

# 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.

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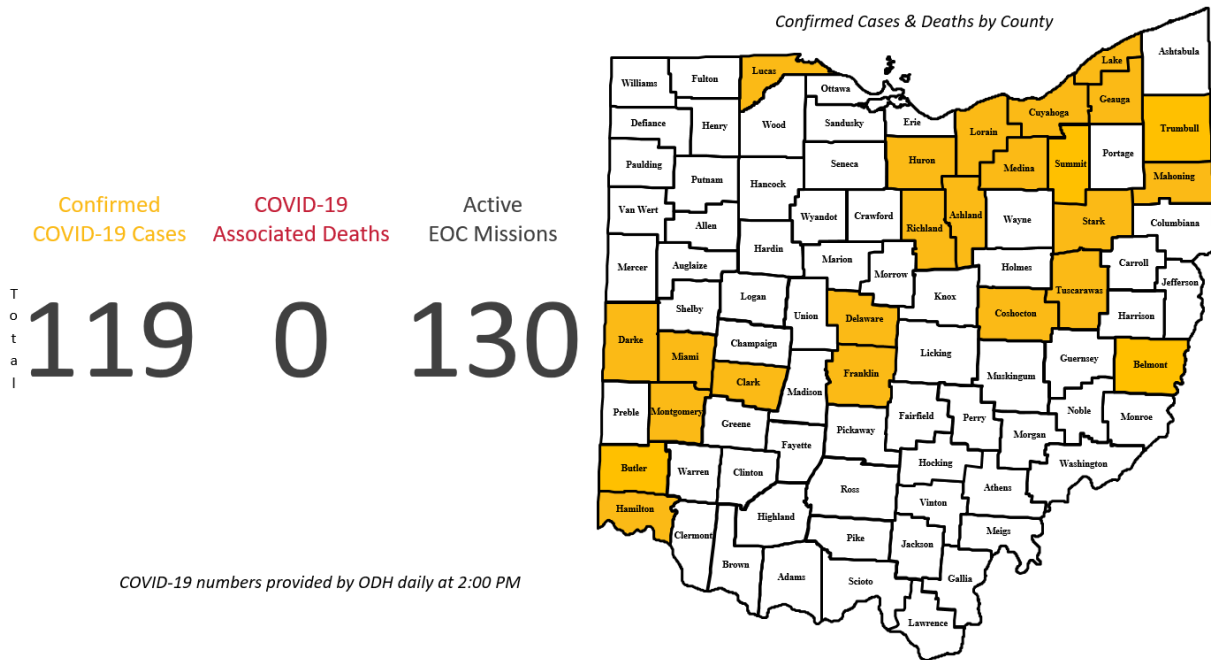
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### Executive Summary

ODH-confirmed COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations continued to trend upward. According to ODH, 33 of the 119 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 personal protective equipment, medical equipment, State EOC liaison support, and requests for information.

### Key Indicators





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

State EOC Missions

Mission Request Type	New	Pending	Assigned	In Progress	Complete
Personal Protection Equipment	3	80			1
Request For Information			7	1	26
Sanitizing Materials					
State EOC Liaison				6	1
Health Management Supplies	5	17	1		3
Other Missions		5	1	4	1

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 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

#### 3| Engineering and Public Works

- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

##### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio EPA received information from Ohio Homeland Security's Public Private Partnership (OP3) Program about the new Emergency Partner Credentialing System that was mentioned in the afternoon briefing yesterday. This system may be used to allow movement of individuals working in public utilities and other critical industries when restrictions are in place for safety or security purposes (i.e., snow emergency or curfew). Additional information on the program will be gathered and its implementation today and share as appropriate. Responsibility is to provide technical assistance on environmental issues.

##### *Planned Actions:*

- Continued monitoring and increased participation in SEOC activities.

- Ohio Department of Natural Resources

##### *Actions Taken:*

- Participated with state partners in quarantine, mass care and transportation working group.

##### *Planned Actions:*

- Continuing to monitor and support as needed.

## 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 55 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.
  
- 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 to Perry County, which is without any hospital capability.
  
- PPE Workgroup

### *Actions Taken*

- Integrated partner feedback into information for PPE Allocation Distribution Discussed PPE strategies with Region V Great Lakes Health Partnership.

### *Planned Actions*

- Developing a recommendation for PPE strategy matched against high priority stakeholder groups.

## 6 | Mass Care

- Ohio Department of Education

### *Actions Taken:*

- Posted additional resources on ODE's coronavirus webpage.
  - List and map of meal sites open during school closures.
  - "Considerations for Students with Disabilities During Ohio's Ordered School-Building Closure" document.

### *Planned Actions:*

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

- Quarantine Work Group

### *Actions Taken:*

- The work group leads HADA meeting this morning to discuss the overall plan for resource tracking and mapping.
- Entire workgroup met via conference call.
- Currently OHS is tracking possible quarantine locations as well as resources related to potential quarantines that are being offered. ESF8 is vetting these resources and Ohio EMA GIS will begin mapping possible quarantine locations.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Will be distributing the Quarantine Workgroup notes tomorrow and tracking resources.

