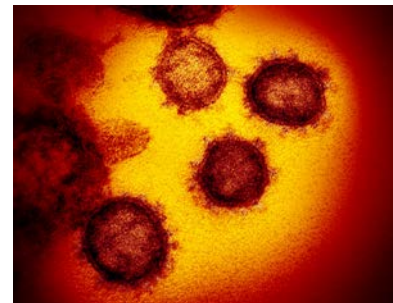


## Situation Report: 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Situation Report:	#15
Date of Issue:	5/21/2020
Time Period	5/13/2020 through 5/20/2020
Time Issued:	1030 hours
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### Current Situation:

Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH), 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.



### Timeline of Events:

- Dec 31, 2019 China confirms COVID-19 in Wuhan, China
- Jan 21, 2020 First confirmed case of COVID-19 in the United States
- Jan 30, 2020 WHO declares COVID-19 outbreak a public health emergency of international concern
- Jan 31, 2020 President issues travel ban from China
- Mar 2, 2020 HCPH issues a Public Health Advisory
- Mar 9, 2020 Ohio Governor Declares a State of Emergency due to COVID-19
- Mar 11, 2020 WHO declares COVID-19 a pandemic.
- Mar 12, 2020 Hamilton County Commissioners Declare State of Emergency due to COVID-19
- Mar 12, 2020 ODH bans mass gatherings (100+)
- Mar 13, 2020 President declares the COVID-19 Outbreak a National Emergency
- Mar 13, 2020 President issued a Disaster Declaration
- Mar 15, 2020 ODH submits [Orders](#) to close bars and restaurants (carry-out only)
- Mar 16, 2020 Ohio Governor cancels election primaries
- Mar 17, 2020 ODH amends [Order](#) to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings (50+) and the closure of venues
- Mar 22, 2020 “Stay at Home” Order issued by ODH
- Mar 30, 2020 ODH amends school closure to extend until 5/1/20
- Apr 2, 2020 ODH amends [Stay at Home](#) Order
- May 1, 2020 ODH submits [Orders](#) that Reopens Businesses, with Exceptions and Continues a Stay Health and Safe at Home Order
- May 14, 2020 ODH submits [Orders](#) that Reopens Restaurants and Bars to Dine-in Service, with Exceptions.
- May 14, 2020 ODH issued [Orders](#) to Laboratories in Ohio to Report Results of COVID-19 Tests.



May 14, 2020 On 5/14/20, ODH issued [Orders](#) that Reopens Hair Salons, Day Spas, Nail Salons, Barber Shops, Tattoo Parlors, Body Piercing Locations and Tanning Facilities, with Exceptions

### HCPH Update:

- Within HCPH service jurisdictions, there are 1,144 residents that have been tested positive for COVID-19. Of those 1,144 residents, there are 199 hospitalized, 62 deaths and 501 have recovered.
- Within Hamilton County (including HCPH, Cincinnati, Norwood and Springdale), there are 2,187 confirmed COVID-19 cases, 408 hospitalizations and 117 deaths.
- HCPH managing a network of trained “contact tracers” consisting of county department staff members to conduct contact tracing on residents testing positive for COVID-19.
- HCPH Epi staff are communicating daily with long-term care facilities, group homes and local businesses having COVID-19 outbreaks. COVID-19 nasopharyngeal specimen collection kits are being provided to these facilities as necessary.
- On 5/14/20, HCPH distributed Situation Report #14 to its POD Managers, Fire/Police Chiefs and to Hamilton County EMHSA for distribution.
- On 5/18/20 and 5/20/20, HCPH received a large shipment of PPE from ODH. PPE included N95 masks (3M model 9010 and 3M model 1860S), KN95 masks, surgical masks, gloves and face shields. HCPH is working with the nine hospitals located in Hamilton County to pick up their allotment of PPE from the county drop site that is being managed by Hamilton County EMHSA.
- On 5/19/20, HCPH donated 800 COVID-19 nasopharyngeal specimen collection kits to UC Hospital to supplement the testing efforts within Hamilton County.
- HCPH received 900 nasopharyngeal specimen collection kits from ODH. The kits were broken down and allocated (based on population) to Cincinnati Health Department, Norwood Health Department and Springdale Health Department. The swab test kits will be designated for long-term care facilities and other healthcare organizations who need to have someone tested for COVID-19. Testing will follow updated ODH Testing guidance released on 5/5/20.
- HCPH participating in biweekly conference calls with regional Emergency Response Coordinators to share information related to the COVID-19 response.
- HCPH continues to work with Hamilton County EMHSA on resource management.
- HCPH continues to identify and provide guidance to vulnerable and at-risk populations affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.
- HCPH conducting essential inspections while ensuring that everyone is maintaining the required six foot distance. In addition, we are providing masks for inspectors and front line workers to comply with CDC recommendations.
- Adjusted clinical and needle exchange services to appointment only to reduce patient volume in waiting rooms.
- HCPH is part of Hamilton County EMHSA’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC emergency activation level is Level 2 – Partial EOC Activation. HCPH is



participating in the virtual EOC and supporting Emergency Support Function (ESF) #8 – Public Health & Healthcare Providers.

