

# State of Ohio EOC SITUATION REPORT

## COVID-19 Response

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## Real-Time Resources (Use Google Chrome)

State EOC Status: **Partial Activation**

This report communicates State EOC activity over the past 24 hrs.

Dissemination: Daily, 8:00 AM

Information Cutoff Time: 12:00 AM

## Executive Summary

The World Health Organization (WHO) declared the COVID-19 outbreak to be a [pandemic](#) due to the assessed alarming levels of spread and severity. According to the WHO, this is the first pandemic caused by a coronavirus. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) confirmed a fourth case in Ohio, located in Stark County. This is the first case in Ohio attributed to community spread. The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) remains Partially Activated, with ESFs 5, 8, and 15 being required at the EOC. Operational and planning efforts were focused on public information & warning, healthcare systems support, responder security and protection, and private sector coordination.

The State EOC continued to process and address mission requests from County EMA partners, including requests for disinfectants, personal protective equipment, State EOC liaison support, and requests for information.

## Key Indicators

COVID-19 Dashboard

Category	Value	Change
Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	1	+1
COVID-19 Associated Deaths	0	+0
Active EOC Missions	4	+4

Total: 4 Confirmed Cases, 0 Deaths, 10 Active EOC Missions



## Active State EOC Missions

New      Assigned      In-Progress

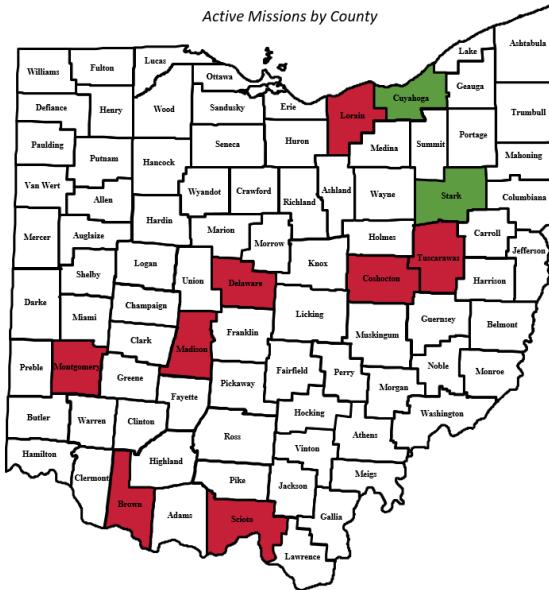
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### Definitions

**New:** being processed and assigned to appropriate ESF

**Assigned:** EOP-based assignment of mission to ESF has occurred

**In-Progress:** Assigned ESF is taking action on mission



County	Mission	Request	Status	Assigned
Brown	19982	(5) 28-Count Cases of Hand Sanitizers	New Request	n/a
Coshocton	19990	(4) Cases Hand Sanitizer and 4-5K Disinfectant Wipes	New Request	n/a
Cuyahoga	19970	SEOC Liaison for Support	In Progress	ESF-5
Delaware	19997	Request for State Plan Involving OMORT Trailers	New Request	n/a
Lorain	19993	Sanitation Resources for Polling Locations	New Request	n/a
Madison	19995	PPE for Hospital and EMS/SO	New Request	n/a
Montgomery	19985	40,000 Fluid-Resistant Procedural Face Masks	New Request	n/a
Scioto	19998	PPE for Healthcare and Emergency Response	New Request	n/a
Stark	19888	SEOC Liaison for Support	In Progress	ESF-5
Tuscarawas	19994	250 Bottles of Hand Sanitizer	New Request	n/a

## State EOC Actions by Emergency Support Function

### ESFs Required at the EOC

5, 8, 15

#### 5 | Information & Planning

##### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio EMA
  - Responded to two requests for State EOC Liaisons:
    - Cuyahoga County EOC: NE Regional Staff
    - Stark County EOC: NE Regional Staff
  - Transitioned to EOC-incident reporting by making adjustments to State EOC situational reporting:
    - A **COVID-19 SITREP** will be disseminated to EOC stakeholders daily from the State EOC at 8:00 AM.
    - The **State EOC Daily Ops Report** will replace content previously found in the Safer Ohio Awareness Report (6 AM distro) and on [the ESF-5 Resource Portal](#) (always available). This report will provide an executive summary of EOC response to COVID-19 while addressing those hazards & incidents meeting State EOC Critical Information Needs occurring across the state unrelated to COVID-19.
  - Coordinated response with ODH and Ohio EPA Division of Drinking and Ground Waters to Request for Information (RFI) from Governor's Task Force.
  - Established daily information flow with Ohio Department of Higher Education.
  - Adjusted State EOC displays to better fit information needs of stakeholders.
  - Produced Advance Planning recommendations for next three operational periods.
- *Planned Actions:*
  - Maintain common operating picture resources to fit need of incident needs.
  - Conduct Advance Planning with engaged stakeholders for EOC Director.

