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Situation Report #82	Incident COVID-19	Operational Period Dates: 11/18/2020 – 11/25/2020 Times: 0800-0800	Reporting Unit Planning/ Public Information	Form 04/09 ICS-209 Short/Modified
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The following reports on activities for the period shown:

Current Situation

- Lake County Current Risk Alert Level: **Red Alert Level III**
- *Cumulative daily count: cases – 6,826; hospitalizations – 305; deaths – 66 (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 **1,149.26 per 100,000 population**. This is an increase from 982 per 100,000, as last reported on Thursday, November 18.
 - This rate is more than eleven times the CDC definition of high incidence (100 per 100,000).

*Daily data from ODH is currently incomplete due to technical issues related to laboratory reporting.

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.
- 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 2,333 complaints to date, with 48 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 lack of cleaning.
- LCGHD responded to media inquiries and conducted interviews with WKYC Channel 3, News 5 Cleveland, Fox 8 News, The News-Herald, Ideastream, and The Lake County Tribune during this past week. This most frequent issue discussed was Lake County's placement on the Purple Alert Level IV Watch List on the Ohio Public Health Advisory System, and associated recommendations.
- **SCAM ALERT:**
 - [Ohio Department of Job and Family Services](#) (ODJFS) has learned of a potential scam targeting current and past recipients of Pandemic Unemployment Assistance. The notifications appear to be from ODJFS and contain the agency's logo, but are not legitimate. They instruct those targeted to click on a link to obtain a pandemic stimulus benefit. These types of alerts are not sent by ODJFS, and are likely phishing attempts.
 - 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.

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Governor DeWine's press conferences on November 19, 23, and 24 conveyed the following:

- Ohio's regional representatives are reporting that they are now observing 90% mask-wearing compliance.
- Ohio Public Health Advisory System
 - Franklin County is currently Purple Alert Level IV.
 - **Lake**, Lorain, and Montgomery Counties are currently on the **Purple Alert Level IV Watch List**.
- Senate Bill 311 would severely limit the ability to issue executive orders to prevent the spread of infectious disease or the impacts of a biological attack.
 - If Senate Bill 311 were to pass, Governor DeWine publically stated that he will veto the bill.
- More than 4,000 people are currently hospitalized in Ohio with COVID-19.
 - This represents a 59% increase from two weeks ago.
 - There are currently 1,079 patients in intensive care units (ICU) across the state, which is higher than we have seen so far during this pandemic.
 - Approximately one-quarter of all hospitalized Ohio patients have COVID-19.
 - They are being treated by healthcare workers who are putting their lives on the line to save the lives of others.
- The first batch of COVID-19 vaccine is expected to be received in Ohio by December 15, 2020.
- AstraZeneca's vaccine is up to 90% effective.
 - This comes on the heels of recent news of Pfizer and Moderna vaccines also having very high effectiveness rates.
- Governor DeWine will be joining the White House for an update on the COVID-19 vaccine.
 - Planning is well underway in Ohio.
- When you go to Thanksgiving dinner this year, you'll bring everyone you've been around with you.
 - Please stay safe, and **keep the celebrations small this week**.
- Dr. Robert Wylie of Cleveland Clinic stated that his biggest concern is that 970 of their caregivers are out because they are either on quarantine, or they have active COVID-19 infections.
 - They are not catching it in the hospital, but rather in the community.
 - Cleveland Clinic is taking those who would have been performing elective surgeries and staff them instead of in inpatient care.
- Dr. Andy Thomas of Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center conveyed that we cannot sound the alarm bell loud enough for people in Ohio to change their behavior.
 - With Thanksgiving coming up, keep within your bubble.
 - If you have family coming over, hopefully, they have been quarantining for 14 days.
 - In the next few weeks, every hospital in the state is going to have to make tough decisions about:
 - How it will staff its beds,
 - What elective procedures they will have to postpone, and
 - Potentially postpone ambulatory and outpatient office visits.
- Dr. Richard Lofgren of UC Health stated that the growth in hospitalizations is exponential.
 - We are no longer planning for the surge – the surge is here.
 - We are approaching the point where the influx of COVID-19 patients will displace non-COVID-19 care.

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- We are responding to the surge; but as the surge increases, we will need to make more decisions about how we triage and how we take care of patients appropriately.
- Rhonda Lehman of Mercy Health relayed that the inpatient side is filling up faster than they are able to discharge patients.
- We can turn around the increasing trend of cases and hospitalizations.
 - The most important thing is what individuals do in their own lives.
 - It comes down to personal responsibility.
- October unemployment is down 5.6%.
- Bar and Restaurant Assistance Fund:
 - Less than half of eligible permit holders have applied.
 - These payments are not competitive, meaning if you are eligible, you will receive a payment.
 - If you have more than one business location, you can receive \$2,500 per location.
- In September, Ohio launched Ohio to Work with JobsOhio to help Ohioans who are looking for a job during the pandemic have a better chance of finding one.
 - The pilot program in the Greater Cleveland area has had great results.
 - The October Ohio to Work Virtual Career Fair had:
 - More than 30 employers.
 - Over 1000 open jobs.
 - More than 700 job seekers in attendance.
 - The next Virtual Career fair is Thursday, December 10, 2020.
 - To register, visit ohiotowork.com

Additional Information

- [What's New on the CDC Website](#)
- [COVID-19 Posters and Signs](#)
- [Director's Stay at Home Tonight Order](#)
- [Stay at Home Tonight Order Fact Sheet](#)
- [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](#)
- [Safely Celebrate the Holiday Season](#)
- [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](#)
- [Coalition Communication - Agriculture](#)
- [Coalition Communication – Business](#)
- [Coalition Communication – Faith](#)
- [Coalition Communication – Healthcare](#)
- [Coalition Communication – Higher Education](#)
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- [The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Travel Planner](#)

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