Situation Report #69  Incident COVID-19  Operational Period Dates: 8/19/2020 – 8/26/2020  Times: 0800-0800  Reporting Unit Planning/Public Information  Form 04/09 ICS-209 Short/Modified

The following reports on activities for the period shown:

**Current Situation**

- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: Level 1 Yellow
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 1,262; hospitalizations – 145; deaths – 44 (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 1,938 complaints to date, with 26 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 cleaning/company policy (unsafe policies and violations).
- 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).
- LCGHD responded to a media inquiry from News 5 Cleveland regarding testing statistics in residential care facilities.
- LCGHD responded to a media inquiry from WKYC regarding COVID-19 exposure of a local high school sports team.

On August 19, 2020, Ohio Department of Health issued a press release:

- The State of Ohio’s Minority Health Strike Force launched the “More Than A Mask” campaign to provide specific messaging and resources within communities of color in Ohio to protect and prevent the spread of COVID-19.
- The campaign, created in collaboration with the Us4Us Coalition, utilizes both paid advertising strategies and local grassroots efforts to reach minority community members across the state of Ohio.

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on August 20, 2020, and August 25, 2020, discussed the following:

- The Ohio Public Health Alert System has been updated:
  - Red Alert Level III counties

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- Mercer, Lucas, Preble, Erie, Franklin, Clark, Lorain, Clermont, Trumbull
  - Seven Ohio counties decreased from Red Alert Level III to Orange Alert Level II.
    - Brown, Cuyahoga, Fairfield, Licking, Marion, Montgomery, and Muskingum
  - Six Ohio counties decreased from Orange Alert Level II to Yellow Alert Level I.
    - Highland, Huron, Jefferson, Morgan, Richland, and Ross
- Lake County is currently at Yellow Alert Level I.

- Anecdotes were shared of recent outbreaks involving a Jazzercise class where facial coverings were not worn during exercise, a sleepover, and a bartender that could not wear a facial covering due to a health exemption.
- Adult day centers and senior centers may open at a reduced capacity beginning on September 21, 2020 if they are able to meet certain safety standards.
  - Reopening requirements include:
    - Limited capacity
    - Limited entry sites
    - Daily screenings
    - Baseline and repeat testing
    - Face coverings
    - Cohorting
    - Thorough cleaning
  - Guidelines will be issued on coronavirus.ohio.gov.

- A statewide testing initiative is underway for all of Ohio’s 765 assisted living facilities.
  - A testing provider has been secured to provide baseline saliva testing for staff and residents at no cost to the facilities.
    - Results will be provided in approximately 48 hours.
  - An order will be issued that mandates all assisted living facilities to participate in this testing (See Additional Information).
- Governor DeWine is requesting the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation’s Board of Directors that $1.5 billion in dividends be distributed to Ohio employers this fall.
  - This will provide some immediate economic relief for employers amid the pandemic.
    - Expected distribution in late October
  - A second round of 23 million masks that are meant to replace any masks employers have exhausted distribution to businesses also be requested.
- Talk to your kids about the new school routine
  - Temperature checks, lack of lockers, daily health assessments
  - Be flexible
- Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles has implemented a new print-on-demand temporary tag through OPLATES.com, allowing customers to print their temporary tag without going into a Deputy Registrar.
- The Ohio Department of Administrative Services and Secretary of State Frank LaRose are working to ensure that the 88 Boards of Elections have the personal protection equipment (PPE) they need to execute early in-person voting on Election Day.
  - PPE resources will be coordinated and distributed to support in-person voting by early September.

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- The Ohio Department of Administrative Services will be coordinating the delivery of approximately 800,000 masks and other items to local boards of election.
  - Ohio counties with the highest COVID-19 incidence (per 100,000 population)
    - Darke (189.8)
    - Mercer (189.4)
    - Jackson (175.9)
    - Henry (159.2)
    - Preble (156.5)
    - Fayette (150.7)
    - Fayette (146.7)
    - Gallia (137.1)
    - Ottawa (131.7)
    - Lawrence (127.8)
- **The Sports Order was released this past week**, and is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov (See Additional Information).
  - The order limits outdoor sports events (less than 1,500 individuals, or 15% of fixed seating capacity) and indoor sports venues (less than 300 individuals, or 15% seating capacity).
  - A variance provision allows schools to exceed these amounts after providing a plan to the Ohio Department of Health, and subsequent approval.
    - Variance considerations should include the following:
      - Is a variance needed for home and away family members to attend?
      - Can social distancing be achieved?
      - Can the setting prevent the congregation of spectators?
    - The spectator limit will ideally permit for two to four family members to attend a given sporting event.
- Health commissioners gave the following reports:
  - Community spread has now begun to affect nursing homes.
  - Suspected or potential cases should assume they are positive for COVID-19, in order to prevent accidental exposure situations
- Approximately 2% of individuals providing blood to the American Red Cross have COVID-19 antibodies.
- A number of job opportunities are available at ohiomeansjobs.com.
  - Many positions available pay upwards of $50,000 annually.

**Additional Information**
- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Outcomes of Cardiovascular MRI in Patients Recovered From COVID-19
- School Drills and Fire Safety During COVID-19 Pandemic
- Director’s Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club, and Professional Sports
- Director’s Order for the Testing of the Residents and Staff of All Residential Care Facilities
- Director’s Order That Provides Mandatory Requirements for Entertainment Venues
- Responsible Restart Ohio: Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports
- Responsible Restart Ohio: Sports Venues
- Responsible Restart Ohio: Performing Arts Theaters
- CDC Video: Youth Sports: Tips to Protect Players From COVID-19
- CDC Video: How Does COVID-19 Spread
- COVID-19 Checklist for Coaches
- COVID-19 Stop the Spread of Germs Poster
- COVID-19 Slow the Spread Poster
- COVID-19 Symptom Poster
- Lindsey’s Law
- COVID-19 Minority Health Strike Force Blueprint
- Ohio’s Executive Response: A Plan of Action to Advance Equity

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