

## Ashtabula County COVID-19 Situation Report #8

HDAC: Health Departments of Ashtabula County  
(Ashtabula County HD, Ashtabula City HD, and Conneaut City HD)

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1. Positives = persons tested positive for covid-19
2. PUI = persons under investigation; persons waiting for test results (assumed positive)
3. Deaths
4. Symptoms resolved = persons removed from isolation or quarantine

### By Jurisdiction

#### Ashtabula County Health Department:

- Confirmed – 127
- PUI's – 11
- Deaths – 16
- Symptoms Resolved – 23

#### Ashtabula City Health Department

- Confirmed – 26
- PUI's – 1
- Deaths – 1
- Symptoms Resolved – 11

#### Conneaut City Health Department

- Confirmed – 17
- PUI's – 1
- Deaths – 0
- Symptoms Resolved – 4

#### **Ashtabula County Total COVID-19**

Positives – 170  
 PUI's – 13  
 Probable – 15  
 Deaths – 17  
 Symptoms resolved – 43

#### State of Ohio

- Confirmed – 20,969
- Number of Hospitalizations – 3,956
- Deaths – 1,135

### Incident Overview:

As of May 5, 2020, The United States leads every country/region/sovereignty with 1,202,246 confirmed cases of Covid-19 and 70,900 deaths. Ohio has 20,969 confirmed cases and 1,135 deaths. Ashtabula County has 170 cases, and 17 deaths. President Trump declared a national emergency. Ohio Governor DeWine declared a state of emergency. The Ashtabula County Commissioners declared a county emergency. The Ashtabula County EOC is at a partially activated status. Mass gatherings of 10+ are banned per Governor DeWine. On May 29th, Governor DeWine changed the *Stay at Home* order to the *Stay Safer Ohio* order that included protocols for limited reopening's throughout the State.

### Current risk assessment:

The risk posed by COVID-19 depends on characteristics of the virus, including how easily it spreads between people; the severity of resulting illness; and the medical or other measures available to control the impact of the virus (for example, vaccines or medications that can treat the illness) and the relative success of these. Because there are not yet vaccines or treatments for COVID-19, Non-pharmaceutical interventions become the most important response strategy. These are community interventions that can help reduce the impact of disease, like social distancing and good hand hygiene.

Ashtabula County EOC Status: Virtual Staffing  
Operations: County EOC Status: Partial/Virtual Activation  
PPE Requests: 63 Fulfilled: 60  
\*NEW\* COVID-19 Testing: 250 Provided to local test sites: 200 HD-Administered: 2

### [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)

\*Must See\* [Coronavirus Resource Center: Johns Hopkins](#)

### [Map of Which States are Ending Lockdown](#)

### **GOVERNOR DEWINE ANNOUNCES \$775 MILLION IN STATE BUDGET CUTS:**

By April, state revenues have taken a hit due to the coronavirus-related shutdown of \$776.9 million, he said. So he said he is cutting \$775 million for the remainder of 2020. He said he's not going to draw down the rainy day fund, because he says the state will need the money for the next year and possibly the year after.

Where the cuts will be made:

- Reduce Ohio Medicaid spending by \$210 million
- Cut K-12 foundation funding by \$300 million
- Cut other education budget line items by \$55 million
- Cut colleges and universities by \$110 million
- Reduce all other agencies \$100 million


Primary and secondary education reductions represent about a 3.7% cut over the past year

May 5, 2020, [COLUMBUS, Ohio]—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and Dr. Amy Acton, MD, MPH, today provided the following updates on Ohio's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**TESTING UPDATE:**

Governor DeWine today provided an update on Ohio's plan for increased COVID-19 testing. A new partnership announced last week between the state of Ohio, Thermo Fisher, and ROE Dental Scientific will allow for a steady supply of testing reagent and swabs. With Ohio's new increased testing capacity, Ohio will prioritize testing in the following categories:

"It's important to remember, that testing is only one response to this virus. It allows us to quickly identify individuals infected with COVID-19, promptly isolate them, and determine who they've been in close

