

# 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 previous Operational Period.

Dissemination: Daily, 8:00 AM

Information Cutoff Time: 12:00 AM

### Executive Summary

ODH confirmed additional cases across the state. Conservation of available Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) at the local level was emphasized from the State EOC. The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration provided regulatory relief for commercial carriers providing direct assistance in support of emergency relief efforts. 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

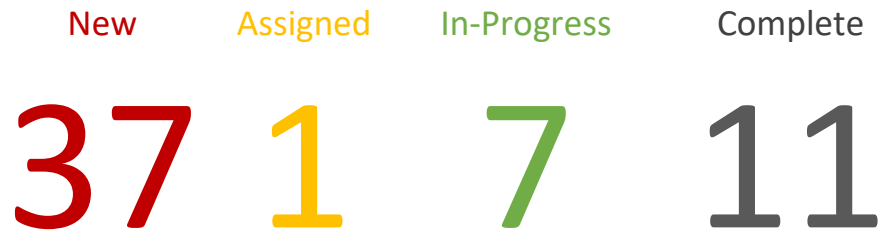
	Confirmed COVID-19 Cases	COVID-19 Associated Deaths	Active EOC Missions
Cumulative	+ 13	+ 0	+ 5
Total	26	0	45

COVID-19 numbers provided by ODH daily at 2:00 PM

Confirmed Cases & Deaths by County



## State EOC Missions



### 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
- Complete:** Support from the EOC has been provided and active support has ceased

Mission Request Type	New	Assigned	In Progress	Complete	Counties Requesting
Health Management Resources	4	1	0	0	5
Personal Protection Equipment	19	0	1	0	17
Request For Information	0	0	1	9	1
Sanitizing Materials	7	0	0	0	7
SNS Requests	7	0	0	1	5
State EOC Liaison	0	0	4	1	4
Other Missions	0	0	1	0	1

## National Emergency Declaration for COVID-19

Under this National Emergency, the President has given authority to the Secretary of HHS to waive or modify certain requirements of the Medicare, Medicaid, and State Children's Health Insurance programs and of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act Privacy Rule. Additionally, the President enacted certain authorities under the Stafford Act. HHS is still the Lead Federal Agency and FEMA is in a support role to HHS. The declaration enhances FEMA's authority to support HHS.

## State EOC Actions by Emergency Support Function

### ESFs Required at the EOC

5, 8, 15

#### 5 | Information & Planning

- State EOC Liaison – Butler County

##### *Actions Taken*

- Participated in EMA Staff Briefing (review of EOC Objectives, Statewide Conf. Call, Governor Press Conf.
- Continued to support Personal Protective Equipment PPE sourcing resource request mission coordinating with The Greater Cincinnati Health Collaborative Disaster Preparedness Coalition.
- Continued to support Personal Protective Equipment PPE communication plan.
- Butler County Technical Rescue Team support to the Alternative Care Center (ACC) Western Shelter set up at area Hospital Emergency Departments was discontinued for March 14 operational period due to inclement weather.
- Reviewed and updated Logistical Staging Area (LSA), Staging Area Manager Plan. (Supply chain build out for quantities and items needed to successfully set up an LSA in Butler County)
- Supported ESF-15 regarding messaging to area hospitals from LHD.

##### *Planned Actions*

- Support mission tracking relating to Butler County Technical Rescue Team support to the ACC set up adjacent to area hospital Emergency Departments.
- Support Personal Protective Equipment sourcing and communication plan.
- Continued ESF 15 Support outreach to Hospitals.

- Advanced Planner

##### *Actions Taken*

- Approval was obtained to maintain standard operating procedures for the ODH Mobile Cooling Units.

ESF-5 (cont.)

*Advance Planning Planned Actions*

- At this time we are considering actions to counter possible impacts to the following Community Lifelines and components. 1. Health and Medical (Fatality Management, Public Health) 2. Safety and Security (Government Services) 3. Food, Water, Shelter (Food, Shelter) 4. Transportation (Mass Transit).

