

# State of Ohio EOC SITUATION REPORT

## COVID-19 Response

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State EOC Status: **Partial Activation**

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

Dissemination: Daily, 8:00 AM

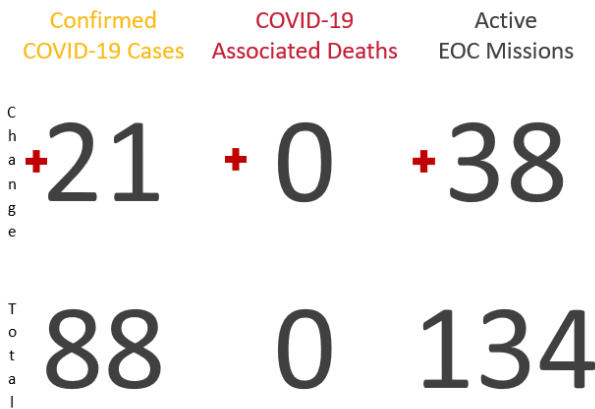
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### Executive Summary

ODH confirmed additional cases across the state, with cases now being confirmed in 19 of the state's counties. According to ODH, 26 of the 88 confirmed cases are currently hospitalized. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains Partially Activated, with Emergency Support Functions 1, 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
Personal Protection Equipment	4	97		2	1
Request For Information			1	2	22
Sanitizing Materials		8			
State EOC Liaison				5	2
Health Management Supplies		14			1
Other Missions		1			4

Requests for Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) are being received and initially processed by the State EOC. Assignment and fulfillment of PPE missions will occur as prescribed by Ohio Department of Health guidance once it is finalized.

## 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 Currently Required For EOC Partial Activation

1, 5, 7, 8, 13, 15

#### 1 | Transportation

- Ohio Department of *Transportation*

##### *Actions Taken:*

- Responded to EOC to provide support as required.
- No active missions.

##### *Planned Actions:*

- Reviewing of mass transportation plans.

#### 5 | Information & Planning

- Statewide Overview of County EMA Response
  - County EMAs continue to posture their response to plan for and respond to COVID-19.
  - At least 38 counties have elevated their EOC to better facilitate multi-agency coordination.
  - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) conservation efforts are occurring and needed materials are being requested through local avenues; unmet needs are being communicated by calling the State EOC.
  - All Ohio EMA Regional Offices report County EMAs continue to monitor current events and interface with local agencies as necessary and appropriate.

ESF-5 | Information & Planning (cont.)

- COVID-19 Task Force

*Actions Taken*

- Governor and COVID - 19 Task Force conducted the following meetings:
  - SEOC Update Brief.
  - COVID-19 Task Force Admin Update Brief (Ongoing).
  - CEO/Franchise Business Conference Call.
  - Chief Justice Conference Call.
  - OHNG Conference Call.
  - Press Conference.

*Planned Actions*

- Continuing discussions with statewide agencies and stakeholders - TBD.

- Five State EOC Liaisons are deployed or virtually supporting active County EOCs in support of information sharing:

- Butler
- Clark\*
- Cuyahoga
- Ottawa
- Stark

\* State EOC Liaison completed a request to facilitate a virtual Incident Action Planning session with Clark County EMA and Public Health; continued support of Clark County will occur virtually.

- Requests for Information Placed with State Partners

- Status of coordinating return of Blu-Med Mobile Hospital from Muskingum County Perry County, which is without any hospital capability.

### 3| Engineering and Public Works

- Ohio Environmental Agency

*Actions Taken:*

- Requested information about an Emergency Partner Credentialing System that was mentioned in the afternoon briefing.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continuing monitoring and supporting as needed.

## 6 | Mass Care

- Ohio Department of Education

### *Actions Taken:*

- Worked with USDA to clarify rules around Child Nutrition Programs during closures.
- Finalized informational documents on services for students on individualized education programs (IEPs) during closures.
- Continued contribution to Ohio MHAS-led Homeless Team meetings.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Continuing to develop information documents for schools regarding services to students during closures.

- Quarantine Work Group

### *Actions Taken:*

- A new work group lead was assigned within ESF-6.
- The group continues to track available resources as they are provided.
- Continued to plan quarantine support mapping.

### *Planned Actions:*

- The next conference call will be based upon the Mapping of Resources.
- Updating the workgroup work plan.

## 8 | Public Health

### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - ODH is continuing developing the Allocation of Scarce Resources tool.
  - ODH participated in the COVID-19 Persons who are experiencing homelessness housing call.
  - ODH participated in the PPE Prioritization Working Group call.
  - ODH participated in Long Term Care conference call.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Ohio Department of Aging continues to provide information to the regional Area Agencies on Aging regarding information pertaining to local County EMA activations.
  - Ohio Department of Aging is reviewing and refining its provider reports and is working with both Ohio Department of Health and Ohio Department of Medicaid.
  - Ohio Department of Aging provided an update that the Ohio Benefits Project Team is receiving reports that individuals in counties across Ohio are receiving fraudulent calls which are falsely identifying that their benefits are ending and are requiring personally identifiable information (PHI). These calls are not being generated by the

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State of Ohio or any of its agencies. Consumers are to report these calls to the State of Ohio Attorney General's Office.