	
<b>Priority 1</b>	<p><b>Ohioans with symptoms who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hospitalized.</li> <li>• Healthcare workers. This includes behavioral health providers, home health workers, nursing facility and assisted living employees, emergency medical technicians (EMTs), housekeepers and others who work in healthcare and congregate living settings.*</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 2</b>	<p><b>Ohioans with symptoms who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents of long-term care/congregate living settings.</li> <li>• First responders/public health workers/critical infrastructure workers.</li> <li>• 65 and older.</li> <li>• Living with underlying conditions.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◦ Consideration should be given for testing racial and ethnic minorities with underlying illness, as they are at increased risk for COVID-19 and more severe illness.</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Ohioans without symptoms who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Residents or staff directly exposed during an outbreak in long-term care/congregate living settings.</li> </ul> <p><b>Other Ohioans who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Designated by public health officials to evaluate/manage community outbreaks (such as in workplaces, other large gatherings).</li> </ul>
<b>Priority 3</b>	<p><b>Ohioans with and without symptoms who are:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Receiving essential surgeries/procedures, including those that were reassessed after a delay.</li> <li>• Receiving other medically necessary procedures not requiring an overnight stay/inpatient hospital admission, as defined by their providers' process for COVID-19 testing.</li> </ul>

\*Congregate living settings are those where more than six people live and where there is a propensity for rapid person-to-person spread of infectious disease. (Some examples are assisted living/nursing centers; Ohio Veterans Homes; residential facilities for mental health/substance use treatment; psychiatric hospitals/group homes; centers/facilities/group homes for people with intellectual disabilities; homeless and domestic violence shelters; youth detention centers; prisons; and jails.)

contact with to minimize the spread," said Governor DeWine. "Increased testing capacity does not replace infection control and prevention practices such as social distancing, wearing a mask, washing your hands, and sanitizing high-touch surfaces."

**ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENTS:**

[The Ohio Department of Job and Family Services has created a website](#) and sent an email to employers, telling them to report workers who are not returning to the job during the pandemic, even though there isn't enough testing, schools remain shuttered and daycares haven't reopened. But on Tuesday DeWine and Husted said that if the employer isn't cleaning, socially distancing or requiring masks, then employees should talk to their employer. If that doesn't work, go to the local health department, he said. Complaints can be anonymous.

**DAYCARES, RESTAURANTS AND BARS, BARBERS AND SALONS:**

On Wednesday, the Ohio House and Senate are meeting throughout the day, and DeWine said he will not have a daily briefing. However, he will be reviewing recommendations put forth by working groups from the different professions on how to safely reopen. "We hope on Thursday to have some announcements about that," he said.

**OHIO BUREAU OF MOTOR VEHICLES REOPENING PLAN:**

Lt. Governor Jon Husted announced today that, although opening dates for individual locations have not yet been finalized, Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicle (BMV) deputy registrars around the state may begin reopening as early as later this month.

Upon reopening, every deputy registrar will offer online the Ohio BMV's Get In Line, Online program that was [launched by Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted as a pilot project last year](#). A partnership between InnovateOhio and the Ohio BMV has been expanding the project to locations statewide. There are currently 48 deputy registrars that had been offering Get in Line, Online, and all other locations that had not yet offered the service will offer it to customers upon reopening. "So far, this system has saved Ohioans nearly 9,000 hours of wait time," said Lt. Governor Husted. "In order to reduce lines and the time each Ohioan has to physically spend in the BMV, we are working with InnovateOhio to expand the program throughout the state by the end of May so that every open BMV will offer this service."

In preparation for reopening, deputy registrars are also reactivating and hiring staff, making accommodations to their facilities to ensure social distancing, and ensuring that safety measures are in place, such as cough/sneeze shields, at customer-facing workstations.

# COVID-19

## Responsible Protocols

### FOR GETTING OHIO BACK TO WORK

1. Require face coverings for employees and recommend them for clients/customers at all times.
2. Conduct daily health assessments by employers and employees (self-evaluation) to determine if "fit for duty."
3. Maintain good hygiene at all times – hand washing, sanitizing and social distancing.
4. Clean and sanitize workplaces throughout workday and at the close of business or between shifts.
5. Limit capacity to meet social distancing guidelines.
  - a. Establish maximum capacity at 50% of fire code.
  - b. And, use appointment setting where possible to limit congestion.

