

# State of Ohio EOC SITUATION REPORT

## COVID-19 Response

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Real-Time Resources (Use Google Chrome)

State EOC Status: **Partial Activation**

This report communicates State EOC activity over the previous Operational Period.

Dissemination: Daily, 8:00 AM

Information Cutoff Time: 12:00 AM

### Executive Summary

ODH confirmed additional cases across the state, with cases now being confirmed in 11 of the state's counties. Governor DeWine announced a Public Health Order limiting bar and restaurant service to carry-out services beginning at 9:00 PM on the evening of March 15, 2020. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains Partially Activated, with Emergency Support Functions 5, 7, 8, and 15 being required at the EOC. Operational and planning efforts were focused on public information & warning, healthcare systems support, responder security and protection, and private sector coordination.

The State EOC continued to process and address mission requests from County EMA partners, including requests for disinfectants, personal protective equipment, State EOC liaison support, and requests for information.

### Key Indicators

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases      COVID-19 Associated Deaths      Active EOC Missions

Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: **11**  
 COVID-19 Associated Deaths: **0**  
 Active EOC Missions: **3**

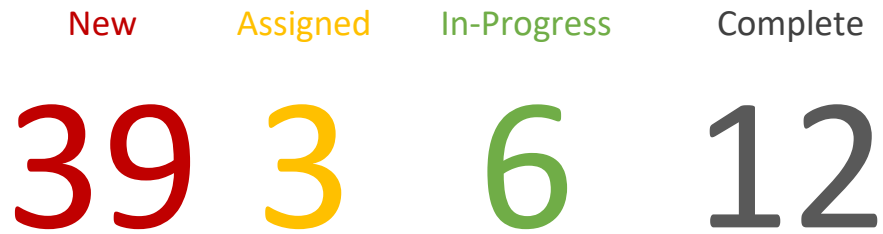
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases: **37**  
 COVID-19 Associated Deaths: **0**  
 Active EOC Missions: **48**

COVID-19 numbers provided by ODH daily at 2:00 PM

Confirmed Cases & Deaths by County



## State EOC Missions



### Definitions

- New:** being processed and assigned to appropriate ESF
- Assigned:** EOP-based assignment of mission to ESF has occurred
- In-Progress:** Assigned ESF is taking action on mission
- Complete:** Support from the EOC has been provided and active support has ceased

Mission Request Type	New	Assigned	In Progress	Complete	Counties Requesting
Health Management Resources	4	1	0	0	5
Personal Protection Equipment	20	0	1	0	17
Request for Other Health Items	0	2	0	0	0
Request For Information	0	0	0	10	0
Sanitizing Materials	7	0	0	0	7
SNS Requests	8	0	0	1	5
State EOC Liaison	0	0	4	1	4
Other Missions	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>39</b>

## National Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

Under this National Emergency, the President has given authority to the Secretary of HHS to waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule. Additionally, the President enacted certain authorities under the Stafford Act. HHS is still the Lead Federal Agency and FEMA is in a support role to HHS. The declaration enhances FEMA's authority to support HHS.

## State EOC Actions by Emergency Support Function

### ESFs Required at the EOC

5, 7, 8, 15

#### 5 | Information & Planning

- State EOC Liaison – Ohio EMA Southwest Regional Office

##### *Actions Taken*

- Obtained briefing from Butler County EOC Manager, reviewed objectives and participated in daily press conference to include Governor's Office 1500hrs and Ohio Department of Health 1900hrs.
- Providing county information to assist with potential EOC activation.

##### *Planned Actions*

- The Butler County Emergency Operations Center will activate at an expected Level 2 Activation for an operational period from 0800hrs until 1700hrs with the continued support of Ohio EMA ESF 5 SEOC Liaison.
- Continue to provide EOC capacity building consultations, information sharing among Southwest Regional Counties and Regional Hospital Coalitions.

- Advanced Planner

##### *Actions Taken*

- Executive approval was given to assign the cache of MARCS radios to essential employees for continued communications in the event that the EOC is virtual and the internet is down.

##### *Advance Planning Planned Actions*

- Community Lifelines and components with expected impacts. Health and Medical (Drive-through testing) Safety and Security (Government Services) Food, Water, Shelter (Food, Water, Shelter).

