Situation Report #65

Incident: COVID-19

Operational Period Dates: 7/22 - 7/29/2020
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 – 957; hospitalizations – 117; deaths – 29 (current status. Definitive cause of death can take weeks to determine.)

Health District Updates
- Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) is announcing its first positive West Nile Virus mosquitoes of the 2020 season (see attached press release).
- 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 1,709 complaints to date, with 60 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.
- LCGHD hosted one team of the Ohio Department of Health and Ohio State University in their Coronavirus Study to test approximately 1,200 adults in Ohio for current and past infection with coronavirus.
- LCGHD met with the Lake County Fair Board to review fair plans.
- LCGHD responded to an inquiry from Fox 8 News regarding COVID-19 outbreak at a nursing home.
- LCGHD was interviewed by News 5 Cleveland about mask compliance and reporting. LCGHD provided comments to News 5 Cleveland regarding the statewide mask mandate. LCGHD responded to an inquiry form News 5 Cleveland regarding a confirmed case with travel history.
- LCGHD collaborated with Lake County Emergency Management Agency and Lake County Buildings and Grounds to receive personal protective equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS).

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on July 22, 2020, July 23, 2020, and July 28, 2020 discussed the following:

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As of July 23, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., citizens in all Ohio counties are under a mandatory mask order while out in public.

- Masks must be worn at all times when:
  - At an indoor location that is not a residence.
  - Outdoors, when unable to keep a six foot social distance from those not in your household.
  - When waiting for, riding, driving, or operating public transportation – taxi, car service, private rideshare.
- This order requires those who are 10 years old or older to wear a mask. In addition, the following do not need to wear a mask:
  - Those with a medical condition or a disability, or those communicating with someone with a disability.
  - Those who are actively exercising or playing sports.
  - Those who are officiants at religious services.
  - Those who are actively involved in public safety, or
  - Those who are actively eating or drinking.

- Governor DeWine announced a travel advisory for all individuals coming into Ohio from states reporting positive testing rates of 15% or higher for COVID-19 and recommend that those individuals self-quarantine for 14 days.
  - If you are traveling from one of these states, you should self-quarantine at home or in a hotel: Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Mississippi, Nevada, South Carolina, Texas, and Puerto Rico.
  - This applies to those who live in Ohio, and those traveling here from these states, whether they are travelling for business or vacation.

- All fairs are limited to junior fair events only (livestock competitions and other 4-H and National Future Farmers of America (FFA) Organization competitions for kids and teens) starting on or after July 31, 2020.
  - Harness racing can proceed with no spectators, but rides, games, and grandstand events are prohibited going forward to limit the number of crowds.

- Effective August 9, 2020, child care providers in Ohio may return to their normal, statutory ratios and class sizes.
  - Child care providers have a choice to get a subsidy and maintain their current lower ratios, or they may go back to the normal statutory ratio.
  - Child care providers will still have to comply with stringent health and safety requirements, including face coverings for all staff, symptom and temperature checks, hand washing, frequent cleaning, etc.
  - Reports of COVID-19 in child care, as well as compliance with rules and best practices, will continue to be closely monitored, and appropriate response will be made as needed to keep children, families, and teachers safe.

- Governor DeWine has signed onto a letter to Congressional leadership with 20 other Governors calling for reasonable limited liability protections for businesses, schools, healthcare workers, and governments as they are reopened during the COVID-19 global pandemic.
  - The letter calls for predictable, timely, targeted liability protections to shield employers from legal risks associated with the spread of the novel coronavirus, as long as they are following the appropriate standards of care to protect their employees, customers, and students.

- The Ohio Public Health Advisory System is based on seven indicators.
  - Indicators regarding testing and known contacts will be added in the coming weeks.
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- Enhancement to the intensive care unit (ICU) indicator will added.
  - 80% or more of ICU capacity in use, and 20% or more of ICU capacity is directly utilized by COVID-19 patients
- Ohio Public Health Advisory System updates:
  - Added to Watch List: Allen County
  - Upgraded to Red Alert Level 3: Clark, Defiance, Erie, Hardin, Henry, Lawrence, Marion, Medina Counties
  - Downgraded to Orange Alert Level 2: Butler, Lorain, Summit, Wood Counties
  - These counties remain at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s definition of moderately-high incidence of COVID-19; and two Wood and Butler Counties almost hit the definition of high incidence.
  - The measures to mitigate COVID-19 spread in red counties – increased diligence in social distancing, wearing masks, washing hands, reducing interactions with others outside your household – may be helping to slow the increase in these counties.
  - Removed from Watch List: Athens County
  - Factors contributing to increases in cases include: group trips, social gatherings (parties, etc.), workplace outbreaks, outbreaks in congregate settings, bar outbreaks, funerals, sleepovers, weddings, and out-of-state travel.
- We are starting to see a decrease in emergency department visits in recent days.
- The number of confirmed COVID-19 patients who are currently hospitalized in Ohio shows a consistent increase.
  - As of July 28, 2020, there were 1,144 individuals who are currently hospitalized, compared to 1,024 on July 15, 2020.
- On June 15th, the Red Cross announced an initiative to test all blood and platelet donors for COVID-19 antibodies.
  - Between June 15th and July 18th, the Red Cross reported 33,538 Ohioans donated blood, plasma, or platelets. Of these, 436 donors tested positive for COVID-19 antibodies – a positivity rate of 1.3%.
  - The Red Cross reported that nationwide, the positivity rate among donors was 1.4%.
    - Red Cross data does not represent all parts of the state equally.
    - For example, Cincinnati and the Dayton area are served by two independent blood banks.
- During the same time period, hospitals and private laboratories performed 37,803 antibody tests for Ohioans with 1,624 positives (4.3%).
  - These individuals sought out antibody testing and may have done so because they suspected they may have had COVID-19 at some point.
- Lieutenant Governor Husted will be issuing a Request for Information (RFI) through InnovateOhio, BroadbandOhio, Ohio Department of Administrative Services, Ohio Department of Education, and the Management Council for pricing from internet providers for hotspots, laptops, and tablets for Ohio schools.
  - Fifty million dollars will be set aside, pending upcoming Controlling Board approval, from state funding through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide hotspots and internet-enabled devices to students.
- Innovate Ohio and Ohio Department of Transportation have also launched an E-Permitting System for right-of-way access. This new system replaces a paper-only right-of-way permitting system with an online process that is more convenient for permit requesters.
- The unemployment rate is now down to 13.9%.
- Two new television commercials sponsored by the Ohio Board of Workers’ Compensation, Ohio Restaurant Association, OhioHealth, JobsOhio, and Ohio Business Roundtable, will run statewide asking everyone who can to wear a mask when around others.
- Ohio. Find It Here is launching a new television commercial and digital advertisement to encourage Ohioans to be safe while supporting local Ohio businesses.

**Planned Activities (next 24 – 72 hours)**

- LCGHD will collaborate with Lake County Emergency Management Agency and Lake County Buildings and Grounds to receive PPE from the SNS.

**Additional Information**

- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Director’s Order for Facial Coverings Throughout the State of Ohio
- COVID-19 FAQs – Domestic Travel Advisory
- COVID-19 Travel Advisory – Protecting Against COVID-19
- Transplacental Transmission of SARS-CoV-2 Infection
- Second Director’s Order to Extend the Expiration date of the Second Amended Order that Provides Guidance for Contact Sport Practices and Non-Contact Sport Competitions, and Contact Competition, with Exceptions
- Summary of Alert Indicators

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