#### **PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS & GUIDANCE:**

Responsible Restart: Reopening Ohio  
[Read the \*Stay Safe at Home Order\*](#)

[Sector-Specific Operating Requirements](#)

[Amended Order: Closure of All K-12 Schools in Ohio](#)

[Guidance for Graduation Ceremonies](#)

[Reopening Guidance: Cleaning and Disinfecting](#)

[Cleaning and Disinfecting Decision Tool](#)

**\*NEW\*** [FROM THE CDC:](#)

[Criteria for Return to Work for Healthcare Personnel with Suspected or Confirmed COVID-19](#)

[Mitigating Healthcare Staffing Shortages](#)

[Discontinuation of Transmission-Based Precautions and Disposition of Patients with COVID-19 in Healthcare Settings \(Interim Guidance\)](#)

[Discontinuation of Isolation for Persons with COVID -19 Not in Healthcare Settings](#)

[Use of Cloth Face Coverings to Help Slow the Spread of COVID-19](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

[Strategies for Optimizing the Supply of PPE](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

[CDC Grows SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19, in Cell Culture](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

[Testing in the U.S.](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

[Data Visualization](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

[COVID-19 Travel Recommendations by Country](#) Tuesday, May 5, 2020

## **CONTACT TRACING:**

### Protecting Against COVID-19

Contact tracing involves identifying people who are likely to get sick because of being in contact with those who have tested positive. Contact tracing is an important part of us going forward in reopening.

Ashtabula County, like all local health departments has been conducting contact tracing 7 days-a-week for COVID-19 as it does for various infectious diseases. If you're sick, local health department workers (nurses, healthcare professionals, trained volunteers) interview you and find out who you may have come into contact with and potentially exposed to your illness.

***Limiting contacts means the virus isn't able to infect other people. The virus lives in people.***

***Limiting contacts means the virus has nowhere to live.***

Ashtabula County Health Department has enlisted additional support to ensure our COVID-19 Contact Tracing process can meet the demands of COVID-19. In addition, we can utilize a program that allows daily contacts via text, for those who prefer it.

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## IN MEMORIUM:



[Tina Reeves](#)



[Paul Novicki](#)



[Lorna M. Breen, M.D.](#)

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A Photographer Did a Ride-Along with First Responders

[These heroic first responders are being stretched like never before](#)

## **HELPLINES:**

Your mental health is just as important as your physical health. If you or a loved one are experiencing anxiety related to the coronavirus pandemic, help is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Call the **COVID-19 CareLine at 1-800-720-9616**.

Ashtabula County 24/7 Substance Use Disorder Crisis Hotline **1-800-577-7849**

24/7 Suicide Prevention Crisis Hopeline **1-800-577-7849**

Suicide Crisis Text Line **Text 4HOPE at 741741**

Ashtabula County Children Services 24/7 Hotline **1-888-998-1811**

Homesafe Domestic Violence Hotline **1-800-952-2873**

National Domestic Violence Hotline **1-800-799-7233**

Emergency Information for Meeting Basic Needs **Dial 211**

Clients' Rights and Advocacy **1-440-992-3121**

Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services **1-877-275-6364**

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline **1-800-662-HELP (4357)**

### Daily Life and Coping Resources

[Stress and Coping](#)

[Running Essential Errands](#)

[Talking with children about Coronavirus Disease 2019](#)

[Caring for Children](#)

[If You Have Animals](#)

[Ashtabula County Food Resources](#)

### [Consequences Of Coronavirus On Ohio's Opioids Fight](#)

## **HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY-RECENT ACTIVITIES**

### Ashtabula County

- Fulfilling PPE requests
- Developed COVID-19 policy and Procedures for Ashtabula County
- Contact Tracing
- Daily check-in calls with all confirmed and probable
- Quarantine & Isolation Letter with all confirmed and probable
- Responding to complaints
- Inventorying new shipment of PPE
- Responding to calls re: business opening and compliance: golf courses, H.S. graduation, campgrounds
- Economic Development Meeting
- Teleconference #2 with ODH, Nursing Home, and stakeholders

#### Ashtabula City:

- Board of Health Meeting with current situation awareness presented by each division on COVID-19 response activities
- AOHC, HC and ODH leadership with Dr. Acton conference call
- Governor's Team meeting on long term services strategies
- Health Commissioner presented current COVID-19 statistics and response report at City Council meeting
- ODH ICAR long term care facility call
- AOHC call regarding finances, predicted changes in stay at home order, future of expanded contact tracing and testing including antibody testing, congregate living and hotspot management
- Long term care coalition call
- Contagion Alert spreadsheet updates as needed
- Daily I&Q management
- Issuance of new isolation and quarantine orders as needed
- Enforcement and answering continued calls regarding essential businesses
- PPE fulfillment
- Fielding questions from city businesses regarding the reopening of Ohio and seeking advice
- Working with marinas on COVID 19 plans and site visits
- Long term care facility (Carington Park and Country Club Retirement Center)) outreach regarding COVID planning
- Increased call volume on testing and antibody testing criteria
- Social Media and website updated with current recommendations

