



SITUATION REPORT: COVID - 19

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Executive Summary:

Noble County Health Department (NCHD), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization (WHO) are closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (termed "COVID-19") first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and which continues to expand. The COVID – 19 virus was first confirmed in Ohio on March 3, 2020, with 3 initial cases. As of the date and time of this report Statistics in Noble County follow:

NOBLE COUNTY: CASES-3 HOSPITALIZATIONS-0 RECOVERED-3 DEATHS-0
STATE OF OHIO: CASES-12919 HOSPITALIZATIONS-2653 DEATHS-509

Increase from last reporting: CASES- 3812 HOSPITALIZATIONS- 229 DEATHS- 91

- www.coronavirus.odh.gov has several metrics and counts. Reporting times vary so be advised some numbers may not always match as reports come in and are investigated. Address corrections have already led to some changes in case counts by jurisdiction.

DECLARATIONS IN EFFECT

- March 16, 2020 Noble County Declaration of Emergency
- March 9, 2020 Ohio Declaration of Emergency
- March 31, 2020 President Trump approved a Major Disaster Declaration for the State of Ohio

EOC OPERATIONS:

Partial / Virtual EOC Activation via Knowledge Center 8:00-1700 with ESFs 5,6,8,12 &15, and report interfacing to State of Ohio WebEOC .

CURRENT ACTIONS (current month items only):

April 2, 2020, Governor DeWine announces the Stay-at-Home Order will extend until May 1.

April 5, 2020, Ohioans are encouraged to wear masks in public, Governor signs an executive order that allows Ohioans to more easily access telehealth services from counselors, social workers and other mental health providers. Broadband Ohio is working to find public WI-FI hotspots for Ohioans who may not have internet access at home.

April 7, 2020, Updates to notify Ohio COVID-19 regulations include Liquor Sales, Office of Small Business Relief, Ohio Prisons and SNAP Payments. Establishments with existing on-premises liquor permits may sell and deliver alcohol, including high-proof liquor in limited quantities. A new office was developed within Ohio Development Services agency to provide support for small businesses. Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction Director Annette Chambers-Smith recommended 141 inmates to be considered for early release in efforts to increasing social distancing between staff and prisoners. Ohio JFS will issue additional payments this week to households who did not receive maximum monthly allotment for their household size.



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April 8, 2020, Apple will be donating 100,000 N-95 masks to be distributed throughout Ohio. Governor DeWine urges hospitals and others with N-95 masks to use Battelle CCDS Critical Care Decontamination System for PPE reuse.

April 9, 2020, Ohio Manufacturing Alliance has assembled a team of Ohio manufacturers to make between 750,000 and one million reusable face shields over the next few weeks. Masks will be shipped to ODH and distributed throughout Ohio. Noble County Economic Mitigation & Recovery Resources holds the first Virtual Zoom Lunch and Learn meeting.

April 10, 2020, FDA granted STERIS Healthcare in Mentor, Ohio and EUA to effectively decontaminate N95 or N95-equivalent Respirators up to 10 times. STERIS decontamination systems can treat 10 masks in 28 minutes. 100 units are available to healthcare facilities. Temporary Rest Area Food Truck permits are available through ODOT. Ohio Medicaid worked with MCP's and MCOP's to ease restrictions on pharmacy benefits. Hand sanitizer made by local distilleries will be delivered to Ohio's regional food banks.

April 13, 2020, The Ohio National Guard will be providing assistance to medical staff at Pickaway Correctional Institution and continuing to assist Ohio food banks. Out of state liquor sales will not be permitted in Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Jefferson, and Belmont counties, limiting sales to Ohioans only. All nursing homes and long term care facilities will be required to notify residents and their families of any positive COVID-19 case in the facility.

April 14, 2020, Governor DeWine announced Ohio's first waiver application was submitted to the federal government requesting some restrictions of Medicaid be waived during the crisis. Dr. Amy Acton announced a new order has been issued to require local health departments to provide the names and addresses of COVID-19 positive individuals to first responders. Dispatchers are to keep the information confidential. Lt. Governor Husted announced 667 critical employers have listed around 41,000 essential job openings.

April 15, 2020, Industries are urged to plan and implement safe work environments as restrictions in the state are gradually lifted. Battelle is providing the use of the CCDS to all healthcare personnel (HCP), paid or unpaid, serving in healthcare settings. Non-medical personnel participating in an emergency response may qualify as HCP under the EUA.

April 20, 2020, Governor DeWine announced Ohio K-12 schools will remain closed for the rest of the 2019-2020 school year, a Minority Health Strike Force was created, more specific information will be collected regarding cases of COVID-19 from hospitals, nursing homes, and health care facilities, and private lab testing for COVID-19 will be permitted at LabCorp and Quest.


