Situation Report #66
Incident: COVID-19
Operational Period Dates: 7/29 - 8/5/2020
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 – 1,054; hospitalizations – 127; deaths – 36 (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 1,833 complaints to date, with 124 complaints being received within the operational period. The majority of complaint calls received during the operational period involved individuals/businesses not wearing masks, social distancing, and company policy (unsafe policies and violations).
- LCGHD attended the Lake County Mayors and City Managers meeting.
- LCGHD was interviewed by Fox 8 News about COVID-19 testing resources in Lake County.
- 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 30, 2020, and August 4, 2020 discussed the following:
- State of Ohio Board of Pharmacy has reversed their decision on hydroxychloroquine.
  - The Board should have held a full hearing and sought additional medical advice.
  - Governor DeWine is asking the State Medical Board of Ohio to thoroughly examine hydroxychloroquine based on the best science, as the science and understanding of COVID-19 and how to treat it continues to evolve.
- The 1,733 new cases reported on July 30, 2020 is the highest daily count reported.
  - The overall trend of hospitalized continues to steadily increase.
  - We are seeing fewer people coming to emergency rooms for COVID-19.

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More than three-quarters (88%) of Ohioans are currently living in an orange or red county.

- Only 12% of the state’s population are currently living in a yellow county.
- More people are wearing masks in Ohio’s urban counties, and the spread is slowing in these areas.
- Our more rural counties are turning orange with significantly more spread taking place.
- All are encouraged to wear masks in public.
- Outbreaks have been associated with bars across Ohio, including Toledo, Cleveland, and Columbus.
  - Governor DeWine requested the Ohio Liquor Control Commission to call a meeting on July 31, 2020 to consider enacting an emergency rule related to liquor sales. Governor DeWine signed an Executive Order making it effective on July 31, 2020.
  - This rule prevents the sale of alcohol at all liquor-permitted establishments beginning at 10:00 p.m. each night.
  - Consumption of alcohol must end by 11:00 p.m.
  - The businesses can stay open, but it is believed that stopping alcohol sales at 10:00 p.m. for onsite consumption will help thin out the crowd, and help slow the spread.
  - The proposed emergency rule does include restaurants that serve alcohol, but will allow any liquor-permitted establishment that sells food to continue serving meals until closing.
  - Governor DeWine is also requesting that the Ohio Liquor Control Commission raise the number of liquor and mixed drinks that can be purchased with a meal to increase from two to three.
- Governor DeWine announced there will be a separation out of the 10-person mass gathering guidance back into a separate order.
  - The order will offer clear recommendations to remind Ohioans when gatherings can be hosted safely.
  - Gatherings at a household or family residence should be limited to close friends/family, and are recommended to include 10 visitors or less.
  - Residents in a red/purple county should limit hosting or attending gatherings of any size.
  - Wear a mask at all times at gatherings, and maintain physical distance.
  - Use take out, outdoor dining, or indoor dining only when strict social distancing can be maintained.
  - Take extra precautions if you go to bars/clubs, where use of masks typically is inconsistent, and drinking alcohol can lead to less social distancing.
  - Protect anyone with serious medical conditions at home by social distancing, wearing a mask, and high levels of hygiene.
  - High-risk individuals should take extra precautions to limit the number of people they interact with.
  - Make the group of people you interact with most often as small as possible, and make sure that they are taking appropriate COVID-19 precautions – even if you are just gathering with family, friends, or neighbors at your home.
- All indicator data is available for all 88 counties on our website.
  - These datasets will be updated each Thursday to provide Ohioans with as much data as possible.
- Local community spread will be reflected in local schools that reopen.
  - County-level two-week incidence data (rate per 100,000 population) is now available on coronavirus.ohio.gov.
- Doctors now advise that children returning to K-12 wear a mask.

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On August 4, 2020, the Ohio Children’s Hospital Association and Ohio Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics jointly recommended masks for all children returning to school.

Governor DeWine will be issuing an order on August 4, 2020 that reflects that children returning to K-12 wear a mask statewide with exceptions.

- The State of Ohio is working with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to distribute two million masks to schools for use by students and staff.
  - They will be delivered to regional education service centers such that schools and families have access to the resources they need for the coming year.
- There has been confusion about where things stand for school contact sports.
  - On June 22, contact sports like football were permitted to resume practice.
  - On July 4, a temporary order allowing return to contact sport competitions under strict guidelines was issued.
    - This temporary order was renewed last week by ODH Director Lance Himes.
    - The renewal of the order does not represent a plan for return to competition for schools this fall.
  - The State of Ohio is still working with Ohio High School Athletic Association to finalize the plan to accommodate both health and practical considerations for athletes, coaches, and fans.
- The State of Ohio received plans and phone calls with the Cleveland Browns and the Cincinnati Bengals to discuss their plans for returning to play.
  - While both teams are likely able to return to competition, they are also reviewing their plans as they relate to safety accommodating fans.
- Governor DeWine is sending a letter on August 4, 2020 to Ohio’s faith-based community to share important health information with churches, synagogues, and mosques, and to share ways to better protect their worshipers.
  - To control the spread of the virus, it is vital that any time people gather together, including for religious services, everyone wear masks, practice social distancing, wash hands, and make sure there is good ventilation and airflow.
- COVID-19 continues to spread because of informal gatherings among families and friends.
  - We have to remember that just because it is your family or friends, they could still be carrying the virus and not know it.
    - It is easier to be scared of a stranger than a friend.
  - Maintaining social distance and not gathering together might feel like you’re not being friendly, but it’s really a sign of friendship.
  - It shows that you want to protect them from getting sick.
    - A son lived with his father, who was in hospice care at home. For two days before his father died, the son was coughing (thinking he had bronchitis) as family members visited to pay respects. Five family members later tested positive for COVID-19, including a great-nephew. Then, a party for four attendees was held at the great nephew’s house, and someone there also tested positive. Since them, two others, including a child, have tested positive, and 17 other contacts are being monitored for illness.
    - There was a wedding in Ohio where the brother of the groom was symptomatic, but attending the wedding and reception. Now, 15 people are sick, including the bride, groom, and grandfather.
- Someone who tested positive for COVID-19 attended the bridal shower and the virus spread to several others. There are now six confirmed cases and six households impacted by this outbreak.
- Ohio is entering into a multi-state purchasing agreement with Maryland, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, and Virginia to expand the use of rapid point-of-care tests.
  - This will help us detect outbreaks sooner with faster turnaround time; expand testing in congregate settings; and make testing more accessible for the most high-risk and hard-hit communities.
  - Scaling up the use of these rapid point-of-care tests will serve as an important screening tool and a critical addition to our plan to limit the spread of COVID-19.
- Dr. Amy Acton has decided to leave state employment and return to the Columbus Foundation, where she had worked prior to joining ODH.

**Additional Information**
- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Ohio COVID-19 Hospitalizations Hit New High During Pandemic
- Director’s Corrected Third Order to Extend the Expiration Date of Second Amended Order that Provides Guidance for Contact Sport Practices and Non-Contact Sport Competitions, and Contact Competition, With Exceptions
- The Rescission of Executive Order 2020-10D and Emergency Adoption of Rule 4301:1-1-80 of the Ohio Administrative Code by the Liquor Control Commission
- Director’s Amended Order Limiting County Fairs to Junior Fair Activities and Animal Exhibitions, with Exceptions
- OCHA and AAP Face Coverings Masking Guidelines
- COVID-19 Spread: Case Study

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