



Public Health News and Reports

Straight from the Source

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Reported Cases as of 4:00pm 4/10/20

United States:

459,165 reported cases (140.3 per 100,000 pop.)
16,570 deaths (3.6% of reported cases)

Ohio:

5,878 reported cases (50.5 per 100,000 pop.)
(5,836 confirmed and 42 probable)
231 deaths (3.9% of reported cases)
Age Range: <1 to 101 years
Median Age: 54
Hospitalizations: 1,755
ICU Admissions: 548

Geauga County:

49 reported cases (52.1 per 100,000 pop.)
1 death (2.0% of reported cases)

Cuyahoga County:

1,052 reported cases (83.9 per 100,000 pop.)
22 deaths (2.1% of reported cases)

Summit County:

235 reported cases (43.4 per 100,000 pop.)
13 deaths (5.5% of reported cases)

Portage County:

124 reported cases (76.2 per 100,000 pop.)
14 deaths (11.3% of reported cases)

Trumbull County:

149 reported cases (73.8 per 100,000 pop.)
8 deaths (5.4% of reported cases)

Ashtabula County:

19 reported cases (19.4 per 100,000 pop.)
0 deaths

Lake County:

108 reported cases (46.9 per 100,000 pop.)
6 deaths (5.6% of reported cases)

A note about disease surveillance data

In order to have data be meaningful we all share what is called a "case definition" so we can compare apples to apples. Because we still have such limited testing capacity in the US, defining a "case" as someone who has received a positive test result is not very helpful in learning much about the total population of people who are actually infected with the virus. A tested case is just the tip of the iceberg when it comes to the actual number of people with the disease.

One of several reasons we don't yet report numbers across all zip codes is that it would be essentially spreading misinformation, i.e. there is no evidence to suggest that a zip code with no diagnosed cases has any less disease prevalence than a zip code with a larger number of diagnosed cases.

There are several reasons people from one zip code might get tested at a higher rate per capita than in another zip code. We only need to look to the disproportionate burden of diagnosed COVID-19 disease along our shared border with Cuyahoga County that has an extremely high density of healthcare providers taking care of COVID-19 patients. Some of them live in Geauga County in the areas with a higher number of positive test results, Healthcare workers are more likely to be tested because of their higher risk of infection and their sensitive occupation status. That does not mean that there is actually a disproportionately higher burden of actual disease, just diagnosed disease, or people who met the case definition.

As we progress through an outbreak of something new, we learn as we go. One of the variables we study is the distribution of symptoms across the case population. That sometimes leads to other surveillance system changes. Sometimes, we change the collective case definition, or add a layer to it.

The CDC has expanded the case definition to include probable cases. A probable case is something your clinical healthcare provider will determine based on a number of factors, largely a combination of symptoms and exposures. It does not require a test. It is likely we will see an increase in the case count as a result of expanding the case definition. The good news is that we will be better able to identify and sequester a larger proportion of people who are infectious who might otherwise be spreading it to others.

CDC Guidance Regarding Mask use by the Public

1:00pm, Sunday, April 5, 2020

Source of Information: United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Content Contact: 1-833-4AskODH (1-833-427-5634) www.coronavirus.ohio.gov

The following guidance is NOT for your protection from others. It is intended to protect other people from you if you decide to go out into public for essential activities.

Cover your mouth and nose with a cloth face cover when around others

- You could spread COVID-19 to others even if you do not feel sick.
- Keep your mask clean— wash it after each use.
- Everyone should wear a cloth face cover when they have to go out in public, for example to the grocery store or to pick up other necessities.
- Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
- The cloth face cover is meant to protect other people in case you are infected.
- Do NOT use a facemask meant for a healthcare worker.
- Continue to keep about 6 feet between yourself and others. The cloth face cover is not a substitute for social distancing.

CURRENT HOSPITAL NEWS

Cleveland Clinic Newsroom: <https://newsroom.clevelandclinic.org/category/news-releases/>

University Hospitals Newsroom: <https://news.uhhospitals.org/>

MetroHealth Newsroom: <https://news.metrohealth.org/>

Cleveland VA Medical Center Newsroom: <https://www.cleveland.va.gov/features/index.asp>

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from the Geauga County Health Commissioner.**

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Questions and comments via email: Info@GaugaCountyHealth.org

Assisting the Needs of Geauga County Residents

11:00am, Monday, April 6, 2020

Source of Information: United Way Services of Geauga

Content Contact: kperko@uws.org

The United Way, in partnership with the philanthropic community across Northeast Ohio has established the **COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund** convened by the **Cleveland Foundation**. This fund, which has currently raised over \$6 million, will complement the work being done in Geauga County by addressing the impact from the outbreak as efficiently as possible. Grant funding is supporting nonprofit organizations that provide community safety nets (food pantries, homelessness and housing assistance, credit counseling, etc.) and have strong experience working with the immediate needs of economically vulnerable populations caused by COVID-19 related closures.