- HCPH participating in EOC conference calls with Hamilton County EMHSA and the Health Collaborative to discuss ESF-8 updates. HCPH and The Health Collaborative are co-leads for coordinating ESF-8 activities.
- HCPH participating in multiple local, regional, statewide and national conference calls to discuss COVID-19 response efforts.
- HCPH reaching out to long-term care, skilled nursing and independent living facilities throughout HCPH-service jurisdictions that have elderly patients and/or residents to ensure they are receiving important COVID-19 information and to ensure their Point of Dispensing Plans are up to date.
- HCPH updated 11 POD plans from skilled nursing, assisted living and hospice facilities within its POD Program.
- HCPH staff that are able to telecommute are doing so. HCPH is practicing social distancing by not hosting meetings or going to meetings for the time being. Teleconferencing (WebEX, Zoom, etc) is being conducted.
- HCPH regularly briefs the county commissioners and Board of Health.
- HCPH's incident management team includes the Interim Health Commissioner, Assistant Health Commissioner, Director of Nursing, Director of Disease Prevention, Director of Epidemiology, Senior Epidemiologist, Public Information Officer and the Emergency Response Coordinator.
- HCPH continues updating its website on an as-needed basis with COVID-19 information.
- HCPH continues to respond to all media requests.
- HCPH's Environmental Health (EH) Division staff continued restaurant inspections as part of the Governor's plan to reopen Ohio.
- The EH Division continued addressing business complaints related to what is needed to open safely and in accordance with COVID-19 social distancing guidelines. Below is list of business complaints over the last 4 weeks:
  - 5/13 to 5/20 -- 114
  - 5/6 to 5/13 -- 93
  - 4/29 to 5/6 -- 44
  - 4/22 to 4/29 -- 16
- The EH staff continued to provide graduation technical guidance to schools.
- HCPH is emphasizing social distancing, teleworking and teleconferencing.

### Upcoming HCPH Activities:

- Continue working in the Hamilton County EOC and participating in biweekly conference calls.
- Continue working with our nursing homes signed up in our POD Program to update each of their POD Plans.
- Continue distributing COVID-19 test kits to nursing homes, as needed.



- Continue updating community and preparedness partners with updated COVID-19 guidance.
- Continue stressing the importance of conserving PPE.
- Continue stressing the importance of social distancing.

### Ohio Department of Health Update:

- For the latest ODH updates on COVID-19, please click on this [link](#).
- **COVID-19 is a Class A reportable infection. Immediately report potential cases to the Southwest Ohio Infectious Disease Call Center at 877-774-4636 or contact your local health jurisdiction directly.**

**ODH has opened a call center to answer questions regarding COVID-19. The call center will be open 7 days a week from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and can be reached at 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).**

- ODH conducting regular press briefings and media releases.
- ODH continues to update COVID-19 information on its website.
- On 5/13/20, ODH issued a [press release](#) on Remdesivir. The State of Ohio has received doses of the drug Remdesivir to be distributed statewide. These doses were received from the federal government and the state and the Ohio Hospitals Association (OHA) will work with the various regions around the state to distribute.
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### Responsible ReStartOhio

After continued collaboration with various professionals of public services from across the state, Ohio released updated guidelines and timelines for re-opening the economy, including child care services and recreational activities. See the guidance [here](#).

### OHA and partnerships with Congregate Care Facilities

Governor DeWine announced that hospitals and long-term congregate care facilities will begin “partnerships” to help decrease COVID-19 hot spots in all long-term care facilities across the state.



**COVID-19 Statistics:**State of Ohio

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 27,517

Ohio Deaths: 1,781

Total tested: 277,602

Onset Date: February 7 – May 20, 2020

Median age: 50 years old

Sex: 53% males; 46% females

Condition: 1,369 ICU admissions

5,198 hospitalizations

United States

U.S. Cases: 1,539,633

U.S. Deaths: 92,712

Recovered: 289,392

Total tested: 12,233,987

WorldwideWorldwide Confirmed Cases: 4,955,312 ([link](#))

Worldwide Deaths: 325,712

Recovered: 1,723,379

Active Cases: 2,720,105

- 2,674,824 (98%) – in mild condition
- 45,281 (2%) – in serious or critical condition

