



Lake County General Health District

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Situation Report	Incident COVID-19	Operational Period Dates: 3/17-19/20 Times: 0800-0800	Reporting Unit Planning/ Public Information	Form 04/09 ICS-209 Short/Modified
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The following reports on activities for the period shown:

Current Situation

There are currently two confirmed cases of novel coronavirus or COVID-19 in Lake County, Ohio.

Critical Issue(s)

- **LCGHD does not have medical or other supplies for distribution.**
- Ohio Living contacted LCGHD for medical supplies.
- WIC requested 50 N-95 masks.

Health District Updates

- The LCGHD building closed to the public on March 17, 2020 at 12:00 noon. Limited services are still active, including Epidemiology, Public Information, Vital Statistics and WIC.
- WIC Clinics have not been discontinued per Ohio WIC guidance. Lake County and Geauga County Birthright have been contacted today and there is a plan in place for WIC participants who may be in need of formula.
- A new operation of Enforcement has been created to address violations of Governor DeWine's mass gatherings order. Violations can be reported to Chris Loxterman at cloxterman@lcghd.org.
- LCGHD is receiving an average of 300 calls per day pertaining to COVID-19.
- Lake County General Health District (LCGHD) provided an informational conference call to the Hispanos Organizados de Lake y Ashtabula (HOLA).
- Ron Graham recorded a video statement on Lake County's first confirmed positive COVID-19 case.
- Ron Graham and Cherise Stabler provided an informational conference call to the Mayors and City Managers.
- Ron Graham solicited Mayors and City Managers for a list of their local businesses for the purpose of providing educational material.
- Governor DeWine and Dr. Amy Acton announced an order to postpone elective surgeries that can be safely delayed to free up needed health care resources. This action is intended to allow providers to focus on priority cases. Procedures that are life-saving, save an organ or limb, and/or prevent progression of disease will continue.
- 181 BMV Offices will close. Five BMV Office will remain open to process CDL licenses and keep our transportation system moving. OHP and Law Enforcement were asked not to issue citations for those who can't renew due to BMV closures.
- An order will be issued for the closure of barbershops, beauty salons, spas, tattoo parlors, hair and nail salons.

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- Libraries will not be told to close, but are asked to deliver services in a way to limit bringing people together.
- Businesses are asked to begin immediately to daily take temperature of all employees reporting to work. Businesses should also be aggressive about cleaning and having soap/sanitizer available. Employees who are sick must be sent home.
- The National Guard will not take any actions without residents being informed. National Guard is currently assisting with civilian work (setting up tents outside hospitals, helping foodbanks etc.)
- Lt Gov. Husted stated that banks and credit unions will not close, and people will have access to their financial assets. There is no need to go draw out your money.
- You may not be able to be tested due to shortages. If you think you might have it, act like you have it and act accordingly. Stay home, have your family stay home unless you have serious symptoms.
- Ohio has received its allocation from the Strategic National Stockpile for personal protective equipment (PPE) and supplies. More PPE will be needed, and the Governor has asked for those who have unused PPE such as masks and gloves to provide it to their local Emergency Management Agency (EMA) for use by first responders and medical personnel. Those in Lake County who have PPE to should contact the Lake County EMA at (440)350-5499 between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 PM to coordinate drop off. Collection times will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, March 18 - Friday March 20.

Public Information:

- Press Release – First Case of COVID-19 Confirmed in Lake County, Ohio (3/17/2020)
- Press Release – Lake County General Health District Modifies Services (3/18/2020).
- Media Monitoring has been established with updates every two hours to the Public Information Officer.

Planned Activities (next 24 – 72 hours)

- Review and provide guidance on the new mandate for businesses to daily take temperatures of all employees reporting to work.
- Review regional guidance pertaining to the transfer of individuals with contact to confirmed case within the region and decision of how LCGHD will apply guidance.
- Review of the website to determine if changes are warranted.
- Creation of a Policy Branch to review federal and state guidelines in order to rapidly generate and communicate local public health and internal decisions.
- Conduct an educational webinar with faith-based organizations.

Additional Information

[Implementing Guidelines for the Management of Non-Essential Surgeries and Procedures Throughout Ohio](#)
[Information from LabCorp about Coronavirus Disease \(COVID-19\)](#)
[Information and Guidance about Global Travel on Cruise Ships, Including River Cruises, due to Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\)](#)
[3-17-2020 Elective surgeries postponed in Ohio Hospitals](#)
[3-17-2020 - Collection of Unused Personal Protective Equipment \(PPE\)](#)

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