7 | Logistics

*Actions Taken:*

- Prepared and submitted a purchase request for PPE.

*Planned Actions:*

- Continue to search for available sources of PPE. Review possible resources needs for drive through COVID-19 testing stations.

8 | Public Health

*Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - ODH developed Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) conservation and mutual aid questions that were provided to ESF-5 for local EMA use. ODH is developing a draft checklist for individual PPE users describing actions to support PPE conservation. ODH engaged ESF-10 to provide additional guidance and expertise on PPE types and uses.
  - ODH participated in county EMA call on March 14.
  - ODH continued to track Hospital Bed availability by region. Since this operational period has begun, ODH has received 6 Mission/RFIs in the WEBEOC mission tracker: Four completed missions/RFI. Two assigned in process.
  - The ESF-8 desk has collaborated with partners on various RFI responses from our partners to include; one Hospital query for patient test status, status of Drive Thru Testing Centers, collaborated with various other state agency and ESF to provide various guidance, points of contact information.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - Department of Aging responded to questions from Area Agencies and Aging and communicates about new cases in their planning & service area.

*ESF-8 (Public Health) Planned Actions:*

- Ohio Department of Health
  - Continue to monitor Hospital bed availability and Healthcare Facility operational posture. Communicate PPE conservation actions.
- Ohio Department of Aging and State Long-Term Care Ombudsman
  - ODA and SLTCO will continue to respond to questions and requests for assistance.



### 13 | Law Enforcement

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio State Highway Patrol
  - Supported the Ohio Department of Health with on-site warehouse security.

#### *Planned Actions:*

- Ohio State Highway Patrol
  - Providing 24/7 security for the Ohio Department of Health warehouse.

### 15 | Public Affairs

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Ohio Emergency Management Agency
  - Gov & Dr. Acton held a news conference providing an update and asking providers to conserve their PPE. They announced guidance would be forthcoming surrounding postponement of elective surgeries.
  - Talking points surrounding PPE were provided to the governor's office to provide relevant boards and commissions.
  - A press release, talking points, and call center guidance was sent about the update given at the press conference.
  - Social media messages focused on mental health and the new normal were posted.
  - Additional checklists for fitness center use was added to the website.
  - Outreach sent information to dialysis centers, urgent care, and ambulatory surgery centers.
  - The Health Department HAN was sent to the medical board and relevant associations to push to their members.

#### *Planned Actions:*

- Social media posts surrounding the themes of new normal, mental health, and conservation of PPE will be made. Hotline/website information and tips will be included. FAQs and News You Can Use will be updated. Media responses will continue.

### Other Partners

#### Ohio Homeland Security

#### *Actions Taken:*

- Contacted our Grainger representative to help determine what, if any, PPE items we would be able to procure now or in the near future. She has worked with the list we provided to possibly fill some needs. ESF-7 is now in direct contact to determine procurement levels. The Grainger representative indicated that N-95 masks are at an 18-million unit back order for their organization, so they stopped taking new orders. Fulfillment of these orders may likely be 6-months or more. She advised that we may consider ordering gallons of liquid hand soap and bleach, as the inventory for these items are decreasing. She also has a vendor that can provide gallons of sanitizer spray, but the lead time is currently at least 14 days.
- We reached out and spoke with a representative from Walmart (WM). They have not yet closed down a store in the U.S. due to COVID-19. Their in-store AP teams are responsible for

## Other Partners (OHS cont.)

sanitation efforts and have designated employees in each store that continuously sanitize at this point. Other employees are asked to have sanitizers with them and wipe down surfaces. WM leadership is still working to finalize action plans based on lessons-learned from stores in China. We were advised that representatives from Walmart are available for a conference call to Executive staff to address and questions or concerns at their convenience. They recently spoke to Ohio Attorney General Dave Yost and his staff.

### *Planned Actions:*

- Continue to communicate with the representative from Grainger to determine any changes in product availability.
- Maintain contact with the Walmart representative for updates and to potentially set-up a conference call with Executive staff.

## 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, Daily

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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