## 7 | Logistics

### *Ohio EMA*

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Continued searching for PPE available for purchase. Completed purchasing orders for 9700 gowns and 160,000 nitrile gloves. Researched equipment and other resource needs for drive through COVID-19 testing sites.

#### *Planned Actions:*

- Continue to search for available sources of PPE. Review possible resources needs for drive through COVID-19 testing stations.

## 8 | Public Health

### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Gaining information about Drive Thru Testing ODH participated in Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) meeting/call. ODH participated in Regional Healthcare Coordinator call.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Ombudsman representatives have visited a total of 318 nursing homes and 66 affiliated residential care facilities. Several residential facilities (group homes) have also been visited. ODA issued a notice to the network providing emergency protocol for Medicaid waiver provider enrollment, oversight, and services. The protocol is designed to reduce in-person contacts with providers. ODA also released protocols for care management. Both sets of protocols were developed with ODM. ODA issued FAQs and Guidelines to the network for nutrition and non-nutrition services.
  - Ombudsman representatives have visited 331 nursing homes and 74 residential care facilities to provide and gather information as directed by Governor DeWine.

### *ESF-8 (Public Health) Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Mass Fatality Planning Meeting scheduled for 17 March 2020 to review Non Acute Mass Fatality Plan.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - State Ombudsman will develop guidance for regional representatives regarding visits, methods for responding to complaints without visits.

## 15 | Public Affairs

### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - Ohio Dept. of Health (PIO) completed its "What To Do" video with ODH Emergency Preparedness Bureau Chief Tamara McBride. Video to post on social media.
  - COVID-19 FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) updated.
  - Update "News You Can Use – Do This, Not That".
  - Update Teacher & School Guidance, what to say to kids.

- Responded to EMA's Quarantine Workgroup questions on providing messaging to Ohio's vulnerable populations (non-English speaking, individuals w/o internet), and providing guidance for OP3 messaging.

*Planned Actions:*

- Update ODH infographics to include Ohio county information.
- Ensure the ability to conduct daily press briefings (Gov. DeWine and Dr. Acton) at the State Emergency Operations Center (Room 204).
- Continue social media posts (ODH posts; EMA shares). Topics: New normal, mental health and conservation of PPE, additional restrictions/bans.

Other Partners

Ohio Homeland Security – OP3

*Actions Taken:*

- Reached out to major retailers to determine if the restocking of non-PPE items, such as food, will be an issue. An update will be provided as soon as we receive responses.
- Received a request from the Quarantine Workgroup for contact information for specific closed down nursing homes throughout Ohio. OHS made contact with the representative for the two closed Pine Kirk Care Centers, and shared contact information with the workgroup.
- Ohio Retail Merchants has stated that there are no major issues being anticipated by retailers and supply of products. With the hours of service limitations for trucking being waived, that's opened up a huge opportunity to keep supply chains functioning. They don't anticipate stores needing to close for lack of supplies, just continued replenishment. Moving forward, a push for the limits on trucks and their weight to be waived is being discussed with the Governor's Office.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continue sharing major COVID-19 updates with OP3 partners.
- Continue reaching out to major retailers to receive information on supply of non-PPE items.
- Continue to communicate with the representative from Grainger to determine any changes in product availability.
- Maintain contact with the Walmart representative for updates and to potentially set-up a conference call with Executive staff.



## State EOC Objectives

1. Coordinate the State's response to limit spread of COVID-19; and maintain medical care.
2. Provide timely, clear, and consistent messaging to the public, stakeholders and media on the status of COVID-19 and actions the public can take to keep themselves safe.
3. Determine how state agencies will continue delivery of essential services to Ohioans while following COVID-19 public health guidelines.
4. Identify supply bottlenecks that threaten community lifelines and tools the state can provide to improve the supply situation.

## State EOC Administrative Information

EOC Hours of Operation: Partial Activation: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Daily

Requesting State EOC Support: Please call the Ohio EMA Watch Office

WebEOC Incident: 00 – OEMA – 20200128 – COVID-19

Real-time Awareness Products: <https://mobile-resources-oema.hub.arcgis.com/>

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