The following reports on activities for the period shown:

**Current Situation**
- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: Level 2 Orange
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 508; hospitalizations – 92; deaths – 19 (current status. Definitive cause of death can take weeks to determine.)

**Health District Updates**
- **SCAM ALERT:** A local facility has reported that someone called posing as the Lake County General Health District and ordered that the agency shut down. If you receive a call from the Health District asking you to shut down, please ask for the name of the individual, note the telephone number, and call 440-251-9798.
- LCGHD operates the Lake County COVID-19 hotline (440-350-2188) and [covid19@lcghd.org](mailto:covid19@lcghd.org) email inbox, and performs seven day per week contact tracing activities.
- LCGHD has received 1,523 complaints to date regarding local business compliance to government orders.
- LCGHD attended the Lake County Mayors and City Managers meeting.
- LCGHD responded to an inquiry from Channel 5 Cleveland re: complaints received over July 4th weekend.
- LCGHD met with their environmental health sanitarians to discuss how LCGHD will assist schools in applying the new guidance from the State.
- LCGHD met with the Fairport Harbor Mayor, Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Senior Center to discuss current guidance and planning for when reopening will occur.

Governor DeWine held a press conference on July 2 and July 7, 2020. Items discussed include:
- Governor DeWine has worked with educators and health officials to create science-based K-12 school guidelines for schools to follow when developing their reopening plans.
  - The American Academy of Pediatrics strongly recommends that students be physically present in schools as much as possible.
- Schools can adjust their rules to what works best for them for a safe environment that protects students/staff.
  - Vigilantly assess for symptoms.
  - Wash and sanitize hands to prevent the spread of COVID-19.
    - Provide ample opportunities for handwashing.
    - Provide hand sanitizer.

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Thoroughly clean and sanitize school environment to limit spread on shared surfaces.

Because of the importance of face masks in slowing the spread of COVID-19, schools must establish a face mask policy.

- In doing so, they should consider all the available science.
- Face coverings will be required to reduce the spread of the virus unless it is unsafe, or when doing so could significantly interfere with the learning process.
- When face coverings aren’t practical, face shields may be considered.
- Wearing a face mask could make communication more difficult when teachers are interacting with students with disabilities, or with students who are learning a foreign language.
- It is also the state’s strong recommendation that students third grade and up wear face masks.

- We wear face masks to protect each other, often because people are sick, but show no symptoms.
  - Masks can be especially useful and are strongly recommended at any grade level during periods of increased risk, and when physical distancing is difficult.

- **To assist schools in their efforts to implement guidelines, the Ohio Department of Education has created the “Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts” to help schools with solutions to the many challenges they will likely face.**

- To reopen school safely, unforeseen school expenses are expected.
  - Governor DeWine will work with the Ohio General Assembly to ensure federal CARES Act dollars are available to Ohio School Districts to help with these costs.

- **Governor DeWine announced the inception of the new Ohio Public Health Advisory Alert System, in order to communicate COVID-19 dangers across Ohio counties.**

  - The color-coded system is built on data to assess COVID-19 spread, and inform and empower individuals, business, and local government in their response.

  - The system has four levels to provide Ohioans with guidance on the severity of the problem in the counties in which they live.

  - The levels are determined by seven data indicators that identify the risk level for each county, and a corresponding color code to represent that risk level.

  - **NEW CASES PER CAPITA:** When the data demonstrate a county has had an average of 50 cases per 100,000 people over a two-week period that triggers a flag for an increasing case rate. Using this data means taking into account the population of a county when monitoring case increases.

  - **SUSTAINED INCREASE IN NEW CASES:** The number of sustained new cases in a county is another indicator of virus spread. Counties will be flagged for meeting this indicator if data demonstrate at least a five-day period of sustained new case growth.

  - **PROPORTION OF CASES NOT CONGREGATE CASES:** Data identifying more than 50% of new cases originating from non-congregate settings during at least one of the past three weeks will trigger this indicator.

  - **SUSTAINED INCREASE IN ER VISITS:** ER data will identify the number of people who visit an emergency department with COVID-19 symptoms, or a COVID-19 diagnosis as a result of the visit. Increases in such ER visits over a five-day period will trigger this indicator.

  - **SUSTAINED INCREASE IN OUTPATIENT VISITS:** This indicator considers the number of people visiting outpatient settings, including telehealth appointments, with suspected or confirmed COVID-19 symptoms. An increase over a five-day period will trigger this indicator.
SUSTAINED INCREASE IN NEW COVID-19 HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS: When the numbers show at least a five-day period of sustained growth in the number of county residents with COVID-19 who are admitted to a hospital, the county will be flagged for meeting this indicator.

ICU BED OCCUPANCY: This indicator is comprised of regional data as it relates to both COVID-19 and non-COVID-19 ICU bed use, and is triggered when regional ICU bed occupancy increases above 80% for at least three of the last seven days.