#### Conneaut City Health Department

- Met with owner of Broad Street Mini Mart to brief on Governor's ban of out of state patrons for liquor purchases.
- Isolation Management
- Courier Update
- PPE given to UH Conneaut (had the hospital pick it up)
- Isolation Management
- 2<sup>nd</sup> positive COVID-19 patient.
- 3 persons under quarantine.
- Discussion with ACHD Administrator re: COVID grant opportunity
- Isolation Management
- Updated Contagion Alert spreadsheet.
- Still receiving a number of calls regarding the inmates at the prison.
- Fielded calls about out-of-state travelers.
- Isolation Management
- Quarantine Management
- Discussed PUI with Lake Erie Correctional Facility
- Quarantine Management



- Calls with County HD and Ashtabula City HD
- Discussion with Fire/Police call regarding a DOA with possible COVID- test negative
- Discontinuation of Isolation Letter- COVID-1
- Discontinuation of Quarantine Letter
- Transfer patient from a different county.
- Isolation Management
- Quarantine Management
- Calls with the prison on the inmate, ODRS- Cuyahoga
- Update with Courier
- Interview with Jet 24 Action News
- Updated website and social media page, Facebook.
- 2 more positive COVID-19 patients
- Updated Contagion Alert spreadsheet.
- ODH Conference Call- 4pm Saybrook Landing with county partners
- LECl called to inform us that they did have a positive employee, who had little to no contacts

#### HDAC Information Sharing Activities:

- County Conference Call
- EPI regional partner call
- PIO conference Call
- Isolation Management
- Quarantine Management
- ODH/LHD call every Tuesday and Thursday
- Regional Epi call every Friday
- Epi Meeting re: surge staffing projections
- ODH/LHD conference calls
- Regional JIC calls
- Managing influx of calls concerning:
  - Business Restarts
  - Complaints on mass gathering violations
  - Requests for Personal Protective Equipment
  - Quarantine: First Responders & Healthcare workers

#### **FEMA:**

##### Coronavirus Pandemic Response: PPE Packages for Nursing Homes

**Release date:** May 2, 2020

Under the direction of the White House Coronavirus Task Force, FEMA will coordinate two shipments totaling a 14-day supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) to more than 15,000 nursing homes across the Nation.

The mission will supplement existing efforts to ensure nursing homes across the country have PPE during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. FEMA will ship PPE to Medicaid- and Medicare-

certified nursing homes based on input from the American Health Care Association to serve as a bridge between other PPE shipments.

- Each nursing home will receive two shipments with a combined total of 14 days' worth of PPE.
  - Shipments of the first seven-day supply are expected to begin the first week of May.
  - Shipments of an additional seven-day supply will begin in early June.
- The first shipments will focus on facilities within prioritized hotspots and expand to facilities across all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and Guam.
- The total estimated amount of PPE includes more than 7.1 million surgical masks, nearly 32.3 million gloves, more than 922,000 goggles and other eye protection, and nearly 9.7 million gowns.
  - Each facility will receive an allotment of all four items based on the staff size of the facility, which ranges from fewer than 10 employees to nearly 500.
  - The level 1 medical gowns included in the shipments are intended for use in basic care settings for minimal risk situations. The gowns are durable and can be washed 30 to 50 times.
- Due to the large number of nursing homes, facilities are not likely to receive notification prior to their shipment arriving. However, as possible, FEMA will provide notification to a state prior to shipments arriving at their Medicaid/Medicare-certified facilities.
- The distributor that was awarded the contract to deliver these supplies is not involved with FEMA Project Airbridge initiative. Rather, this effort taps into the smaller operations that have supplies of various items in high demand, such as the level 1 medical gowns.
- Due to the critical need for PPE at nursing homes where some of our Nation's most vulnerable residents live, these supplies are meant to supplement existing PPE efforts by the federal government. FEMA and HHS continue working with states, territories, and tribes on PPE needs through a variety of ways.

