



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**Situation Report
September 2, 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	6,088,187
State of Ohio	125,767
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	6,105
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	257

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19

United States of America	184,803
State of Ohio	4,179
Lucas County Residents Confirmed Cases	300
Lucas County Residents Probable Cases	39

Total COVID-19 tests performed:* 50,497

**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 23rd through May 29th). This has been replaced by an “[Ohioans Protecting Ohioans Urgent Health Advisory](#),” effective May 20th. 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 23rd 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](#).
- Governor DeWine announced on Tuesday August 18th 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.
- During his August 26th briefing, Governor DeWine discussed the limitation to the maximum number of spectators gathered at sports venues. The order limits the maximum number of spectators gathered at an outdoor sports venue to the lesser of 1,500

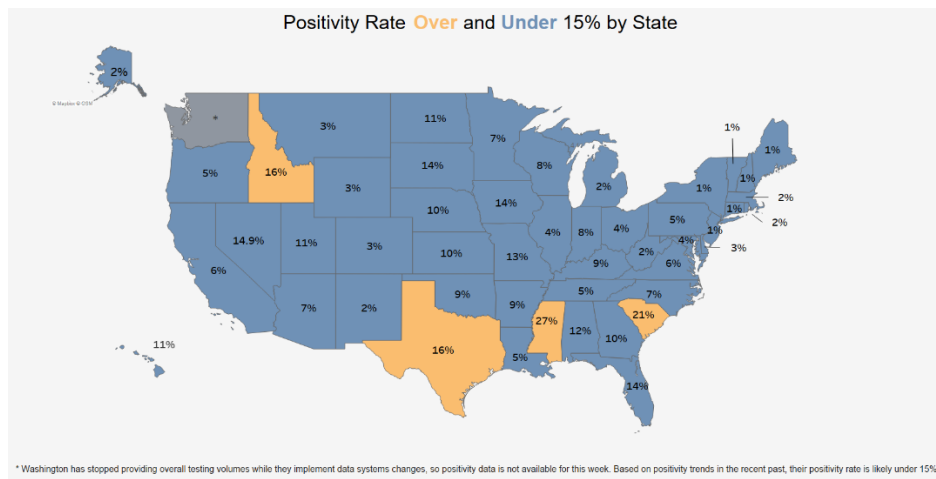
individuals or 15 percent of fixed, seated capacity. The maximum for indoor sports venues is the lesser of 300 individuals or 15 percent of fixed, seated capacity. Venues with a ability to permit additional capacity may apply for a variance through the local health department and Ohio Department of Health.

- On Tuesday August 25, the ODH Director issued an order that provides Mandatory Requirements for Entertainment Venues. “Entertainment Venues” shall include auditoriums, stadiums, arenas, concert and music halls, theaters, ballrooms, gymnasiums, convention centers, arcades, bingo halls, adult and child skill or chance games, laser tag facilities, and interactive game facilities hosting non-Sports events. It follows similar capacity limitations to indoor and outdoor sports venues.

Situational Awareness

Statewide Updates

- Over the past 24 hours, the Ohio Department of Health reported 1,453 (124,610) total new cases, 27 (4,165) deaths, 14 (2,975) ICU admissions, and 103 (13,479) hospitalizations, which were above the 21-day averages (source: SEOC SitRep 9/2/2020).
- Statewide, reproduction number is now ranging between 0.85-1.05 in the three clinical zones. The Reproduction Number represents the average number of people that a person will spread a disease to. Positivity rate has declined since late July, with an increase in the past week. 7-day moving average of case by onset date steadily decreased through mid-August. However, a slight increase detected through late August (Source: SEOC SitRep 9/2/2020).
- 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 26th, that applies to Idaho, Texas, Mississippi and South Carolina. 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.



- Senior Centers may open on September 21st according to an [ODH Director's Order](#). Ohio has issued mandatory and recommended best practices in a [Responsible Restart plan for senior centers](#).
- 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.
- 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.
- The Secretary of State is coordinating the provision of PPE for boards of elections in preparation of the November election. Statewide, 64,000 face shields, 26,000 gowns, and 800,000 disposable face masks will be allocated to boards of elections.
- 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. Lucas County is no longer in the top 10 counties and is currently ranked #15.

All 88 Ohio Counties Ranked by Highest Occurrence COVID-19 Cases

* The 14-day period used for this table covers data from 8/17 to 8/30. The data were pulled on 8/31 and excludes incarcerated individuals.