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Contined to communicate to all registered nurse trainers to incorporate Centers for Disease Control & Prevention and Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services COVID-19 guidance while teaching medication administration certification classes.
  - Provided health and safety supply guidance to system partners.
  - Department worked on a rapid hire process and condensed new employee orientation in preparation for potential staffing shortages
  - Transitioned to telework for departmental staff where applicable.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - The second Homeless Work Group met on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020.
  - Variety of stakeholders mentioned working on resources to support expanding homeless prevention program funds and funding requirements regarding Rapid Rehousing.
  - Continued discussion needed related to if Ohio MHAS Homeless Team needs to maintain its separate function due to policy and other considerations from the EOC or should it be combined with EOC.

*Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Coordinating a Great Lakes Health Partnership/Region V states for a Thursday afternoon conference call to discuss PPE.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Continuing on with continuity of operations, communication and collaboration with our partners and stakeholders.
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Continuing to update, educate and provide guidance information to stakeholders.
  - Working with Ohio Department of Health to review protocols when screening and caring for potentially ill people.
  - Working on a rapid hire process and condensed new employee orientation in preparation for potential staffing shortages.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
  - Continuing PPE conversations around Hospitals, ACF's and Recovery Housing to need clarification of interpretation for estimated number count.

### 13 | Law Enforcement

- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

*Actions Taken:*

- Continued to manage correctional facilities, Parole offices and working with our Jails, CBCFs and HWH with the emphasis of safety for the public, our staff, our incarcerated adults and our restored citizens.
- The Director issued an executive order on 3/12/2020 and can be seen on the State Significant Event board (record # 67163).
- ODR&C currently does not have anyone that has tested positive for COVID-19 but continues to conduct testing on persons that show symptoms.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continuing to work towards incident objectives.

### 15 | Public Affairs

*Actions Taken:*

- It was addressed on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020, at the Governor's brief that employers are to check temps of employees before start of their work shifts.
  - Message was later clarified that employees should take their temperatures before reporting to work; stay home if you have a fever or are sick.
- Additional Press Conf. Topics: BMV closure; SBA loans; state park lodges closure; closure of non-essential businesses (hair salons, barber shops, nail salons, tattoo parlors).
- Continued support to Gov. DeWine, Dr. Acton's daily briefings, news releases.
- Messaging to Essential Employees: If You Are Sick, Stay Home.
- Talking Point Topics: Postponing Elective Surgeries; SBA Loans.
- Guidance Topics: Postponing Elective Surgeries; SBA Loans; Childcare Pandemic Licensing; ODNR State Parks; Talking with Your Kids About the Coronavirus; School Lunch Program; Guidance for Families of Children with Special Health Needs.

*Planned Actions:*

- Addressing the scale-back of the JIC – rotation of staff.
- Pursuing a chatroom/message board between Ohio Hospital Association and the Ohio State Medical Board to share ideas about conserving PPE.
- Guidance for PPE conservation.
- Posting translated documents and checklists.

Other Partners

Ohio Homeland Security – OP3

*Actions Taken:*

- Fielded inquiries from private sector organizations regarding the state’s Emergency Partner Credentialing System.
- Updated the Resource Offer list with a number of resources from hotels, to medical products, to rental supplies.
- Resources are being offered on a continuous basis.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continue fielding requests and assisting organizations in use the system if eligible.
- Continue to update Resource Officer list and share for use.



## County EOCs Reporting Adjusting EOC Status for Response

1. Auglaize County
2. Allen County
3. Butler County
4. Carroll County
5. Champaign County
6. Clark County
7. Clermont County
8. Clinton County
9. Coshocton County
10. Cuyahoga County
11. Darke County
12. Defiance County
13. Delaware County
14. Fayette County
15. Franklin County
16. Fulton County
17. Greene County
18. Hamilton County
19. Hardin County
20. Highland County
21. Lake County
22. Licking County
23. Lucas County
24. Medina County
25. Mercer County
26. Morgan County
27. Ottawa
28. Paulding County
29. Perry County
30. Pickaway County
31. Portage County
32. Ross County
33. Scioto County
34. Shelby County
35. Stark County
36. Summit County
37. Tuscarawas County
38. Union County
39. Warren County
40. Wood County



## Counties Reporting Declared State of Emergencies

1. Butler
2. Carroll
3. Champaign
4. Clark
5. Clermont
6. Clinton
7. Cuyahoga
8. Erie
9. Franklin
10. Gallia
11. Greene
12. Hamilton
13. Highland
14. Knox
15. Lake
16. Logan
17. Lorain
18. Noble
19. Montgomery
20. Morgan
21. Morrow
22. Paulding
23. Perry
24. Shelby
25. Stark
26. Summit
27. Union



## 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.
5. Determine what emergency authorities and programs are now available through the National Emergency and Public Health Emergency Declarations

## 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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