## 7 | Logistics

- Ohio Emergency Management Agency

### *Actions Taken:*

- Contacted FEMA V logistics and prepared a draft federal resource request form for PPE and medical supplies. It is under review for approval by EMA leadership.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Will be placing an order for gloves.

## 8 | Public Health

- Ohio Department of Health

### *Actions Taken:*

- ODH continues the development of Allocation of Scarce Resources tool.



(Ohio Dept of Health Cont.)

- ODH participated in the COVID-19 Persons who are experiencing homelessness housing call.
- ODH participated in the Quarantine Housing Working group call.
- ODH participated in the PPE Prioritization Working Group call.
- ODH participated in Long Term Care conference call.
- ODH hosted a Great Lakes Health Partnership/Region V states for a Thursday afternoon conference call to discuss PPE.
- ODH continues to monitor Hospital Bed availability by region.

*Planned Actions:*

- Mass Fatality Planning Meeting Coroners Meeting March 20.

- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman

*Actions Taken:*

- The State Long-Term Care Ombudsman participated in a meeting facilitated by the Ohio Department of Aging to discuss response when there is a COVID-19 infection in a long-term care facility.
- Regional Ombudsman continue to investigate and attempt to resolve complaints about family access to long-term care facility residents.
- The Ohio Department of Aging continued to provide local county EMA Emergency activations and declaration information to our regional area agencies on aging.
- The Ohio Department of Aging continued to participate and contribute in the Long-Term Care, Homeless and Mass Quarantine work groups that are taking place.

*Planned Actions:*

- No planned actions within the next 24 hours.

- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities

*Actions Taken:*

- County Boards of Developmental Disabilities Cost Projection Reports submissions have been suspended until operations normalize.
- Provided rule relief for Medication Administration Certification renewals.
- Issuing Provider Payments in effort to maintain revenue to continue operations and to pay Direct Service Providers of Adult Day, Vocational Habilitation, Group Employment, Integrated Employment, and Non-Medical Transportation (NMT) services.

*Planned Actions:*

- Preparing submission to Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) requesting flexibility with the Home and Community Based Service (HCBS) waiver rules and requirements.

- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services

*Actions Taken:*

- Continued to meet with housing and homelessness groups.
- Participated in group meeting to discuss and address concerns around quarantine.
- Identifying behavioral health needs that will be created as a result of persons going into quarantine environments and collaborative strategies to address them.

*Planned Actions:*

- Work with and conferring with local ADAMHS boards, behavioral health hospitals and community partners to get additional input on what service capacity they can provide in quarantine environments.
- Reducing barriers to services through adjustments and waivers that remove barriers to services. This includes working with medicaid and licensing boards, and other regulatory entities.
- Find optimum role for OhioMHAS in work with EOC Homelessness group.
- Provide additional information from housing communities including COHIO and homeless organizations in coordination of support to those who are homeless or may become homeless.

## 10 | Hazardous Materials

- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

*Actions Taken:*

- Ohio EPA has suspended its eCheck program. This affects seven counties (Cuyahoga County and those adjacent)

*Planned Actions:*

- Continue to monitor and review regulatory adjustments consistent with Governor's Order 2020-01 D

## 13 | Law Enforcement

- Ohio State Highway Patrol

*Actions Taken:*

- The Ohio State Highway Patrol is supporting the Ohio Department of Health by providing site security.

*Planned Actions:*

- The Ohio State Highway Patrol is working with our state partners to support the efforts to reduce the spread of COVID-19.
- Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction

*Actions Taken:*

- ODRC performed a tabletop exercise today with Halfway Houses focusing on public safety and ensuring that staff have good plans in place.
- Continued to hold daily conference calls with Wardens and Adult Parole Authority Regional Administrators.
- Continued to screen staff and offenders coming into our correctional institutions and all ODRC buildings.
- Continued to utilize aggressive cleaning and sanitation for all institutions, Parole offices and all locations under the ODRC umbrella.
- Continued to closely monitor the incarcerated adult population for respiratory concerns.
- Reviewing all staffing to ensure that we have the non-essential employees identified for COVID-19 working from home and essential employees being safe at work.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continuing to work towards incident objectives.

15 | Public Affairs

*Actions Taken:*

- During today's press briefing, Gov. DeWine addressed his statement yesterday on employers taking employees' temperature. He acknowledged that there may be a shortage of thermometers. Suggested people take their temperatures at home (if they have thermometers), and if they have a fever, stay home. (JIC is drafting guidance).
- Gov. DeWine also addressed the rumors of the National Guard being activated, armed with weapons. He said "If you see the Guard, you might see them carrying groceries; not guns." The governor signed a proclamation on March 18, activating the Guard to assist Ohio food banks. (JIC: National Guard Awareness).
- The Governor's Communications Office emailed state agencies emphasizing them to direct Ohioans to one site for COVID-19 information, to ensure coordinated messaging and to reduce confusion. ODH's [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) site is being modified, making it easier to navigate.