COUNTY	Cases Per 100k (8/17-8/30)	Cumulative Cases (8/17-8/30)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100k (8/17-8/30)	Cumulative Cases (8/17-8/30)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100k (8/17-8/30)	Cumulative Cases (8/17-8/30)	POPULATION	COUNTY	Cases Per 100k (8/17-8/30)	Cumulative Cases (8/17-8/30)	POPULATION
Pulham	233.3	79	33,861	Warren	95.5	224	234,602	Summit	61.9	335	541,013	Athens	29.1	19	65,327
Duine	213.3	109	35,113	Perry	94.1	34	36,134	Licking	61.6	109	176,862	Trumbull	28.3	56	192,294
Jackson	212.9	69	32,413	Boss	93.9	72	76,666	Brown	59.9	26	43,432	Portage	25.9	42	160,466
Meigs	205.2	47	22,907	Hamilton	92.6	757	817,473	Champaign	56.6	22	38,885	Crawford	24.1	10	41,494
Mercer	204.0	84	41,172	Wood	91.0	119	130,817	Logan	50.4	23	45,672	Knex	24.1	15	62,122
Henry	192.5	52	27,006	Tarfield	89.5	141	157,074	DeLancey	49.9	19	38,067	Highland	23.1	28	121,154
Shelby	183.2	89	48,590	Miami	86.0	92	106,987	Lorain	49.1	152	309,833	Huron	22.3	13	58,266
Butler	173.0	663	385,134	Cuyahoga	82.7	1,021	5,235,072	Pike	46.8	13	27,772	Williams	21.8	8	36,692
Montgomery	170.8	906	531,687	Pickaway	82.1	48	58,457	Mahoning	45.9	105	228,683	Ashtabula	20.6	10	97,241
Ashtabula	166.5	76	45,656	Clark	80.5	108	134,083	Stark	45.6	169	370,606	Coshocton	19.1	7	36,600
Gallia	127.1	38	29,898	Delaware	79.8	167	209,177	Lake	43.5	100	230,149	Highland	18.5	8	43,161
Fayette	119.2	34	28,525	Wyandot	78.1	17	21,772	Marion	43.0	28	65,093	Washington	18.4	11	59,911
Preble	115.0	47	40,882	Sandusky	76.9	45	58,518	Ottawa	41.9	17	40,525	Holmes	18.2	8	43,960
Erie	113.1	84	78,266	Greene	75.2	127	168,937	Morgan	41.4	6	14,508	Jefferson	15.3	10	65,325
Union	112.3	481	426,348	Madira	75.1	135	179,746	Adams	39.7	11	27,608	Mauree	14.6	2	13,654
Franklin	108.5	1,429	1,316,756	Clermont	74.1	153	206,618	Van Wert	38.9	11	28,279	Belmont	13.4	9	67,006
Allen	107.5	110	102,351	Hancock	72.6	55	75,783	Tuscarawas	35.9	33	91,987	Guernsey	12.9	5	38,875
Seneca	106.9	59	56,178	Hardin	70.1	22	31,365	Paulding	32.1	6	18,672	Carroll	11.1	3	26,914
Lawrence	104.3	62	59,463	Columbiana	69.7	71	101,883	Hocking	11.8	9	28,264	Washington	9.1	7	36,215
Wayne	100.3	116	115,710	Union	69.5	41	58,988	Fulton	30.9	13	42,126	Ashland	7.5	4	53,484
Clinton	97.7	41	41,968	Madison	67.1	30	44,731	Vinton	30.6	4	13,085	Noble	6.9	1	14,424
Scioto	96.6	72	75,314	Morroe	65.1	23	35,528	Geauga	29.9	28	93,649	Harrison	6.6	1	15,040

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- 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.*
- Kroger will be providing onsite COVID testing for all Little Clinic locations, 3 of which are at Kroger stores in Lucas County. Stores include Kroger locations in Waterville, Holland and Miracle Mile/Jackman Road.
- 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](#).
- **No deliveries of PPE are 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 611 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.
- County Virtual EOC Briefings will continue to be held on Wednesdays at 10:00 AM, The next briefing will be on Wednesday, September 2nd
- The Situation Report will be distributed on Wednesdays

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)
 - Linked this through our Health Department Coronavirus page as well
 - All donations of goods should be emailed to 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
- Provide PPE as needed for medical staff at Lucas County schools

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.
- Establish additional antibody testing opportunities among Fire and Law Enforcement departments
- Continued distribution of face masks donated by Fiat Chrysler to Lucas County subdivisions
- Ongoing discussion with schools regarding reopening plans and resources needed

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

- **Identify potential Point of Dispensing (POD) sites for COVID-19 vaccine**

- **Identify storage needs and storage capacity for COVID-19 vaccine**
- Facilitate a planning meeting among Lucas County senior centers and the Toledo Lucas County Health Department
- Continued distribution of face masks donated by Fiat Chrysler to non-profits
- 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, September 9, 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
- 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
- All public information and messaging asked to be coordinated with the Public Information Liaison (Shannon Lands)
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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

