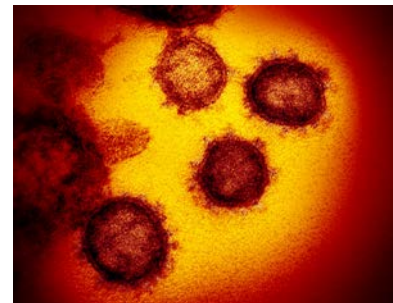


## Situation Report: 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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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 orders bars and restaurants to close (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

### HCPH Update:

- Within HCPH service jurisdiction, there are 35 residents that have been tested positive for COVID-19. Of those 35 residents, 5 are hospitalized.



- HCPH Epi staff are conducting contact tracing on residents testing positive for COVID-19.
- On 3/17/20, the ODH Director issued an amended Order to limit and/or prohibit mass gatherings from 100 to 50 people. The Order also identified the following types of businesses from continuing operations due to the imminent threat of spread of COVID-19 within the facility:
  - Bowling alleys
  - Health clubs/fitness centers/workout facilities/gyms/yoga studios
  - Indoor trampoline parks
  - Indoor water parks
  - Movie theaters and all performance theatres
  - Public Recreation Centers
  - Indoor Sports facilities
- On 3/22/20, the ODH Director issued an Order that “All Persons Stay at Home Unless Engaged in Essential Work or Activity.”
  - Stay at home or place of residence
  - Non-essential business and operations must cease
  - All public and private gatherings of any number of people occurring outside a single household or living unit are prohibited.
  - All places of public amusement, whether indoors or outdoors, shall be closed.
- On 3/23/20, HCPH received a personal protective equipment (PPE) from ODH. The PPE cache was provided by the U.S. Strategic National Stockpile (SNS). HCPH worked with the health commissioners from the other three health departments in Hamilton County on a distribution strategy for the PPE.
- On 3/26/20, hospitals within Hamilton County began receiving its allotment of PPE from SNS cache delivered on 3/23/20.
- On 3/27/20, HCPH “Stay at Home” guidance information to Hamilton County EMHSA to share with its business partners. The guidance was shared because HCPH is receiving a considerable number of phone calls, both from the public and from businesses throughout Hamilton County, about the recent Ohio orders covering business closure and identifying essential businesses. The order was intentionally written with broad guidelines so that HCPH and businesses could work together to identify essential services while working to “flatten the curve” of the current COVID-19 pandemic.
- On 3/27/20, HCPH shared updated COVID-19 guidance from ODH with long-term care facilities that are signed up in its POD Program.
- HCPH has trained additional staff members to conduct contact tracing to provide additional capacity in the Epi Division.
- 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.
- Schools within Hamilton County remain closed.
- HCPH participating in multiple local, regional, statewide and national conference calls to discuss COVID-19 response efforts.
- HCPH answering questions daily from preparedness partners related to COVID-19.
- 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 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 will continue to coordinate efforts with ODH and CDC.
- HCPH's incident management team meets following the ODH statewide conference calls. The 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 will continue updating its website on an as-needed basis with COVID-19 information.
- HCPH continues to monitor all sources (ODH, CDC, WHO, etc.) for the latest COVID-19 information.
- HCPH continues to respond to all media requests.
- HCPH continues to monitor the need for opening an informational hotline if needed.
- As necessary, HCPH will share the situational report with other regional local health departments and the Greater Cincinnati Healthcare Coalition.
- COVID-19 testing being conducted at hospitals in Hamilton County ONLY for those individuals who receive a prescription from their doctor and are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms after ruling out other underlying viruses such as the flu.
- HCPH is emphasizing social distancing, teleworking and teleconferencing.

**Upcoming HCPH Activities:**

- Receive another shipment of PPE from ODH on 3/27/20. This cache of PPE was described by ODH to be a smaller quantity than was delivered on 3/23/20.
- Continue working in the Hamilton County EOC and participating in biweekly conference calls.
- Begin working with our nursing homes signed up in our POD Program to update each of their POD Plans.



- 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 Laboratory continues testing for COVID-19.
- On 3/22/20, ODH Director issues an Order that “All Persons Stay at Home Unless Engaged in Essential Work or Activity.”
- ODH conducting regular press briefings and media releases.
- ODH continues to update COVID-19 information on its website.

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

Ohio Confirmed Cases: 867

Ohio Deaths: 15

Onset Date: February 7 - March 26

Median age: 51 years old

Sex: 53% males; 47% females

Condition: 91 ICU admissions  
223 hospitalizationsUnited States

U.S. Cases: 7,301

U.S. Deaths: 116

WorldwideWorldwide Confirmed Cases: 519,899 ([link](#))

Worldwide Deaths: 23,592

Recovered: 123,296

Active Cases: 373,011

- 353,853 (95%) – in mild condition
- 19,158 (5%) – in serious or critical condition

