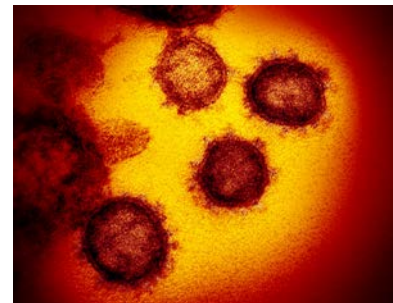


Situation Report: 2019-Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Date of Issue:	3/18/2020
Time Period	3/12/2020 through 3/17/2020
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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 Ohio Department of Health 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 Ohio Department of Health orders bars and restaurants to close (carry-out only)
 Mar 16, 2020 Ohio Governor cancels election primaries

HCPH Update:

- On 3/11/20, all K-12 schools announced that starting on 3/16/20, they will be closed for 3 weeks.
- On 3/12/20, HCPH forwarded a Director’s Order to Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings to community partners and businesses. Mass gatherings are currently defined as any event or convening that brings together 100 or more people. *NOTE –*



This order was amended on 3/17/20 to redefine mass gatherings. Mass gatherings are now defined as any event or convening that brings together 50 or more people.

- On 3/12/20, County Prosecutor participated in statewide ODH conference call on to discuss legal questions surrounding COVID-19.
- On 3/13/20, a resource request procedure was developed by The Health Collaborative for “members” who are part of Disaster Preparedness Coalition to request PPE resources from the regional cache. HCPH is forwarding the requesting procedures to preparedness partners that reach out to HCPH requesting PPE.
- On 3/13/20, HCPH assisted Hamilton County EMHSA conduct a COOP Workshop (via Zoom platform) and COVID-19 information outreach for various County agencies.
- On 3/15/20, HCPH forwarded a Director’s Order to Limit the Sale of Food and Beverages, Liquor, Beer and Wine to Carry-out and Delivery Only.
- On 3/16/20, HCPH developed a letter to send to all restaurants indicating they will need to follow the Director’s Order as stated on 3/15/20.
- HCPH 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.
- On 3/17/20, HCPH participated in an EOC conference call with Hamilton County EMHSA to discuss ESF-8 updates. HCPH and The Health Collaborative are co-leads for supporting ESF-8.
- 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.
- If necessary, HCPH Epidemiologists are interviewing and tracking potential Persons Under Investigation (PUI) in its service jurisdictions.
- 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.
- There are currently zero confirmed COVID-19 cases in Hamilton County.
- 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:

- Continue working in the Hamilton County EOC and participating in biweekly conference calls.
- 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 3/15/20, ODH Director issues an Order to Limit Access to Ohio's Jails and Detention Facilities.
- On 3/16/20, ODH Director issues an Order to Close all Polling Locations in the state of Ohio on Tuesday, 3/17/20.
- On 3/17/20, ODH Director issues an Order amending the Limit and/or Prohibit Mass Gatherings and the Closure of Venues in the State of Ohio. New limit is now 50 or more people.
- On 3/17/20, ODH Director issues an Order for the Management of Non-essential surgeries and procedures throughout Ohio.
- 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: 67

Ohio Deaths: 0

Onset Date: February 7 - March 16

Age range: 14 – 86 years of age

Median age: 48 years old

Sex: 26 females; 41 males

Condition: 17 hospitalizations

Travelers and Community Spread

United States

U.S. Cases: 7,301

U.S. Deaths: 116

WorldwideWorldwide Confirmed Cases: 205,242 ([link](#))

Worldwide Deaths: 8,273

Recovered: 82,889

Active Cases: 114,480

- 108,045 (94%) – in mild condition
- 6,435 (6%) – in serious or critical condition

