Situation Report #63  
Incident COVID-19  
Operational Period Dates: 7/8 - 7/15/2020  
Times: 0800-0800  
Reporting Unit Planning/Public Information  
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The following reports on activities for the period shown:

**Current Situation**
- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: Level 2 Orange
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 643; hospitalizations – 96; deaths – 22 (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 email inbox, and performs seven day per week contact tracing activities.
- LCGHD has received 1,625 complaints to date, with 98 complaints being received within the operational period. The majority of complaint calls received during the operational period involved individuals/businesses not wearing masks, lack of/improper sanitizing, and social distancing.
- LCGHD attended the Lake County Mayors and City Managers meeting, Painesville City Local Schools Regular Board meeting, and Wickliffe Board of Education meeting.
- LCGHD issued the press release *Lake County Reports Increase in COVID-19 Cases, Residents Asked to Take Precautions.*
- LCGHD was interviewed by News 5 Cleveland and Fox 8 News regarding the increased number of COVID-19 cases in Lake County.

Governor DeWine held a press conference on July 9. Items discussed include:
- The Ohio Department of Higher Education worked with colleges, universities, Ohio Department of Health, and health experts to produce guidance for our campuses to reopen safely.
  - The guidance, which is available on coronavirus.ohio.gov, includes minimum operating standards that should occur on all campuses, as well as best practices to further enhance those standards.
  - Each campus must develop policies and procedures for COVID-19 testing and isolation of symptomatic students, faculty, and staff members.
    - Testing of symptomatic individuals should take priority over all other testing tactics.
    - It is recommended that some university living space be allocated for containing symptomatic COVID-19 students.

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COVID-19 prevention efforts and safety precautions will cause school-related costs to be more expensive than in years past.
- The General Assembly is requesting that the Controlling Board approve an initial request to allocate $200 million for higher education and $100 million for K-12 educational institutions.
- This funding would be made available to all public and private K-12 schools, and to all public and private two- and four-year Ohio colleges and universities, including adult career tech providers.
- The request to the Controlling Board is in addition to the more than $440 million in direct federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding that Ohio K-12 schools are receiving. Ohio’s colleges and universities also received more than $190 million of direct federal funding.
- This funding comes from federal CARES Act dollars, and schools would be able to use it to meet their unique individual needs.
- The funding is intended to be very flexible to prevent the spread of COVID-19 (testing, personal protective equipment, etc.).

A $15 million grant to the Coalition on Homelessness and Housing in Ohio (COHHIO), in addition to the $1 million grant to COHHIO that was announced in April, 2020, was announced to ensure Ohioans can maintain their housing during this time.

If the pattern we are seeing in other states continues, we can expect to see hospitalizations, Intensive Care Unit admissions, and deaths increase a few weeks after case increases.
- On June 26, there were 619 COVID-19 patients in hospitals around the state. Since then, we have increased to 905 cases as of today.
- We are seeing a “weekend effect” where the number of tests reported on Saturday and Sunday are generally lower than the numbers reported on weekdays. The positivity rate reported for July 7 was 6.4%, which is Ohio’s highest since May 25.

Twelve counties have triggered enough indicators to be a Red Alert Level 3, including Hamilton, Butler, Clermont, Montgomery, Franklin, Pickaway, Fairfield, Wood, Lorain, Cuyahoga, Summit, and Trumbull.
- Butler, Hamilton, and Cuyahoga Counties are currently on the watch list, with the susceptibility to move from a Red Alert Level 3 to a Purple Alert Level 4.
- 18 counties have moved from Yellow Alert Level 1 to Orange Alert Level 2.
- The map, as well as a description of the indicators, can be accessed at: https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system/

The Individual Micro-credential Assistance Program (IMAP) is a $2.5 million grant opportunity. This grant application is open to training providers, such as universities, colleges, Ohio technical centers, or private sector training businesses.
- Training providers interested in applying can find more information at IMAP.Development.Ohio.gov.
- The deadline for training providers to apply is July 24, 2020.

Governor DeWine signed an executive order on July 2, 2020, enabling the Ohio Job and Family Services (OJFS) to draw down federal funding authorized under the CARES Act to enhance the state’s SharedWork program.
- Participating employers agree to reduce the affected employees’ hours by a uniform percentage, between 10% and 50%, for up to 52 weeks.
- In return, those employees receive SharedWork compensation (which is a prorated unemployment benefit).

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Since March 15, OJFS has approved the participation of 909 employers in 1,680 Shared Work Ohio plans, benefiting 46,352 employees. For more information, visit: [https://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio/](https://jfs.ohio.gov/ouio/SharedWorkOhio/).

- While federally available, employees may also receive the Pandemic Unemployment Compensation benefit each week.
- Individuals who have recovered from COVID-19 for a full two-week period may donate their plasma to the America Red Cross.

**Planned Activities (next 24 – 72 hours)**
- LCGHD will meet with its Medical Director to discuss guidance for schools and daycares.

**Additional Information**

- **What’s New on the CDC Website**
- **COVID-19 Posters and Signs**
- **Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance**
- **Director’s Orders for Facial Coverings in Butler, Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Huron, Montgomery, and Trumbull Counties in Level 3 Public Health Advisory**
- **Addendum to Director’s Order for Facial Coverings in Counties in Level 3 Public Health Advisory**
- **Responsible RestartOhio: Institutions of Higher Education**
- **Resources for Parents and Families**

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