- Governor DeWine is also working to refine additional measurements (contact tracing, tests per capita, percent positivity).
- Governor DeWine stated that it is known that the number of COVID-19 cases is rising, with a marked increase over the past three weeks. Given this trend, numbers are likely to continue to increase as data is provided to the Ohio Department of Health.
- Ohio’s COVID-19 experts say there is likely community spread in every Ohio county. In fact, only a few Ohio counties have not reported cases in the past two weeks.
  - That does not necessarily mean they do not have cases. The number of people who are not yet showing symptoms or may show only mild symptoms, but do not get tested, is significant.
- Local health departments are mapping COVID-19 transmission, and have reported to the Ohio Department of Health information about how COVID-19 is spreading. In many cases, it is spreading at large family gatherings (birthday parties, graduation parties, funerals), the workplace, churches, bars, restaurants, and tourist destinations.
  - COVID-19 is spreading because people displaying symptoms are not staying home when they should, and due to a lack of social distancing and/or wearing masks.
  - Approximately one-quarter (26.4%) of July COVID-19 cases across Ohio thus far have occurred among individuals 20 to 29 years of age. People are letting their guard down, and all the actions Ohioans have taken are in danger of being reversed.
  - Some young people are getting very sick.
  - There is also the concern they are passing illness on to individuals who are at risk for serious illness.
- ALERT LEVEL 1 (YELLOW): A county has triggered zero or one of the seven indicators, and there is active exposure and spread. There are 53 Ohio counties at Alert Level I. The majority of these counties are experiencing a moderate number of cases, according to the CDC’s definition.
- ALERT LEVEL 2 (ORANGE): A county has triggered two or three of the seven indicators, and there is increased risk of exposure and spread. There are 28 Ohio counties in this category. These counties are experiencing increased cases in the community during the past two weeks. Lake County is currently at Alert Level 2.
- ALERT LEVEL 3 (RED): A county has triggered four or five of the seven indicators, and there is very high exposure and spread. There are currently seven Ohio counties at Level 3. Risk is very high. Ohioans should limit activities as much as possible, and wear a mask when in public. Currently, Ohio has seven counties that have triggered an Alert Level 3 Public Health Emergency Alert: Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Huron, Montgomery, and Trumbull.
- ALERT LEVEL 4 (PURPLE): A county has triggered six to seven of the indicators, and there is severe exposure and spread. Stay home as much as possible. No counties currently meet this criteria.
- Ohio Department of Health will issue an order, effective July 8, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. that will mandate the public wearing of face coverings in all counties that are designated Red Level 3 Public Health Emergency Alert.

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The order will remain in effect as long as these counties are in a Red Alert Level 3, or if they increase to the Purple Alert Level 4. The order is effective when:
- Individuals are in an indoor location that is not a residence.
- Outdoors and unable to maintain a distance of six feet or more from non-household individuals.
- Awaiting, riding, driving, or operating public transportation, a taxi, a private care service, or ride-sharing vehicle.
- If the counties drop to a Level 2, the requirement will also drop off.
- A mask is not required if wearing a mask is prohibited by federal regulation, if communicating with the hearing impaired, when alone in your office or personal workspace, or other similar circumstances.
- The order does not apply to children under the age of 10 years of age, or anyone who may not be able to safely wear a mask.
- The order does not supersede current school orders.

Regardless of the Alert Level, high-risk individuals (roughly 60% of Ohio’s population) are at an increased risk of severe illness and should take every precaution to guard against contracting COVID-19.

Ohioans should assume that if one member of their household is sick, then every household member is sick.
- That means taking appropriate measures to control the spread, which should include self-quarantining and contacting a doctor.

Since May, when restaurants and bars reopened, the Ohio Department of Commerce has been working with local jurisdictions to extend liquor permits to outside spaces next to bars (like parking lots/sidewalks) so seating capacity can expand outside to keep patrons distanced.
- So far, over 300 expansion requests have been granted to allow patrons more opportunities to enjoy dinner or drinks while enjoying themselves in a safe environment.
- Governor DeWine asks restaurant and bar owners to continue to insist on social distancing and other efforts to control the spread.

Many have asked why the number of people recovered is not reported. This data is not reported to the Ohio Department of Health, so an exact figure is not available.
- We can presume what that number is, based on the other data we have.
- A new data point titled “Presumed Recovered” has been added to the coronavirus.ohio.gov data dashboard.

Proctor and Gamble has donated creative work for a new Mask On campaign in Ohio.
- Outdoor Advertising Association of Ohio has donated billboard space.
- Ohio Association of Broadcasters has donated radio Public Service Announcement time.

On a short-term basis, the Ohio Department of Health has issued an order allowing for Contact and Non-Contact Competition to resume for all sports if teams agree to all of the guidelines in the order, including:
- Testing of all players, coaches, athletic trainers, support staff, and officials before travel and competition.
- Daily symptom assessments.
- Athletic trainers must wear a face covering while attending to a player.
- Coaches and officials are strongly recommended to wear a face covering, when possible.
- Strict social distancing by players who are not actively engaged in practice or competition.

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• Immediate isolation and medical care for a participant who develops symptoms.
• The *I Want a Season* Campaign is being launched on July 7, 2020. This is a way for Ohio athletes to take to social media to tell their friends that, “I am wearing a mask – I am practicing social distancing – I am washing my hands – and I’m doing it because I Want a Season.”

### Additional Information

- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- CDC Updates, Expands List of People at Risk of Severe COVID-19 Illness
- Considerations for Restaurants and Bars
- Director’s Order Updating and Revising Requirements and Guidance for Youth Day Camps and Residential Camps, with Exceptions
- Director’s Order to Extend the Expiration Date of Various Orders
- Director’s Second Amended Order that Provides Guidance for Contact Sport Practices and Non-Contact Sport Competitions, and Contact Competitions, with Exceptions
- Fourth Amended Director’s Order to Limit Access to Ohio’s Nursing Homes and Similar Facilities, With Exceptions
- The Reset and Restart Education Planning Guide for Ohio Schools and Districts
- COVID-19 Health and Prevention Guidance for Schools
- K-12 Clean Surfaces Poster
- K-12 Cover Page Poster
- K-12 Face Coverings Poster
- K-12 Social Distancing Poster
- K-12 Symptoms Poster
- K-12 Wash Hands Poster
- Ohio COVID-19 Risk Level Guidance for the Public
- Summary of Alert Indicators
- Executive Order 2020-26D

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