



COVID-19 PANDEMIC

**Situation Report
March 31, 2020
1800 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	186,265
State of Ohio	2,199
Lucas County Residents	112

Deaths Attributed to COVID-19

United State of America	3,810
State of Ohio	55
Lucas County Residents	3

Tests Performed in Lucas County

Total Tests	548
Tests Pending	179

First Responders Staffing

Quarantined Officers – 36

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

Fire Service - 27

Air Guard	2
Toledo	28
Maumee	1

Monclova Township	1
Waterville	1
<i>Law Enforcement – 3</i>	
Toledo	3

Isolated Officers –21

- 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 - 32

Maumee	1
Toledo	9 (4)
Toledo Commo	3
Monclova	1
Whitehouse	1

Law Enforcement - 6

Toledo	4
Lucas County Sheriff	(1)
Sylvania	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)
- Governor DeWine recommends all Ohio residents suspend vacation travel
- 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 May 1, 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 plans 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

- State of Ohio approved for the Economic Injury Disaster Loan 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
- 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
- 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)
 - Linked this through our Health Department Coronavirus page as well
 - All donations of goods should be emailed to 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 with PPE and other resource needs
 - All other non-profit organizations should submit identified needs through the following link: <https://bit.ly/COVID-19NeedsSurvey>

Situational Awareness

- Expecting the delivery of another allocation of PPE from the Strategic National Stockpile on Wednesday, April 1st. This allocation is slightly less than the previous shipments, though will continue to follow the same formula for scarce resources
- UTMC testing volume is picking up but still has additional capacity
- The Northwest Ohio Healthcare Emergency Management Coalition on behalf of 18 counties and 32 hospitals, including Lucas, submitted its surge plan to the governor. OHA has estimated surge at 4,000 patients needing hospitalization in NW Ohio at the peak of the surge.
- Hospitals are working on Surge Plans but current projections show that with the support of Alternate Case Sites, our region should have the capacity to manage the surge
- Emergency Rooms have seen a 50% reduction in capacity over the last week. This is most likely due to at least two factors, patients worried about being exposed to COVID-19 at hospitals and patients looking to help alleviate stress on hospital systems. A concern is individuals who need to utilize these resources and are not (e.g. individuals with stroke

symptoms). A benefit of low capacity at ERs is that any uptick in utilization may serve as an indicator of a surge.

- Isolation and Quarantine Site for First Responders and unhoused has been identified. We want to avoid providing this location publicly to respect the privacy of the individuals utilizing this resource.
- The Ohio National Guard is currently assisting the Toledo-Northwestern Ohio Food Bank. SeaGate Food Bank has request Guard support for their operations through the EOC and Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur's Office.

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 clarification from Ohio Emergency Management Agency on how to access assistance from the National Guard on staffing food banks

The following significant resource needs and information requests are outstanding:

- Medical volunteers to assist with staffing of additional hospital bed capacity
- On-site coordinators for non-congregate sheltering
- 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 availability 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:

- Established First Responder COVID-19 Exposure Protocol streamlining quarantine and testing for first responders
- Established liaison with regional hospital incident command system
- Established a quarantine location for first responders exposed to COVID-19
- Distributed information regarding application for FEMA Public Assistance for governments, hospitals, and non-profit organizations
- Developed written guidance from local health department to support first responder return to work protocol
- Established comprehensive plan for the provision of non-congregate sheltering for first responders, health care workers, and the unhoused.
- Established protocol for government offices, businesses, etc. for how to handle a positive COVID-19 case among their workforce, including contact and cleaning guidance.

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

- Develop and distribute Memorandum of Agreement memorializing strategy and funding for non-congregate sheltering
- Identify critical facilities to prioritize for electrical restoration in the event of an outage
- Identify potential gaps between HICS and EOC operations
- Establish comprehensive plan for the provision of non-congregate sheltering for first responders, health care workers, and the unhoused.
- Discuss the status of mental health resources in Lucas County
- Connect with National Guard Emergency Liaison Officer

The following other objectives have been identified:

- Support resource needs of the Board of Elections related to primary election
- 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 April 1, 2020

EOC Information

- Virtualized members of the EOC are operational daily from 0800 to 1800 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 Battalion Chief Matthew Brixey
 - 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 (Gretchen DeBacker)
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - 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
 - cmaloney@co.lucas.oh.us