It will support nonprofit organizations that serve: people over 60 years of age, people with compromised immune systems, those who are pregnant, and others with increased health risks associated with the novel coronavirus, low-income residents, homeless people, residents without health insurance and/or access to paid time off work, people with limited English language proficiency, healthcare, service workers, and part-time workers, people of color, people with disabilities, incarcerated and returning individuals, other populations emerging with needs as the crisis unfolds.

Please contact covid19response@clevelandfn.org for questions about the grantmaking process.

Access the [Greater Cleveland COVID-19 Rapid Response Fund](#) press release.

United Way in Geauga provides administrative assistance to the Geauga Hunger Task Force

The Task Force supports six pantries in Geauga County, meals at the NextStep home for 18-24-year olds, lunch for the seniors at Chagrin Falls Park, and home delivered meals for people under 60 or disabled home-bound residents. The six pantries supported by the Geauga Hunger Task Force are still open. Locations and hours of operation available at: <https://www.geaugahungertaskforce.org/how-to-find-help> or they can call 440.285.2261 or 211.

How can you help?

Volunteers, like you, can help by collecting food and paper products and direct folks to the pantries requesting assistance. Learn more at: <https://www.geaugahungertaskforce.org/>

Help for Local Businesses

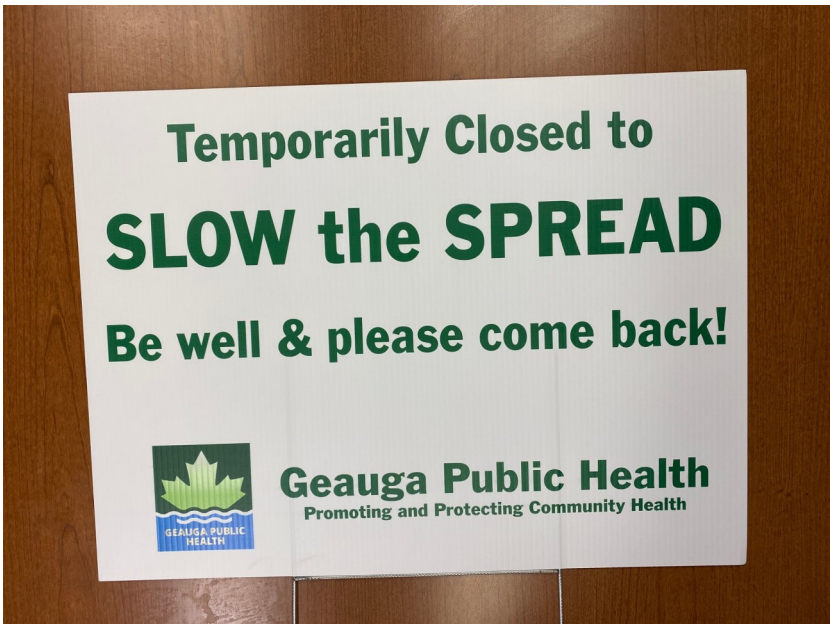
In a Tuesday (4-7-20) Press Conference, Lt. Governor Husted shared a website that will assist our local small businesses. The Office of Small Business Relief (OSBR) is focused on identifying and providing direct support to all small businesses in Ohio.

<https://businesshelp.ohio.gov/>

For General Questions about COVID-19, the various state orders, and other important information, the Ohio Department of Health has a Call Center that is staffed from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 7 days/week.

1-833-4-ASK-ODH

1-833-427-5634



Geauga Public Health has purchased yard signs for our local public health heroes in the business community. A healthy population is associated with a healthy economy. Geauga Public Health wants all those businesses to thrive once it is safe to get back in business. In the mean time, these businesses should be recognized for their sacrifice for the rest of us. If you are a Geauga County Business Owner who has temporarily closed to slow the spread of COVID-19, please email Geauga Public Health at Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org to request a sign be placed at your business. Please write "sign" in the subject line and give us the name and address.

Extension of Stay at Home Order

Saturday, April 11, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga Public Health

Content Contact: info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org

Consistent with the extension of the Stay at Home order, Geauga Public Health has extended the service modification plan and 7-day work week through May1, 2020. We will be staffed throughout the week to respond to the pandemic but all face-to-face public services are suspended. Your understanding and patience is appreciated. Email is the preferred method of communication. Info@GeaugaCountyHealth.org

Did you know...

If you receive an Order of Quarantine or an Order of Isolation from the Health Commissioner, you are legally obligated to follow it and that failure to follow it is a criminal offense? We do spot checks to make sure you're abiding by the order.

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These are difficult times. People are making difficult choices. Peoples are under incredible pressures.

People want information they can trust.