#### 8 | Public Health

##### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - The WHO declared the novel coronavirus outbreak to be a pandemic. Ohio now has its fourth confirmed case, and appears to be from community spread.
  - ODH hosted a call with OSCA and OMORT to discuss fatality management and PPE inventories. OSCA and OMORT will estimate PPE needs for fatality management and provide this to ODH. OMORT shared that requests for DMORT have been made from California to support quarantine, however, responder turn out to support the DMORT call-out has been low due to fear from illness or exposure.

ESF- 8 | Public Health Actions Taken (cont.)

- ODH reached out to the Ohio Funeral Directors Association (OFDA) to discuss if guidance has been distributed from the national organization due to a request from the Ohio Board of Embalmers. National guidance on funerals is in development.
- ODH met with partner agencies to discuss and plan for future issues related to public health interventions related to community spread.
- ODH contacted ESF-7 to discuss additional resource support and purchasing.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Long-term care ombudsman actions: 135 NF visits completed (13.8%) and 27 RCF visits completed (3.6%). NFs are screening heavily. Some have rejected ombudsman visits. Ombudsman representatives have received complaints from families (e.g., I visit my mother twice a day to feed her; Facility doesn't have enough staff to do that and I can't go in).
- Ohio Department of Public Safety – Emergency Medical Services
  - PPE survey went out to all EMS agencies. Survey results are due Friday March 13.
  - Div. of EMS and State Medical Director Dr. Carol Cunningham sent out critical COVID-19 information to all EMS providers, EMS agencies and Medical Directors. The guidance included information for PSAP's and dispatch centers, proper PPE, special precautions when performing aerosol- generating procedures and cleaning and maintaining emergency vehicles.
- Ohio Department of Education
  - Working on providing information to districts in the event of individual closures Working with legislature to amend/waive existing educational requirements Waiver filed with USDA for flexibility in feeding programs
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Notification sent to staff, family, and guardians notifying that all off-campus activities for Developmental Center residents will be suspended on March 12.
  - Notification that daily temperature and visual screenings for signs of illness will be performed on all Developmental Center staff, residents, and vendors beginning on March 12.
  - Increasing inventories of critical supplies to 30 days, including medications at Developmental Centers.
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
  - ODJFS explored issues around communications and monitoring with child care providers. Specifically, regarding decreased staffing levels, center closures, etc., in an effort to better prepare for possible cascading impacts.

*Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Continued situational monitoring and additional advanced planning.

## ESF- 8 | Public Health Planned Actions (cont.)

- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - ODA is working with Medicaid and ODH to provide accurate/consistent guidance to Area Agencies on Aging (AAA) and reviewing CMS/CDC guidance to ensure ODA's expectations are aligned. The State Ombudsman will examine the Governor's order and provide appropriate instruction to regional representatives.
- Ohio Department of Public Safety – Emergency Medical Services
  - Looking to provide additional guidance on proper fit testing for N-95 masks and locations where they can get fit tested. Working on additional information for PSAP's and dispatch centers to gather additional information or signs and symptoms of the patient and relay that information to the responding crew.
- Medicaid
  - Working on managed care, nursing home, and hospital concerns. Working with other agencies and more extensively. Paying attention to those in the waiver world.
- Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities
  - Implement screening protocols for staff, residents, and visitors to Developmental Centers.
- Ohio Department of Education
  - Check in with ODE staff to share information.
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
  - ODJFS is exploring issues around communications and monitoring with child care providers. Specifically, regarding decreased staffing levels, center closures, etc., in an effort to better prepare for possible cascading impacts.

## 15 | Public Affairs

### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - Several checklists have been added to the event website.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - A press conference with the Governor and ODH Director is expected at 2PM, March 12; several more stakeholder checklists should be released soon.

## Ohio Homeland Security/OP3

### *Actions Taken:*

- Worked at making contact with OP3 partners to address currently assigned mission.  
Provided a list of vendors to Cuyahoga Co EMA via Columbus Health Dept.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Monitoring partner responses to determine if any sources are available to fulfill requests.

## State EOC Objectives

1. Coordinate the State's response to limit spread of COVID-19; and maintain medical care.
2. Provide timely, clear, and consistent messaging to the public, stakeholders and media on the status of COVID-19 and actions the public can take to keep themselves safe.
3. Determine how state agencies will continue delivery of essential services to Ohioans while following COVID-19 public health guidelines.
4. Identify supply bottlenecks that threaten community lifelines and tools the state can provide to improve the supply situation.

## State EOC Administrative Information

EOC Hours of Operation: Partial Activation: 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM, Monday-Friday

Requesting State EOC Support: Please call the Ohio EMA Watch Office

WebEOC Incident: 00 – OEMA – 20200128 – COVID-19

Real-time Awareness Products: <https://mobile-resources-oema.hub.arcgis.com/>

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