Situation Report
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Incident
COVID-19
Operational Period
Dates: 9/23/2020 – 9/30/2020
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 – 1,660; hospitalizations – 175; deaths – 51 (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 2,081 complaints to date, with 22 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 miscellaneous complaints.
- LCGHD issued a press release on September 29, 2020 summarizing the recommendation that senior centers remain closed until 2021.
- LCGHD responded to a media request about data from the Lake County Tribune.
- LCGHD responded to a media request about nursing homes from News 5 Cleveland.
- LCGHD is responding to a media request from Cleveland 19 News regarding bar and restaurant violations.
- Governor DeWine issued a press release on September 28, 2020, stating that they are working on a plan to best incorporate Abbott BinaxNOW tests (rapid, low-cost COVID-19 tests) to Ohio’s overall testing strategy.

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on September 24, 2020, and September 29, 2020, discussed the following:
- **There will be an expansion of visitation in nursing homes to indoor areas.**
  - This does not signal that residents or visitors can be less cautious.
  - The facility will need to determine their facility readiness, consider case status, staffing levels, access to testing for residents and staff, retain necessary personal protective equipment (PPE), and have access to local hospital care.
  - Visitors will be screened, and a visitation log will be maintained.
  - Two visitors per resident will be permitted.

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Visitation information will be reported on at coronavirus.ohio.gov. October 12 is the start date for indoor visitation. Developmental disabilities facility visitation will also follow suit.

- **The one game per calendar day limit has been removed from the Sports Order.**
  - A provision will be added to cooperate with local inspectors to ensure compliance.

- **Ohio Department of Medicaid will be expanding with a new application for child and adult managed care plans (Ohio RISE).**
  - Ohio RISE will work bolster evidence-based care coordination and behavioral health programs across the state, in order to improve health outcomes.
  - A second round of managed care applications will be issued in the fall, in order to serve children with complex behavioral health needs.

- Ten Ohio counties with the highest incidence of COVID-19 during the past two weeks (per 100,000 population).
  - Putnam (286.5)
  - Mercer (252.6)
  - Pike (212.4)
  - Wood (203.3)
  - Athens (191.3)
  - Shelby (189.3)
  - Lawrence (183.3)
  - Henry (174.0)
  - Jackson (157.3)
  - Defiance (139.2)

- American Red Cross has been testing blood, plasma, and platelet donors for COVID-19 antibodies, revealing an approximately 3.3% positivity rate.

- **Ohio Public Health Advisory System**
  - A total of nine counties are Red Alert Level III (Ashland, Delaware, Pike, Scioto, Stark, Butler, Mercer, Montgomery, and Putnam).

- The State of Ohio is recommending that all colleges and universities regularly test a random sample of their students, with a minimum of 3% of the student body.
  - Formal guidance is set to be released.

- Additional funds from the state will be recommended for schools, colleges, and several other entities as it relates to mental health.

- **Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Wastewater Project** will be expanding wastewater test sites toward the end of this month.

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**Additional Information**

- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Director’s Third Amended Order that Reopens Restaurants, Bars, Banquet and Catering Facilities and Services to Dine-In Service, with Exceptions

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- Director’s Second Amended Order that Provides Mandatory Requirements for Youth, Collegiate, Amateur, Club and Professional Sports
- Director’s Order to Limit Access to Ohio’s Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF/IID) and to Permit Visitation

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