Geauga Public Health wants to be where they look for that. We are here and that is our job... well, that and trying to keep you all safe from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) Donations

2:30pm, Friday, April 3, 2020

Source of Information: Emergency Management of Geauga County

Content Contact: Judy Oberstar 440-279-2170

The Department of Emergency Services is able to receive donations of PPE to augment the supplies of county's first responders and healthcare providers. First responders and healthcare providers are needing to augment their supplies of N95 respirators, surgical gowns, face shields and examine gloves.

To schedule a donation of PPE please contact:

Judy Oberstar at 440.279.2170

Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Donation site:

Department of Emergency Services

Notes from the Governor's Press Conference on Friday, 4/10/2020

The modeling estimates are getting better. At one point, the peak was expected to produce upwards of 10,000 new cases a day. Now, those peak numbers are expected to be closer to 1,600 new cases a day. It was stressed that we are not out of the woods yet, but social distancing in Ohio has been working.

The governor's team is working on a path to recovery once it is time to discuss returning to normalcy. Governor DeWine stated he would have an official plan to share sometime next week, it is still a work in progress.

Unemployment numbers in Ohio have grown beyond 696,000.

It was reiterated that there will be no in-person voting for the entire state of Ohio. Votes must be submitted via mail by April 28th. People can print or request their ballots through <https://www.ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/>

It's worth mentioning that there were protestors outside of the State House during the press conference. A reporter asked whether the protestors were violating the Stay at Home order that the governor issued. The governor explained that protesting was not included in the stay at home order and that people have a right to their freedom of speech.

Past issues of "Straight from the Source" can be found at

the Geauga Public Health Website at

www.GPHOhio.org

Access the sources public health professionals use for credible COVID-19 information. Visit the ODH Website

www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov & <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus>

Update on Closing of Geauga County Public Library Branches and Mobile Services

12:00pm, Friday, April 3 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Public Library, Becki Gierman

Content Contact: help@geaugalibrary.net



Based on the extension of the stay-at-home advisory from the federal government, the appeal by Governor DeWine and Dr. Acton to limit contact, and the continued closing of Ohio's schools, GCPL will extend the closure of all Branches and Mobile Services vehicles to the public until further notice.

For the duration of the closure, due dates for checked-out materials and holds for materials will be extended to the date that the library reopens. There is no need to return any items during the period that the library is closed.

Any reference or informational questions can be sent to help@geaugalibrary.net. We will do our best to answer all inquiries within 24 hours.

Our digital collections remain available. You can use your library card to access ebooks, audiobooks, emagazines, movies, television, music, and more. If you do NOT have a GCPL card but would like access to our digital offerings, you can sign up for an eCard. All of these services can be found at www.GeaugaLibrary.net under "Digital Offerings."

You can also use your library card to access databases on our Research and Resources page:

<http://divi.geaugalibrary.net/126-2/>

Some of these resources include:

- **CreativeBug:** Award winning art & craft video classes taught by recognized design experts and artists.
- **Lynda.com:** Learn a new skill online. Courses offered in Business, Technology and Creative Skills.
- **Home Improvement Reference Center:** a collection of comprehensive full-text content that provides users with detailed, user-friendly "how-to" information covering a variety of home improvement and repair projects.
- **My Heritage Library Edition:** The easy and exciting way to explore your family history.
- **Transparent Language Online:** Choose from 110+ languages. Fun and useful for all learners.
- **Consumer Reports**

Additional Cultural and Educational Resources Available Online

12:00pm, Friday, April 3 2020

Source of Information: *Geauga County Public Library, Becki Gierman*

Content Contact: help@geaugalibrary.net

The National Aquarium in Baltimore

Live streaming of their exhibits and at home enrichment activities for families

<https://aqua.org/Experience/live>

<https://aqua.org/activities>

The National Theatre

Live streaming productions

https://www.whatsonstage.com/london-theatre/news/national-theatre-live-youtube-free-stream_51268.html

Mount Vernon

Weekday Livestreams at noon

www.mountvernon.org

Monticello

Daily Live Tours

<https://www.monticello.org/visit/tickets-tours/guided-virtual-tours/>

The Paris Opera

Replay performances streaming at

<https://www.operadeparis.fr/en/magazine/replay>

10 Virtual Museum and Art Gallery Tours

<https://www.theguardian.com/travel/2020/mar/23/10-of-the-worlds-best-virtual-museum-and-art-gallery-tours>

Virtual Trips to the Zoo

<https://triblive.com/lifestyles/more-lifestyles/bored-kids-can-take-a-virtual-field-trip-via-zoo-websites/>

Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS)

11:30 am, Wednesday, April 8, 2020

Source of the information: Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services

Content contact: Paul.Reiman@jfs.ohio.gov.