Potential Hazards

- Pandemics cause economic damage through multiple channels and time periods.
- Individual behavioral changes, such as fear-induced aversion to workplaces and other gatherings and anxiety issues
- Some pandemic mitigation measures can cause significant social and economic disruption.
- Instances of cyber-criminals and scammers sending fake COVID-19 have been documented.




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Community Lifelines:

Safety & Security Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<p>ESF 13-Law Enforcement:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support LHD in monitoring social distancing and compliance with state and local Orders. • Restructure staffing: divide critical staff and adapt to call volumes. (increases in mental health and domestic violence observed) • Increase Community Policing Program to deter crime and support the community. • Search & Rescue: No current disruption. • Fire Service: Fire and EMS have been instructed to ration the use of PPE. Modification to primary dispatch protocol to divide emergency forces to ensure fire coverage/EMS coverage is maintained. • Government Services: <p>ESF 2 – Information Technology and Telecommunications</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure to notify first responders when responding to COVID positive address is developed • Ordered 10 First Net phones for Health Dept. Staff and 10 for Sheriff’s Deputies • Several offices, ex. Auditor and Health Department, set up VPN access to their servers • Health Department added EMA&HS to their domain network to do virtual briefings of (ICP) • Laptops, Webcams and WIFI boosters ordered to support teleworking <p>ESF 5 – Emergency Management</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EOC Staffing virtually, Social Media with Google Doc Logging by one specialist, Knowledge Center Logging and email management by one specialist and a general assignment specialist. Briefing 800 daily. <p>The MAC group to address Lifeline Food, Water, Shelter meets via Zoom T/Th 2:00pm</p> <p>Responder Safety & Security: Some shortage of PPE. Face shields from NLS nearly complete.</p> <p>Imminent Hazard Mitigation: No current disruption.</p>			



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Food, Water, Sheltering Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuations: No current disruption. • Food/Potable Water: ESF 6 – Mass Care, ESF 11 – Food and Agriculture • NLS delivering 2 breakfasts and 2 lunches per student MWF by running regular bus routes and individual additional van runs as needed thru 5/18. Caldwell schools are running distribution at Caldwell Elementary Wednesdays 1100-1300. Both have made provisions to continue online learning and paper supplies support for students. K-12 school closures thru end of school year. • Local non-profits with regular food distributions have maintained that operation with modifications such as drive through pickup of commodities from the Food Bank, delivery only of Meals on Wheels to Seniors (drivers do not enter homes) • JFS via Child Protective and Adult Protective Services provide emergency provisions and PRC can be processed with 5-10 day turn around • Noble Learning Center has obtained temporary emergency daycare license to care for Essential Workers, but will not be opening until May 1 • The goal is to create supply and logistics for reverse sheltering. (Distribution systems) • Caldwell Food Center will notify when they can accept SNAP cards for online/curbside orders. • Shelter: No current disruption. • Water: No current disruption. Waiver for all connection/reconnection fees and prohibit service disconnection because of non-payment for the duration of the Statewide Declared Emergency. • Durable Goods: Monitoring of supply chain for basic commodities within local retail. Currently minimal levels of stock but sufficient to support the community. • Store owners modified operations to ensure maximum sanitation, monitor supply chain and workforce issues. • Agriculture and Natural Resources: Requested OSU extension service plan educational outreach segments to demonstrate planting, tending, harvesting and preparing for storage to promote adequate and safe food supply throughout the growing season. • Fishing is allowed, state parks will not be closed unless rules of social distancing not followed. 			



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Health & Medical Status:	<input type="checkbox"/>	No Current Disruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/>	Unknown Disruption
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- **Medical Care:** Coordination with COTS and other partners for surge planning
- **Patient Movement:** No current disruption.
- ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services**
- Creation of local “COVID CALL CENTER” which takes local calls coming in to LHD at 740-732-4958 by nursing staff who answer medical questions, research answers, get Medical Director’s Opinions and perform follow ups.
- Regional Epidemiologist provides overview of activity in Region 8 and advises for anticipated activities based upon current modeling and information/experience within the state and region.
- Completes monitoring and tracing of positive cases and those associated/exposed.
- Follows up on information or complaints from local persons regarding cases or actions inconsistent with the State or Local Public Health and Governor’s Orders
- Averaging 10-15 calls per day currently
- Identified potential locations for PODs for commodities and for Alternate Care Facilities- currently seven facilities identified and in process of being vetted for viability
- Instituted COVID 19 Screening questions into dispatch protocol at the request of EMS. If indicated the dispatcher advises responders the call is to “potential COVID patient”.
- **Fatality Management:** No current disruption. **Mass Fatality Plan in place including regional assets as needed**
- **Health Care Supply Chain:**
- ESF 7 - Resource Support and Logistics Management**
- Discussed PPE needs for Home Health workers with the Dept of Aging. They are resourcing PPE from a vendor that only sells in bulk Global Response Recovery (GRR). They have asked for guidance from Ohio Dept of Aging on PPE requirements for in home care workers and received nothing for several days. **Elevated to the Government Affairs team**
- Ohio manufacturing companies are repurpose and produce PPE if possible. The list of items need can be found at www.repurposeproject.com .
- Burn Rate Spreadsheet to demonstrate daily/weekly burn rates for each entity in coming days including: LTC, EMS, LHD, FQHC, FDs, LEs and Home Health Agencies.
- Inventory tracking and procedure established to include source, receipt/accepting, tracking, allocating and delivering of PPE as needed. As established in SOP the Health Commissioners and EMA&HS Director will approve allocations.


