - All donations of goods should be emailed to [Donations@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:Donations@co.lucas.oh.us)
  - United Way is coordinating food donations and volunteers
  - All organizations in need of PPE should refer to the process posted at <https://donatetlc.org/requests>. Requests should only be submitted if supplies cannot be obtained through standard procurement channels.
  - Hours of operation: Mondays and Wednesdays 0900-1600

### ***Resource Needs and Information Requests***

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

- Compiled a list of COVID-19 specific resources available to individuals with access and functional needs
- Provide guidance regarding the operation of cooling centers during COVID-19
- Guidance pertaining to appropriate disinfectant use for COVID-19 in school settings
- Evaluation of legitimacy and effectiveness of 24-hour hand sanitizer
- Visitation rights of individuals with developmental disabilities that are hospitalized. The Ability Center and the NW Ohio Hospital Council are working on a draft policy.

The following significant resource needs and information requests are outstanding:

- Monitor the average wait-time in appointment availability and approximate turn-a-round time of test results for all public testing sites
- Status of available rent assistance programs in Lucas County
- Requests for reports of COVID-19 cases and deaths by municipalities
- Guidance for door-to-door canvassing expected with upcoming elections

### *Incident Objectives*

The following objectives have been recently completed:

- Supporting of pop-up testing site at UT's Scott Park Campus July 29-30.
- Established protocol for government offices, businesses, etc. for how to handle a positive COVID-19 case among their workforce, including contact and cleaning guidance.
- **Determine interest in additional antibody testing opportunities among Fire and Law Enforcement departments**

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

- **Ongoing discussion with schools regarding reopening plans and resources needed**
- Continued distribution of face masks donated by Fiat Chrysler to non-profits and Lucas County subdivisions
- Review weekly PPE Survey results submitted by Long Term Care facilities, fire/EMS, and law enforcement departments and reach out to departments who have indicated they are in need of PPE.
- Provide guidance to various Lucas County entities about specific questions and clarifications pertinent to their reopening.
- A working group continues to meet weekly to plan for a second wave and/or a potential surge in the number of COVID-19 cases
- Continue to receive shipments of PPE from the State of Ohio EOC and distribute to Tier I agencies.

The following other objectives have been identified:

- Complete a Memorandum of Agreement with Toledo Memorial Park and the Catholic Cemeteries for mass burial and mass cremation services.

*Next Update*

- The next Situation Report will be released on Wednesday, August 26, 2020

## *EOC Information*

- Virtualized members of the EOC are operational daily from 0800 to 1630 hours
- 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 Jim Wolfe
  - [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
  - [LCLECOVID19@gmail.com](mailto:LCLECOVID19@gmail.com)
- All public information and messaging asked to be coordinated with the Public Information Liaison (Shannon Lands)
  - [landss@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:landss@co.lucas.oh.us)
- 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:
  - Questions from municipalities, townships, independent governmental boards, and other local governmental organizations to include courts and the offices of independently elected officials within Lucas County can be directed to Abby Buchhop at [abuchhop@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:abuchhop@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
    - [bpushka@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:bpushka@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
    - [cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us)

