Situation Report #73  Incident COVID-19  Operational Period Dates: 9/16/2020 – 9/23/2020  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 2 Orange
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 1,586; hospitalizations – 170; deaths – 49 (current status. Definitive cause of death can take weeks to determine.)

Health District Updates
- SCAM ALERT: 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 2,059 complaints to date, with 28 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 lack of health monitoring.
- Responded to a media request about COVID-19 school guidance from WKYC Channel 3.
- Responded to a media request about nursing homes from News 5 Cleveland.
- Responded to a media request about council meetings from News Herald.

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on September 17, 2020, and September 22, 2020, discussed the following:
- Red Alert Level III counties include Butler, Montgomery, Mercer, Putnam, and Portage.
- Lake County remains at Orange Alert Level II.
- Ten Ohio counties with the highest incidence of COVID-19 during the past two weeks (per 100,000 population):
  - Mercer (255.0)
  - Putnam (236.3)
  - Shelby (209.9)
  - Athens (209.7)
  - Lawrence (154.7)
  - Miami (150.5)
  - Butler (146.9)
  - Delaware (143.9)
  - Darke (142.8)

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- The state COVID-19 positivity rate is currently 2.9%.
- A new Ohio Department of Health (ODH) case demographics dashboard is available at coronavirus.ohio.gov.
  - Data can be queried by race, ethnicity, age, and county, and can be compared to the total Ohio population.
  - The dashboard is the result of a recommendation by the COVID-19 Minority Health Strikeforce.
  - The new school dashboard includes information regarding COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths, and was created in consultation with Ohio Children’s Hospital.
- A rapid response guide for migrant and seasonal farm workers is available on coronavirus.ohio.gov (see “Additional Information”).
  - ODH is awarding $2.6 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act funding to improve the health and safety of agricultural worksites to reduce COVID-19 transmission.
- Ohio’s Coronavirus Wastewater Surveillance Network has identified a consistent increase of COVID-19 wastewater gene fragments at Dayton and Columbus Wastewater facilities.
  - There is currently testing in 30 cities across the state of Ohio, and testing will be expanding to more than 50 locations in the next month.
- Halloween guidance was distributed on September 18, 2020, via coronavirus.ohio.gov.
  - Face coverings and social distance should be employed, and large groups should be avoided.
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services is now distributing the additional $300 payment as part of the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) for unemployment enrollees.
- Ford Motor Company is donating 2 million medical-grade face masks to Ohio, as part of an ongoing commitment to provide 100 million face masks through 2021.

**Additional Information**

- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Responsible Restart Ohio: Celebrate Halloween Safely
- Local Health District Rapid Response Guide for Migrant and Seasonal Farmworkers

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