

# 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

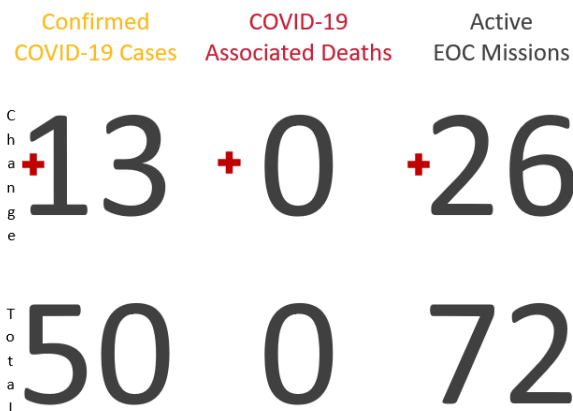
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### Executive Summary

ODH confirmed additional cases across the state, with cases now being confirmed in 12 of the state's counties. Governor DeWine announced a Public Health Order for the closure of a variety of businesses on March 17, 2020. Ohio Department of Health issued a Public Health Order on closure of the polling locations in the State of Ohio for Tuesday, March 17th, 2020. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains Partially Activated, with Emergency Support Functions 5, 7, 8, 13, 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



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
- Pending:** best ESF-assignment being determined
- 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	Pending	Assigned	In Progress	Complete	Counties Requesting
Personal Protection Equipment	2	30		1	1	22
Request For Information			3	1	11	10
Sanitizing Materials		7				7
SNS Requests	3	19				11
State EOC Liaison	1			4	1	4
Other Missions				1	2	1

## 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.

## Governor's Office Representative

### *Actions Taken*

- Engaged with Health Plan Carriers.
- ODI/ODM on message around PPE/Telehealth/ providing doctors and consumers flexibility in advance of surge in hospital utilization.
- Worked with ODH/ODM/OHA on modeling strategy for surge.
- Outlined strategy for EMS/Patient Diversion.
- Reviewed various guidance and comms.
- Received lead on PPE - connected with potential vendor/outlined needs.
- Reviewed guidance/potential Orders for closure of adult day care for DODD.
- Coordinated response to OBM on ODH/DPS controlling board requests.

### *Planned Actions*

- Follow up with senior team on DODD.
- Check in with Leads on Health Care Task Force.
- Review elective procedures.
- Finalize recommendation for EMS/Hospital diversion.

## State EOC Actions by Emergency Support Function

### ESFs Required at the EOC

5, 7, 8, 13, 15

#### 5 | Information & Planning

- 24 County EMAs have elevated the status of their EOC to better plan for and coordinate COVID-19 response efforts.
- Four State EOC Liaisons are deployed to active County EOCs:
  - Butler
  - Cuyahoga
  - Ottawa
  - Stark
- COVID-19 Task Force
  - Actions Taken*
    - Governor and COVID - 19 Task Force conducted the following meetings: SEOC Update Congressional Update Brief POTUS/VP & Governor Conference Call Mayor
    - Conference Call DPS/OHNG Conference Call Press Conference OBM Update Conference Call Advanced Planning Group Conference Call.
  - Planned Actions*
    - Continued discussions with Statewide Agencies and Stakeholders - TBD.
- Advanced Planner
  - Actions Taken*
    - Information / instructions regarding the registration of non-essential employees with the Emergency Partner Credentialing System are being developed for distribution to Critical Infrastructure. Ohio EMA is being used as a Beta test for this process.
  - Planned Actions*
    - Community Lifelines and Components expected to be impacted:
      - Health and Medical
      - Energy (Power)
      - Safety and Security (Government Services)
      - Food, Water, Shelter (Agriculture, Food, Shelter)
      - Communications
      - Transportation (Mass Transit)

## 7 | Logistics

### *Ohio EMA*

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Modified surgical mask order. Replaced with less expensive masks that are available sooner (~6weeks).
- Placed order for 24 half face masks and 144 sets of P100 filter cartridges. These are expected later this week or early next week.

#### *Planned Actions:*

- Continue sourcing medical and other supplies needed for COVID-19 response.

## 8 | Public Health

### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - ODH issued a Public Health Order on closure of the polling locations in the State of Ohio on Tuesday, March 17th, 2020.
  - Continued developing Allocation of Scarce Resources tool.
  - Bureau of Infectious Disease and Ohio Hospital Association is working on medical surge modeling.
  - ODH participated in Long Term Care meeting with ODH, Aging and Ombudsman. LTC workgroup will meet daily to work through any concerns and issues.
  - ESF-8 Partners worked on a platform for PPE conservation ideas and best practices.
  - Set a future Mass Fatality Planning conference Call.
  - Planned coordinating a call with Great Lakes Health Partnership/Region V states for Thursday.
  - Continued to monitor regional Hospital Bed availability working with RHCs on regional issues and concerns.
  - ODH received 6 Mission/RFIs in the WEBEOC:
    - Five completed. One in process for Hamilton County, we are awaiting information/guidance from ODRC. Also, the ESF-8 desk has collaborated on
  - various RFIs and planning efforts with stakeholders and county, state partners to provide guidance and information.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Established with the regional ombudsman programs - 3 times per week.
  - Ongoing communication with ODH Survey and Certification.
  - Developed tips for family members.
  - Instituted its teleworking operations, including activation of its teleworking policy, effective March 16 for its employees. Updating and capturing essential functions for Department of Administrative Services.
  - Many of our regional Area Agencies on Aging are working with their local emergency management agencies, and are participating and contributing to their local planning operations.
  - We are working with Ohio Department of Health regarding our service provider information.