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- **Power (Grid):** No current disruption. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has ordered all regulated electric and natural gas providers (as well as other utilities) to review policies regarding service disconnection for the duration of the declared state of emergency.
- **Temporary Power:** No current disruption.
- AEP has stood up ICS and is in contact with local EMA daily to source needs and ensure expedited restoration to critical facilities is handled properly.
- **Fuel:** No current disruption.





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Communications Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<p>ESF 15 – Emergency Public Information and External Affairs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure: No current disruption. • Alerts, Warnings, and Messaging: • Ohioans are to continue protective measures to prevent rapid increase in cases and deaths caused COVID-19. • Create a minimum of two social media posts per day to encourage traffic. Diversify between educational material and real life- videos, photos, etc. • LHD posts to Facebook at least daily with updated information and has begun including photos etc. of staff following Governor’s Orders. • LHD established a Twitter handle • County website was updated to reflect current COOP modifications to access county offices and services. • PIOs work to issue press releases and forward OEMA or Governor’s Press releases to local media daily. • Media engagement includes newspaper, radio, website and social media • Interviews by County Commissioners, Health Commissioner and EMA&HS Director provided to print media and radio stations. • 911 and Dispatch: No current disruption. Limited dispatcher to observe social distancing. • Responder Communications: • The ICP is established virtually on Microsoft Teams and SharePoint via the Noble County Health Dept. Briefing occurs at 830 daily. • EMA&HS established Virtual EOC by using Knowledge Center both county level incident and joined Region 8 COVID incident • EMA&HS establish communications via email groups, zoom meetings and Google Docs • Financial Services: No current disruption. <p>ESF 14 – Recovery and Mitigation</p> <p>Over 30,000 jobs are listed at www.coronavirus.ohio.gov/jobs.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Online survey asking for input from Noble County Business Leaders to identify opportunities for financial relief, support and recovery from the COVID-19 stay-at-home order. <p>https://.osu.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_00x7CS3aZzPaAHH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retail businesses are required to establish a maximum number of people inside • Garden centers are open • Provide PA program guidance and cost documentation forms to potential applicants. • Engage the Chamber of Commerce to provide information to local businesses on SBA programs, stimulus and unemployment funding. • Request the Chamber of Commerce to develop an Advisory Council of its members from various business sectors to consider economic recovery strategies viable for Noble County and SE Ohio regional businesses. • Solicit donations into the accounts established with the United Way serving Guernsey and Noble Counties for our Joint Long Term Recovery Committee. 			



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Transportation Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
 <p>ESF 1 – Transportation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Identified potential assets to be used for commodity distribution as needed: Noble Local Schools, Senior Center, Veterans Services and Ministerial Association. Road: No current disruption. Rail: No current disruption. Air: No current disruption. Waterways: No current disruption. 				
Hazardous Material Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilities: No current disruption. Hazardous Debris, Pollutants, Contaminants: No current disruption. Pipeline: No current disruption. 				

Resource Support:

- All healthcare providers have been reminded to follow CDC guidelines for proper use of PPE as supplies may become limited.
- Local Fire and EMS agencies that need to request PPE should make their requests through Noble EMA&HS via email.
- Noble County has received three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and has begun distributing these supplies to local first responder agencies and healthcare organizations as needed.

Attachments:

Facebook Pages: Noble County Health Department
 Noble County (Ohio) Emergency Management Agency
 Noble County Website: <https://noblecountyohio.gov>
 Noble County Health Department Website: <https://noblecohd.org>

Johns Hopkins Interactive COVID-19 Map:
<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/bda7594740fd40299423467b48e9ecf6>

Ohio Department of Health Interactive COVID-19 Dashboard
<https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home/dashboard>

Ohio Department of Health Stay at Home Order - Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
https://content.govdelivery.com/attachments/OHOOD/2020/03/22/file_attachments/1407841/Stay%20At%20Home%20FAQ%2003.22.20.pdf