Lake County
General Health District

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The following reports on activities for the period shown:

Current Situation
- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: **Level 3 Red**
- Cumulative daily count: cases – 3,599; hospitalizations – 242; deaths – 61 (current status. Definitive cause of death can take weeks to determine.)
- According to the Ohio Department of Health, the Lake County COVID-19 incidence rate is currently **515** per 100,000 population. This is an increase from 226.81 last reported on Thursday, November 5.
  - This rate exceeds the CDC definition of high incidence (100 per 100,000)

Health District Updates
- 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.
- **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 collaborated with Lake County Emergency Management Agency, and Lake County Buildings and Grounds to receive gloves and N-95 masks from the Strategic National Stockpile for distribution to occupational groups, as adapted by the Ohio Department of Health from CDC's Interim Updated Planning Guidance on Allocating and Targeting Pandemic Influenza Vaccine during an Influenza Pandemic.
- Conducted an interview with Fox 8 News regarding Lake County case increase.
- Conducted an interview with The Lake County Tribune regarding Lake County case increase.
- Provided information to News 5 Cleveland regarding Halloween exposure.
- Conducted an interview with WKYC 3 regarding FAQs on phone lines.
- LCGHD has received 2,233 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, lack of/improper sanitizing, and lack of social distancing.

Governor DeWine’s press conference on November 5, 2020 conveyed the following:
- As of November 5, 2020, every county in the state of Ohio is high incidence, including Monroe and Morgan which are listed at Yellow Level 1.
- Increases continue to be seen in hospitalized COVID-19 patients, in the intensive care unit (ICU), and individuals on ventilators.
- Ohio’s case data has increased at a much higher rate than our testing.

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Since September 24, the total number of tests has increased about 44%. Our case data has increased 280% during the same period.

- The updated Advisory System Map shows that the virus continues to spread throughout all regions of Ohio.
  - There are now 56 Red Alert Level 3 counties – the highest number of counties that are red since the alert system was initiated.
  - 86% of Ohioans are now living in a Red Alert Level 3 county.
  - Cases are spiking and are at an all-time high.

- Continue to do the following things:
  - Stick to the basics: Masks, social distancing, handwashing, and surface sanitization.
  - Protect the most vulnerable.
  - Go on the offense with the pending vaccine.

- Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, who has been serving for more than a decade as a Senior Vice President and as the Chief Medical Officer at OhioHealth, has accepted the position of Chief Medical Officer at Ohio Department of Health (ODH).
- Stephanie McCloud is the ODH Director.
  - She was previously appointed as the Director of the Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation.
- Lance Himes, who has been serving as interim ODH Director, will be the new ODH Senior Deputy.
  - He will lead the coordination of work to get a vaccine out, and continue to work directly with Ohio’s local health commissioners.
- Kathleen Madden, who has been serving as Assistance Director at Ohio Office of Budget and Management, will become the ODH Chief of Staff and will play a key role in keeping programs and operations moving and on track.
- Ohio National Guard Adjutant Major General John Harris will continue leading the pandemic response in the cross-agency coordination of Ohio’s pandemic response.
- Ohio Department of Aging Director Ursel McElroy will continue to focus on limiting the spread of COVID-19 in nursing homes.
- Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services Director Lori Criss will continue heading up efforts to address increasing mental health needs during this pandemic.

Dr. Bruce Vanderhoff, Chief Medical Officer at ODH, held a press conference on November 9, 2020 with Healthcare Zone representatives Dr. Robert Wylie (Cleveland Clinic), Dr. Andy Thomas (Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center), Dr. Richard Lofgren (UC Health), and Ronda Lehman (Mercy Health):

- We are seeing an unprecedented spike in COVID-19 cases in Ohio.
  - This is causing an increasing demand on staffing.
- If we don’t control the spread, we will not be able to continue caring for the acutely ill without postponing important, but less urgent, care.
  - This kind of shift could happen in a matter of weeks if trends do not change.
- Caregivers are contracting COVID-19 in the community, not in the hospital.
- We may be two or three weeks out from crowding out non-COVID care.
  - If we continue to see cases on the rise, hospitalizations will be on the rise for another two weeks after cases peak.
  - If Ohio adheres to basic principles of social distancing, wearing a mask, washing hands, and not expanding your personal bubble, we can bring the spread of the virus under control.

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Governor Mike DeWine did not hold a press briefing on November 10, 2020, but will hold a 5:30 p.m. briefing on Wednesday, November 11, 2020.

Additional Information

- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Celebrating Thanksgiving- CDC Guidance Updated 11/10/20

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