## **NEWS RELEASES:**

### Ohio/Regional Headlines

[Ohio plans random population testing to help determine how many people have coronavirus](#)

[Decision on Ohio restaurants, bars possible from Ohio Gov. DeWine on Thursday](#)

[Cuyahoga County Juvenile Detention Center employee tests positive for coronavirus](#)

[Ohio Congress want people who lack internet access to be able to track their coronavirus stimulus checks](#)

[Ohio K-12 students could go to school two days a week in fall, with online learning](#)

[ACLU asks judge to release 20 ICE detainees from central Ohio jail with dozens of coronavirus cases](#)

[Mapping Ohio's 20,969 coronavirus cases, updates and trends](#)

[Teacher appreciation parade at Berea's Horizon Education Centers an emotional reunion for students, leaders](#)

[Kent State University's Board of Trustees to meet Wednesday to discuss employee pay cuts, buyouts](#)

[Tuesday Discounts Happening for a Limited Time at CBDistillery](#)

[Meijer is not requiring face coverings for shoppers in Ohio stores](#)

[Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine announces \\$775m in state budget cuts to education, Medicaid and more](#)

[Greater Cleveland RTA to install barriers around bus drivers, require face masks for all employees](#)

[Ohio has 20,969 coronavirus cases, including 1,135 who have died: Gov. Mike DeWine's Tuesday briefing](#)  
[Ohio Turnpike is losing millions of dollars in tolls, but speeding is way up during the coronavirus crisis](#)  
[You don't need to wear a face mask outdoors to prevent coronavirus. But experts say to carry one with you](#)  
[Attorney asks Ohio Supreme Court to stop Ashland County judge from forcing trial during coronavirus pandemic for a second time](#)  
[Ohio hospitals want Medicare to forgive coronavirus loans](#)  
[Research suggesting nicotine might inhibit COVID-19 raises questions, doubts](#)  
[Why respiratory therapist are heroes in the coronavirus pandemic: Doctor's perspective](#)  
[Medina High School trying to save the pomp despite the circumstances](#)  
[Speaker Larry Householder has been a consistent critic of Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine during coronavirus response](#)  
[New York's Chautauqua Institution cancels summer season; Ohio's Lakeside Chautauqua lowers admission](#)  
[Family donates \\$500,000 to help Tri-C students during coronavirus pandemic](#)  
[Provocative question: If getting Covid-19 is inevitable, why not just get it out of the way? This Week in the CLE](#)  
[Cleveland's DJ \\$crilla releases new single inspired by social distancing](#)  
[Tom Hanks, who survived COVID-19, calls graduates 'the chosen'](#)  
[Latest coronavirus updates: Why 2020 looks like 1918, S. Korea plays baseball & more](#)  
[We can revive the economy, but we cannot revive our fellow Ohioans from the dead: Emilia Strong Sykes](#)  
[Trump administration report projects spike in coronavirus deaths: A.M. News Links](#)  
[Dear Annie: Some uplifting stories during this difficult time](#)  
[Girl's thank-you letter to mail carrier boosts spirits: 5 feel-good items to make you smile](#)  
[Will coronavirus crisis force regionalism on Greater Cleveland? The Wake Up for Tuesday, May 5, 2020](#)  
[Cleveland porch portraits document everyday life during coronavirus pandemic](#)

National Headlines

[2 charged with fraudulently seeking coronavirus business relief loans](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[Scientist claims he was fired after raising concerns over malaria drug](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[White House discussing phasing out the coronavirus task force](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[President Trump heads for Arizona, aiming to show revival underway](#) [Nation World](#)  
[Vanessa Bryant celebrates birthday with 'one more letter' that Kobe Bryant left her](#) [Nation World](#)  
[Stocks rally from Hong Kong to Wall Street on reopening hope](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[US trade gap rises to \\$44.4 billion as virus slams commerce](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[Worldwide coronavirus cases surpass 3.6 million](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[Barack, Michelle Obama delivering virtual commencement addresses to Class of 2020](#) [Coronavirus](#)  
[Carnival Set To Resume Cruises](#)  
[Coronavirus updates: Cuomo compares pandemic to 1918 flu, 'second wave was worse'](#)  
[French doctors say they found a Covid-19 patient from December](#)

<b>Acronyms</b>
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ACHD	Ashtabula County Health Department
ACPHAT	Ashtabula County Public Health Action Team
AFD	Ashtabula Fire Department
CAD	Computer-Aided Dispatch
CCF	Cleveland Clinic Foundation
DON	Director of Nursing
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EOC	Emergency Operations Center

EP	Emergency Planner
ERC	Emergency Response Coordinator
HDAC	Health Departments of Ashtabula County
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
ICAP	Informal Corrective Action Plan
ICAR	Infection Control Assessment and Response
ICP	Infection Control Practitioner
LTC	Long-term care
ODH	Ohio Department of Health
PIO	Public Information Officer
POD	Point of Dispensing
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
Q&I	Quarantine and Isolate
QI	Quality Improvement
UH	University Hospitals