ESF-8 Public Health (cont.)

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - DODD has set up a dedicated website for DODD related departmental communications and related links.
  - Provided County Boards of DD and providers of services with guidance on how to request aid from local EMA system and cooperative purchase programs
  - DODD office of supports suspended regularly scheduled compliance reviews for Medicaid waiver funded service providers as of March 13.
  - Regional support teams established across 5 regions in Ohio to provide technical assistance to County Boards and Service Providers
  - Guidance issued for providers of Day supports on easing regulations to accommodate increased service disruption.
  - Telework processes continue (setup, equipment, policy distribution)
  - Provided staffing counts to ODH related to PPE needs
  - One Call Now set up as DODD's mass communication system for department staff, test message sent today to confirm working order.
- Ohio Department of Education
  - Ohio granted USDA waiver for non-congregant meal sites.
  - Updated FAQ and communications to schools regarding school closures.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Working on strategies to address concerns around homelessness and housing.
  - Working with Medicaid to look at possibility of delaying advanced payments to Managed Care organizations including waivers or other potential assistance.
- Ohio EMA Mass Care
  - Closed out Mission 20047 RFI from Fairfield County on guidance for waivers regarding Meals on Wheels program. ODAge to follow up with Fairfield County EMA.

*Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Continue development on the allocation of scare resource tool.
  - BID and OHA will continue development on the medical surge modeling.
  - Prepare for and participate in the Great Lakes Health Partnership/Region V call.
  - Participate in the Mass Fatality Planning call with partners.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Call planned with Mental Health and Addiction Services regarding ombudsman visits at residential facilities.
  - Participating in a call with federal agency regarding ombudsman operations.
  - Will participate in long-term care working group convened by Ohio Department of Health.
  - Monitoring operations of regional ombudsman programs (e.g. - telework)
  - Continue to work with our staff remotely as the begin teleworking operations.
  - Continue to monitor the operations of our regional Area Agencies on Aging, including responding to any questions or concerns they receive as well as those from their local service providers.

## ESF-8 Public Health (cont.)

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Continue to send out regular communications to stakeholders.
  - Continue distributing telework equipment to effected employee
- Ohio Department of Education
  - Continuing to develop information documents for schools regarding services to students during closures.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Discussions with community partners, boards and providers to address workforce impacts.
  - Tele-Work opportunities and resources to support work of non-essential workers.
  - Participation with homelessness work group and partners on strategies to address potential and emerging housing and homelessness.

## 14 | Recovery

### Ohio Emergency Management Agency

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio EMA is coordinating with the Development Services Agency on the request to the Small Business Administration Economic Injury Disaster Loan Program (SBA EIDL). In order to receive a declaration, 5 small businesses and/or non-profit organizations in the affected area must demonstrate financial injury losses of 40% or more over the same period from last year.

#### *Planned Actions:*

- Ohio EMA is preparing for the pending emergency declaration under the Stafford Act. The normal damage assessment process is not required for this incident, meaning once the declaration is issued, the application period will begin immediately.

## 15 | Public Affairs

#### *Actions Taken:*

- State Joint Information Center
  - Talking points for daily press conferences and guidance.
  - On the ODH COVID-19 site, work on showing impacted counties; don't highlight PUIs.
  - Working on restaurant closure guidance/checklists.
  - Available on SharePoint: Talking points on liquor buyback; Unemployment compensation for individuals whose jobs were impacted by COVID-19.
  - ODH is working on new set of infographics on being kind to one another, and what you can do to help.
  - News releases are being translated by the Ohio Hispanic Coalition.
  - Work continues for press briefings to be conducted at the State EOC Facility (Rm 204).
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ESF-15 Public Affairs (cont.)

- The JIC has been expanded (opened up adjoining rooms of 106 A&B). PIOs from the Ohio Development Services Agency and Ohio Job & Family Services are present today in the JIC. The Ohio Dept. of Education PIO is working from home; PIOs from Ohio Dept. of Commerce and Ohio Medicaid will be in the JIC March 17.

*Planned Actions:*

- Guidance for parents of school-aged children at home.
- Information to those needing financial help.
- HAN (Health Alert Network) - CDC's primary method of sharing cleared information about urgent public health incidents with PIOs.
- CDC guidance for providers.

Other Partners

Ohio Homeland Security – OP3

*Actions Taken:*

- We have begun gathering any specific resource offers from OP3 partners.
- We are also working to streamline the process for our partner credentialing system in case it is needed for private sector partners.
- Kroger contact stated that they need flexibility in the movement of goods as this is critical for customers. Therefore, removing any barriers within transportation is a necessity:
  - Hours of service restriction lifted for all items (complete).
  - Gross Vehicle Weight Waiver raised (some states have already enacted, need this across the entire country).
  - Local and city curfews and noise ordinances for deliveries need to be lifted for all grocery deliveries.

*Planned Actions:*

- Reach out to necessary partners and contacts to discuss barriers that major retailers are experiencing in replenishing stores, in an attempt to push toward changes in trucking restrictions.

Ohio Army National Guard

*Actions Taken:*

- The Ohio National Guard is preparing to support the Ohio Association of Foodbanks with distribution efforts. This preparation is in response to a request by the Ohio Association of Foodbanks through the Governor's Office.

*Planned Actions:*

- Working group will determine the support package that will be available.



## 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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