*Planned Actions:*

- Creating a message board to exchange information about PPE.



*(Public Affairs Cont.)*

- Providing live press conference capability for individuals with low vision (vision impairment).
- Work on website update.
- Adult workers mental health checklist.
- Letter to Behavioral Health Providers.
- Live translation of press conferences into Spanish.

Other Partners

- Ohio Homeland Security – OP3

*Actions Taken:*

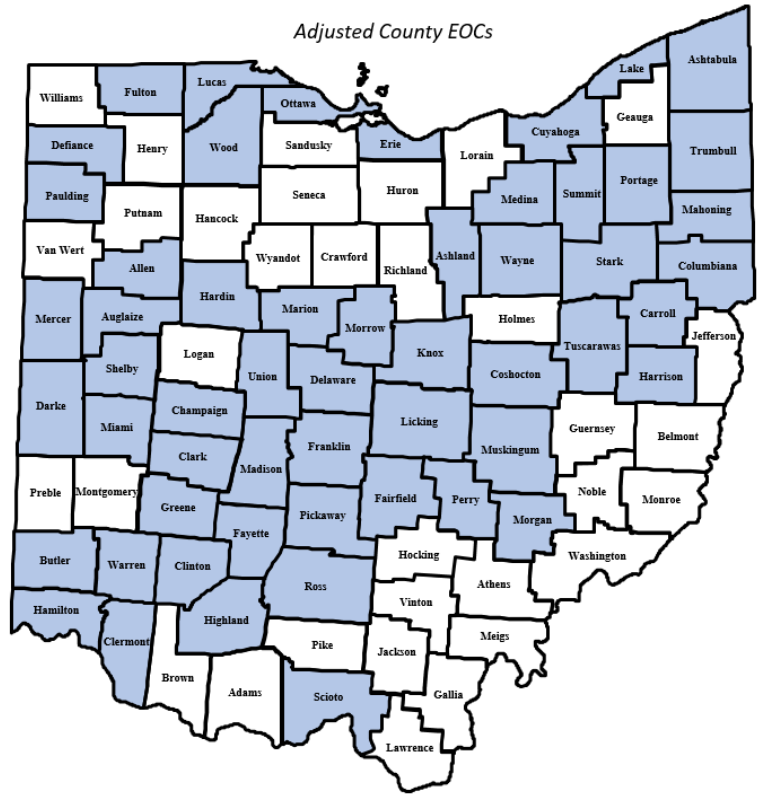
- Updated the Resource Offer list to represent both potential housing/quarantine locations, and all other resources.
- Continue to field numerous requests regarding the state Emergency Partner Credentialing System. We have prepared many private sector, critical infrastructure partners to be able to provide credentials to their essential employees in the event of travel restrictions.

*Planned Actions:*

- Once the Resource Offer list has been vetted, the information for potential housing/quarantine locations will be mapped in the GIS program.

## County EOCs Reporting Adjusting EOC Status for Response

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|----------------|----------------|
| 1. Allen       | 29. Lucas      |
| 2. Ashland     | 30. Knox       |
| 3. Ashtabula   | 31. Madison    |
| 4. Auglaize    | 32. Mahoning   |
| 5. Butler      | 33. Medina     |
| 6. Carroll     | 34. Mercer     |
| 7. Champaign   | 35. Marion     |
| 8. Clark       | 36. Miami      |
| 9. Clermont    | 37. Morgan     |
| 10. Clinton    | 38. Morrow     |
| 11. Columbiana | 39. Muskingum  |
| 12. Coshocton  | 40. Ottawa     |
| 13. Cuyahoga   | 41. Paulding   |
| 14. Darke      | 42. Perry      |
| 15. Defiance   | 43. Pickaway   |
| 16. Delaware   | 44. Portage    |
| 17. Erie       | 45. Ross       |
| 18. Fairfield  | 46. Scioto     |
| 19. Fayette    | 47. Shelby     |
| 20. Franklin   | 48. Stark      |
| 21. Fulton     | 49. Summit     |
| 22. Greene     | 50. Trumbull   |
| 23. Hamilton   | 51. Tuscarawas |
| 24. Hardin     | 52. Union      |
| 25. Harrison   | 53. Warren     |
| 26. Highland   | 54. Wayne      |
| 27. Lake       | 55. Wood       |
| 28. Licking    |                |



## Counties Reporting Declared State of Emergencies

1. Ashtabula
2. Brown
3. Butler
4. Carroll
5. Champaign
6. Clark
7. Clermont
8. Clinton
9. Coshocton
10. Cuyahoga
11. Delaware
12. Erie
13. Fairfield
14. Franklin
15. Fulton
16. Gallia
17. Greene
18. Guernsey
19. Hamilton
20. Highland
21. Knox
22. Lake
23. Logan
24. Lorain
25. Mahoning
26. Meigs
27. Miami
28. Monroe
29. Montgomery
30. Morgan
31. Morrow
32. Muskingum
33. Noble
34. Ottawa
35. Paulding
36. Perry
37. Portage
38. Shelby
39. Stark
40. Summit
41. 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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