

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

Information Cutoff Time: 12:00 AM

Executive Summary

ODH confirmed additional cases across the state, with cases now being confirmed in 16 of the state's counties. 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

	Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths	Active EOC Missions
Change	+17	+0	+32
Total	67	0	104

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	1	67			1
Request For Information			5	1	16
Sanitizing Materials		7			
State EOC Liaison			1	6	1
Health Management Supplies		11			2
Other Missions				2	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 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 Required at the EOC

5, 7, 8, 13, 15

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 35 counties have elevated their EOC to better facilitate multi-agency coordination
 - Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) conservation efforts are occurring and needed materials being requested through the State EOC.

- Five State EOC Liaisons are deployed to active County EOCs in support of information sharing:
 - Butler
 - Cuyahoga
 - Ottawa
 - Stark
 - Clark

- Ohio EMA Regional Offices
 - Worked with local officials on declaration requirements, PPE, EOC openings, and updating HR policies for the safety of all county staff.
 - Attended conference calls and other webinar situational update meetings as requested.
 - Continued to interface with county EMA partners, field questions and provide information.
 - Continued to contribute County EMA status to the State EOC's Common Operating Picture

ESF-5 | Information & Planning (cont.)

- **Advanced Planner**

Actions Taken

- Recommended to activate ESF 1, ESF 12, and ESF 14 due to considerations affecting them directly.

Planned Actions

- Collecting of information from the workgroups and current planning items.
- After looking through the threat and hazard networks, the results of current efforts will dictate the next nodes affected.

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.

3 | Engineering and Public Works

Ohio Department of Natural Resources

Actions Taken:

- ESF-3 received one mission since last update for RFI information on waste water and water systems in Noble County. It was assigned to EPA and coordinated with the county with the information. The mission was closed.
- Participated in mass care, quarantine, and transportation meeting.

Planned Actions:

- ODNR will continue to monitor and stand ready to assist.

Ohio Environmental Agency

- One SEOC mission completed by Division of Drinking and Ground Water.

7 | Logistics

Ohio EMA

Actions Taken:

- Placed an order for 75 half face respirators and filters. Received 24 half face respirators and filters.

Planned Actions:

- Continue to source medical supplies and PPE and order any found to be available.

8 | Public Health

Actions Taken:

- Ohio Department of Health
 - ODH participated in a Quarantine Housing Workgroup meeting.
 - ODH participated in the COVID-19 Persons experiencing homelessness workgroup.
 - ODH conducted Mass Fatality Planning conference call today with our ESF-8 partners.
 - ODH participated in Food Safety conference call.
 - ODH is participating in Long Term Care meeting today with Aging and Ombudsman personnel
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
 - The State Ombudsman continued to communicate with regional ombudsman programs frequently. They've shifted to remote complaint handling for nursing home complaints and are attempting visits to residential care facilities and group homes.
 - Ombudsmen participated in a teleconference with ODMHAS on 3/17/20 regarding face-to-face communication with group home residents.
 - ODA continued to support working groups including: Quarantine Housing, Mass Care, Transportation; Homeless Workgroup; and the LTC Workgroup.
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
 - Updated and tested of Department's mass communication system (One Call Now) and encouraging system participation.
 - Continued deployment of telework equipment to departmental staff.
 - Continued Cross training of staff for back filling of essential job functions.
 - Suspended Ohio Developmental Disability Profile (ODDP) assessments for Intermediate Care Facilities.
 - Waived Individual Assessment Form (IAF) through June 30th reporting period.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services
 - Agency coordinated with partners and key stakeholders. Giving ODH guidance and coordinating needs back to EOC.
- Ohio EMA Mass Care
 - Coordinated with partners and sorting through requests coming in. Most are able to be handled directly.
 - Worked with OHNG on mission analysis request from last week.
 - Coordinated with quarantine workgroup meeting with homeless.
 - Worked with group and planned to integrate into director Criss's work group for a conference call this morning.

ESF-8 | Public Health (cont.)

Planned Actions:

- Ohio Department of Health
 - ODH will coordinate with 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
 - ODA is working with ODH and the EMA staff to provide current aging network provider information (including transportation and personal care providers) to aid in planning efforts, where needed.
 - Continue to participate in the following work groups: Quarantine Housing, Mass Care, Transportation; Homeless Workgroup; and the LTC Workgroup.
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
 - Continue to update, educate and provide guidance information to stakeholders.
 - Working with ODH to review protocols when screening and caring for potentially ill persons.
- 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
 - OhioMHAS Homeless Team meeting with EOC.
 - Emergency Operation Center workgroup and the OhioMHAS homeless team will combine and connect on telephone conference call today, Wednesday, March 18 at 10:00 AM.

10 | Hazmat

Ohio Environmental Agency

Actions Taken:

- DMWM personnel participated in Mass Fatality Plan Review/Conference Call on March 17th, 2020.
- ESF-10 OER staff coordinated with ODH on request for information (RFI) from Department of Energy and resolved through ODH and Local Health.

Planned Actions:

- Continue to monitor and support as requested.

15 | Public Affairs

Actions Taken:

- New website section was added.
- Three infographics added to website
- New Guidance: Talking to your kids about Coronavirus.
- New Guidance: Resources for Parents of Students.

ESF-15 | Public Affairs (cont.)

- New Guidance: Election.
- New talking points on election on SharePoint.
- New order on Website and SharePoint on elections.
- Social media focusing on: mental wellness, PPE conservation, and primary election.
- Releases translated to Spanish from Monday, regarding the election have been linked to the website.
- New checklist for Individuals with Asthma on website.

Planned Actions:

- Continue to work on PPE and elective surgeries, unemployment benefits, guidance.
- Continue to support to Gov. DeWine/Dr. Acton's daily briefings; work on press releases; SBA information.
- Continue to work to have checklists translated into additional languages (besides Spanish).

Other Partners

Ohio Homeland Security – OP3

Actions Taken:

- No significant updates.

Planned Actions:

- Continue making efforts to support other ESFs and assisting partners.

Ohio Army National Guard

Actions Taken:

- Addressed request for information from Lorain County regarding rumored National Guard involvement in community.
- Requested by Ohio Food Bank for OHNG Support at distribution centers.

Planned Actions:

- OHNG Public Affairs office is addressing the medical triage local news story to correct misinformation.
- Ohio Food Bank to Gov. DeWine for OHNG Support at distro locations have been sent to the JOC and J3 Planning cell.

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

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