



Seneca County EMA Situation Report #39

COVID-19 Response

May 5, 2020

County EOC Status: **Monitoring**

State EOC: **Activated**

Distribution List: Villages, Townships, Seneca County Elected Officials, City of Tiffin Elected Officials, City of Fostoria Elected Officials, Fire Chiefs, Law Enforcement, Seneca County Education Contacts and LEPC/HS and Mental Health Recovery Services

Ohio

Confirmed Cases: 19,609 (+463 in last 24 hours)

Probable: 897

Confirmed Deaths: 1,038

Probable Deaths: 97

Seneca County

Total Cases: 14 (removed Probable Cases)

Confirmed Cases: 5

Deaths: 1

Recovered: 8

Resources:

Ohio ODH: coronavirus.ohio.gov

CDC: [CDC.gov](https://www.cdc.gov)

Seneca County General Health District: senecahealthdistrict.org

Executive Summary

GOVERNOR: Planned state spending will be cut by \$775 million prior to June 30 in light of the economic downturn prompted by the coronavirus pandemic, Gov. Mike DeWine announced Tuesday. In making the announcement, the governor said he would avoid drawing down rainy day funds for the next two months in favor of making cuts in an effort to balance a budget currently \$776.9 million below estimates as of the end of April.

"We are going to need that money, that rainy day fund, for next year and possibly the year after," he said.

The governor said the spending cuts will be implemented over the next two months and will target:

- Medicaid spending (\$210 million),
- K-12 foundation payments (\$300 million),
- Other education line-items (\$55 million),

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Higher education (\$110 million),
All other state agencies (\$100 million).

DeWine said he is preserving hiring freezes, travel limitations, contracting restrictions and is seeking additional cuts from cabinet directors.

Dr. Acton reminded Ohioans that mental health is just as important as physical health, and that help with trained crisis helpers is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. You can call 1-800-720-9616 or text "4hope" to 741741.

OHIO EPA: OEPA is informing Ohioans that as buildings re-open that have had little to no water usage during the Stay at Home Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to flush water that has been stagnant in water distribution lines and fixtures. Low water usage can contribute to bacterial growth, including Legionella which can cause a serious type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease. It can also cause other water quality issues with potential health risks due to the build-up of lead and copper in stagnant water that's been collecting in older pipes and fixtures.

As buildings reopen, it is critical to drain, flush, and if necessary based on a review of building conditions, disinfect the hot and cold-water systems to remove harmful contaminants. Devices that store water, such as drinking water fountains, water heaters, storage tanks, and any droplet or mist-forming devices such as cooling towers, humidifiers, showerheads, and certain medical and manufacturing devices and process equipment should also be flushed and disinfected in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations or industry best practices.

VENTILATOR: As a reminder, if your organization has any ventilators in its possession, please fill out the ODH ventilator inventory form by Wednesday at 5pm.

Governor DeWine reports that there is now an email set up to coordinate donations and offers to help. This address is together@governor.ohio.gov.

Dr. Acton reports there is a new coronavirus interactive dashboard at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/dashboard>.

Seneca County

The Seneca County Board of Commissioners met digitally via Zoom Thursday morning. One topic of discussion was how office operations may change as parts of the state begin to re-open. Commissioner Shayne Thomas said many offices including the commissioners' office, will continue to be closed on Fridays for budgetary reasons until finances recover. The full press release is available at senecacountyohio.gov.

Seneca County General Health District:

The Health Commissioner clarified the Seneca County Coronavirus numbers as 14 total confirmed cases of the COVID19 virus which INCLUDES 7 currently ill (one of those currently hospitalized), 8 recovered from the illness and 1 deceased due to complications of COVID19.

Seneca County Health Commissioner will produce Facebook Live videos with updates from the Health District. This will occur at 10:30 on Wednesdays. Videos will be archived on Facebook and can be viewed live on the Health Department's and Commissioner's FB pages.

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Emergency Management Agency

As buildings re-open under the "Responsible RestartOhio" plan that have had little to no water usage during the Stay at Home Order due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to flush water that has been stagnant in both cold- and hot-water distribution lines and fixtures. Low water usage can contribute to bacterial growth, including Legionella which can cause a serious type of pneumonia called Legionnaires' disease. It can also cause other water quality issues with potential health risks due to the build-up of lead and copper in stagnant water that's been collecting in older pipes and fixtures.

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Blood Collection

The American Red Cross now faces a severe blood shortage due to an unprecedented number of blood drive cancellations in response to the coronavirus outbreak. **Blood donation is considered an essential service** to ensure the health of the community and is listed as an exception in the state order. While everyone is being asked to avoid mass gatherings, it's very important to note that blood drives are **not** considered "mass gatherings."

Mental Health and Recovery Board of Seneca, Sandusky and Wyandot Counties

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board contracts with Firelands Counseling and Recovery Services who are making the attached resource available to our healthcare workers and first responders during this time.

During these uncertain times, our office may be closed to the public, however, we are still hard at work to ensure that community member's needs are met. Our board staff is ready to help you navigate the resources. Call our office at 419.448.0640 for any questions regarding behavioral health.

City of Tiffin

Declarations and orders by the Mayor and City Council can be found at tiffinohio.gov.

Job and Family Services

Over these last six weeks, ODJFS has distributed more than \$1.45 billion in unemployment compensation payments to more than 481,000 claimants.

ODJFS urges individuals to file their claims online, if possible, at unemployment.ohio.gov.

Please see the attachments concerning Unemployment from Ohio DJFS.

Education

No Update

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OSS Solid Waste District

Due to the health and safety concerns involving the COVID-19 epidemic for local citizens, contracted businesses, OSS staff, and assisting community service workers and volunteer groups, the District is canceling all spring recycling collection events.

- **Television & Electronics Collection – Saturday, May 9 – CANCELLED**

With our Spring collections cancelled, we have compiled a listing of alternative options to properly dispose of items like paint, batteries, motor oil, TV's and electronics, and scrap metals. Click on: <https://recycleoss.org/special-collection-alternatives/> for more details.

- **Ottawa County Appliance Collection – Saturday, June 13 – CANCELLED**

The District plans to hold the scheduled fall recycling collection events. Fall collections will be held to accept materials for household hazardous waste, televisions and electronics, appliances and tires. Fall dates and information can be found at recycleoss.org.

Economic Recovery (State)

No Update

This daily situational report will be sent around 4 p.m. each day M-F and as needed over the weekend. If you wish to update or add information to this report, please get it to the EMA at jspahr@senecacountyohio.gov by 2:30 p.m. each day.

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