Lake County
General Health District

Situation Report #71
Incident COVID-19
Operational Period Dates: 9/2/2020 – 9/9/2020
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 1 Yellow
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 1,438; hospitalizations – 160; deaths – 45 (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 1,990 complaints to date, with 23 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 met with Senior Centers to discuss reopening guidelines.
- Responded to inquiry from NBC News re: COVID-19 school cases
- Received request from News 5 Cleveland re: school COVID-10 reporting

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on September 3, 2020, and September 9, 2020, discussed the following:
- The K-12 school reporting order was issued on September 4, 2020 (see “Additional Information”).
- Children who qualify for free or reduced-price lunches that are currently learning remotely will receive additional money through the Pandemic Electronic Benefit Transfer (PEBT).
  - Approximately $250 million in PEBT benefits were distributed this past spring.
  - Ohio Job and Family Services will issue the second round of benefits later this month.
- Ohio Department of Health is posting information at coronavirus.ohio.gov about the Ohio Coronavirus Wastewater Monitoring Network, a new effort to study wastewater at a number of sewage treatment plants to help contain the spread of COVID-19.
  - The system will give an earlier warning sign of possible COVID-19 case increases in any given community, and allow decision-makers to more quickly plan prevention and response efforts.

Our Mission: Working to prevent disease, promote health, and protect our community
Ten Ohio counties with the highest incidence of COVID-19 in the past two weeks (per 100,000 population):
  o Putnam (301.2)
  o Butler (246.1)
  o Meigs (235.7)
  o Mercer (201.6)
  o Montgomery (196.4)
  o Shelby (187.3)
  o Auglaize (159.9)
  o Darke (150.6)
  o Franklin (142.1)
  o Henry (129.6)

Find a county-by-county breakdown of the updated Ohio Public Health Advisory System map at:
  o Newly red since last week: Butler, Putnam, Wayne
  o Continuing at red: Lucas, Mercer, Montgomery, Preble
  o Decreasing from red to orange: Erie
  o Decreasing from red to yellow: Lorain
    ▪ Lorain County public health officials report that more residents are following protocols and wearing masks.
    ▪ Lorain County is also using caution when planning gatherings.
  o Ohio now has 39 yellow counties – the highest number since July 2.
  o More than one-quarter (26%) of Ohioans are currently in a yellow county.

We continue to see COVID-19 spreading through the community from person-to-person at house parties, family gatherings, and neighborhood get-togethers.
  o In Cincinnati, multiple off-campus parties with students attending from several universities on August 17, 2020 have resulted in at least 78 confirmed cases.
  o In Wood County, there were small social gatherings that led to a few cases, but those exposed spread it to others.
    ▪ Wood County also has 14 confirmed cases associated with a university move-in day on August 27.

Weekly case data for younger age groups from March to August show that the 18-22 year old age group has increased 35-40% in all cases.
  o College students may not get seriously sick, but they are able to spread the virus to someone who will be adversely affected.

On September 3, 2020, Ohio had 50 COVID-19 deaths reported, which marks the highest number of deaths reported on a single day since June.

The Cleveland Clinic and Clorox have partnered to develop a rubric resource to help families weighing the risk of contracting COVID-19 when attending events or activities.
  o This resource is available at clevelandclinic.org/COVID19athome

Rumor control: Non-congregate sheltering order was provided to those who may not have adequate ability to isolate and/or quarantine.
  o These are not ‘Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) camps’ intended to isolate or quarantine individuals against their will, as rumored.
- These do not allow for children to be separated from their parents against their will, as rumored.

- The United States FEMA is donating nine million masks to Ohio in the next few weeks.
  - Ohio will be distributing four million of those masks to students and teachers at schools across the state, including public, private, charter, parochial schools, and career centers.
- Nearly 144,000 masks will go to Ohio Job and Family Services to distribute to daycare centers.
  - Two million masks will go to programs and organizations that help underserved groups.
  - One million masks will go to higher education institutions across the state. The remaining masks will be stored until needed.

- **Additional Information**
  - What’s New on the CDC Website
  - COVID-19 Posters and Signs
  - Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
  - Director’s Order Requiring Reporting and Notification Regarding COVID-19 Cases in Kindergarten through Twelfth Grade Schools

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