Situation Report #81
Incident: COVID-19
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 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 (ODH), the Lake County COVID-19 incidence rate is currently **982 per 100,000 population**. This is an increase from 603 per 100,000, as last reported on Thursday, November 12.
  - This rate is nearly ten times 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@lcgdh.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 non-medical gowns 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**.
- LCGHD has received 2,285 complaints to date, with 52 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 social distancing, and health monitoring.
- LCGHD responded to an inquiry from Fox 8 News regarding COVID-19-related health code violations.
- LCGHD conducted an interview with Fox 8 News regarding the high incidence rate of COVID-19 in Lake County.
- LCGHD conducted an interview with the **News Herald** regarding the high incidence rate of COVID-19 in Lake County.

Governor DeWine’s press conferences on November 11, 12, and 17, respectively, conveyed the following:
- Initial vaccine distribution is likely as early as December.
  - Initial distributions will focus on the most vulnerable of Ohioans, as well as essential health workers.

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General population vaccination efforts will follow thereafter.

- All of Ohio’s 88 counties are considered high incidence, with per capita rates in excess of 100 per 100,000.
- Ten Ohio counties with the highest incidence of COVID-19 during the past two weeks (per 100,000 population)
  - Putnam (1,323.1)
  - Mercer (1,265.4)
  - Allen (995.6)
  - Lake (982.0)
  - Auglaize (955.0)
  - Van Wert (891.2)
  - Miami (888.0)
  - Noble (880.5)
  - Union (803.6)
  - Clark (795.8)

- Hospitalizations across the state of Ohio have nearly quadrupled since October 13.
- Ohio remains in a state of emergency.
- Reissuing of the state masking order with three additional provisions:
  - Posting of face covering signs at all public entrances will be required.
  - Stores will be responsible to ensure employees and customers are wearing masks.
  - The newly formed Retail Compliance Unit, as led by employees of the Bureau of Worker’s Compensation, will inspect businesses to assure compliance.
    - One violation will result in a written warning.
    - A second violation will provide for closure of the facility for up to 24 hours.
- Banquets, wedding receptions, and funeral gatherings have also garnered considerable COVID-19 transmission.
  - A new statewide order has been issued with additional restrictions on these activities.
    - The order will limit open congregate areas, require attendees to be seated, and prohibit dancing and games.
- Bars, restaurants, and fitness centers:
  - If cases continue to increase, the state will be forced to close these locations.
  - This issue will be revisited on Thursday, November 19.
- Schools:
  - What you do in the community will ultimately impact whether schools are able to stay open.
- University
  - Most universities have agreed to proceed virtually after the Thanksgiving holiday.
- A statewide curfew will remain in effect from 10 pm to 5 am for a total of 21 days, beginning on Thursday, November 19.
  - There are exceptions to this curfew, which include, but are not limited to drive-through food pickup or food delivery, going to work, grocery shopping or pharmacy pickup, those who have an immediate emergency, and/or those who need immediate medical care.
- Two new ODH zip code dashboards are available.

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- Zip code-level information can be filtered and mapped by probable or confirmed case status, county, or time period:
  - [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)
- The statewide flu dashboard shows flu trends over time.
  - [flu.ohio.gov](https://flu.ohio.gov)
- A total of $30 million in flexible dollars have been set aside for local health departments to assist in the ongoing COVID-19 response.
  - Each local health department will receive a total of $200,000.
  - Remaining monies will be utilized to support contact tracing surge support.

### Additional Information
- What’s New on the CDC Website
- COVID-19 Posters and Signs
- Updated COVID-19 Testing Guidance
- Revised Order to Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings in the State of Ohio, With Exceptions
- Director’s Order for Retail and Business Compliance for Facial Coverings throughout the State of Ohio
- Celebrating Thanksgiving- CDC Guidance Updated 11/10/20
- Posters and Signs (Face Covering Requirements for Businesses and other Resources
- Scientific Brief: Community Use of Cloth Masks to Control the Spread of SARS-CoV-2

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