COVID-19 PRC - Emergency Assistance

If you have been adversely affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, you may be eligible for emergency financial assistance. Families who have experienced unexpected expenses and/or a job loss as a direct result of the COVID-19 virus may apply. These expenses may include, but are not limited to:

1. expenses related to self-quarantine and social distancing
2. household expenses
3. childcare expenses
4. food expenses

To be eligible for these COVID-19 PRC funds, the total monthly household income must be at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level and either have children in the home or be pregnant.

The most efficient way to access the "Prevention Retention and Contingency Program (PRC) Application" is to go to: <https://www.geaugajfs.org/covid-19-crisis-information>. Under "COVID-19 Emergency Assistance" there is a link to the application. Completed applications may be submitted in one of the following ways:

Email: info@geaugajfs.org
Fax: (440) 286-6654
Mail: Geauga County JFS
P.O. Box 309
12480 Ravenwood Dr
Chardon OH 44024

We also have a blue drop box located outside the Geauga County JFS building at 12480 Ravenwood Drive, Chardon, Ohio. The drop box is located near our main entrance.

If you do not have internet access, please call (440) 285-9141 and explain you are interested in applying for COVID-19 PRC over the phone.

Please note: our office building continues to be closed to public access. Our agency is maintaining normal operating hours with flexible staff levels, and we are conducting business via regular mail, email, phone, and fax.

Food and other emergency assistance during COVID 19 Crisis

Individuals needing assistance with food or other emergency needs can contact Sara Shininger, GCJFS Community Support Coordinator at Sara.Shininger@jfs.ohio.gov or 440-285-9141, ext. 1263.

Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services (GCJFS)

11:30 am, Friday, April 3, 2020

Source of the information: Geauga County Department of Job and Family Services

Content contact: Paul.Reiman@jfs.ohio.gov.

SNAP and Medicaid Redeterminations

If you are due for a SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or Medicaid redetermination (also referred to as a renewal), your redetermination date has been pushed out to a later date.

For SNAP Assistance the changes are as follows:

March redeterminations will now be held in **September**.

April redeterminations will now be held in **October**.

May redeterminations will now be held in **November**.

For all Medicaid redeterminations due in March, April or May, your redetermination date has been pushed out an additional 180 days.

There is no action needed by the recipient of these programs at this time.

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Notice from the Geauga County Clerk of Courts

3:00pm, Thursday, April 9, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Clerk of Courts, Denise Kaminski

Content Contact: DKaminski@geaugacourts.org

The Geauga County Clerk of Courts Legal Office is open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday accepting mail, telephone calls at 440-279-1960 and e-filed cases. We are accepting Emergency filings which include new Domestic Violence, Dating Violence and Civil Stalking Protection Petitions. These petitions will be heard by a Magistrate in person.

In order to minimize public contact, some services requested of the Clerk of Courts will be done at the Sheriff's Security Desk at the front door of the courthouse and by mail. Temporarily we are closed daily from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. for lunch.

The Geauga County Clerk of Courts Auto Title Office is closed to the general public but open from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday for Dealer work only. We have suspended the processing of passport applications at this time. Temporarily we are closed daily from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. for lunch.

We are available to speak to the general public by telephone and are accepting paperwork for processing Auto Titles by mail. Please call our office at 440-279-1750 for titling questions by mail and please include your telephone number, address and any and all contact information.

Titling by Mail Checklist

3:00pm, Thursday, April 9, 2020

Source of Information: Geauga County Clerk of Courts, Denise Kaminski

Content Contact: DKaminski@geaugacourts.org

These are general requirements. Additional documentation may be requested upon review.

Transfer of Ohio Title

- o Assignment (top portion) of original Ohio title filled out in its entirety, signed by seller(s) and notarized.
- o Buyer's Acknowledgement of Odometer Certification (middle portion) of original Ohio title signed by purchaser (s).
- o Application (bottom portion) of original Ohio title filled out in its entirety, signed by purchaser(s) and notarized.
- o Lien release from lien holder if an open lien exists
- o \$15.00 title fee plus sales tax (based on county of residence) on purchase price.

Transfer of Non-Ohio Title

- o Original certificate of title with assignment completed in its entirety.
- o A BMV Out of State Inspection Form.
- o Lien release from lien holder if an open lien exists.
- o Ohio Application for Certificate of Title to a Motor Vehicle (located on website under *Forms*) filled out in its entirety, signed by applicant(s) and notarized.
- o Applicant's Odometer Statement (located on website under *Forms*) if applicable.
- o \$16.50 title fee plus sales tax (based on county of residence) on purchase price.

Duplicate/Replacement Ohio Title

- o Ohio Application for Certificate of Title to a Motor Vehicle (located on website under *Forms*) with the *Duplicate/Replacement* section completed in addition to vehicle and owner(s) information. Application must be signed by owner(s) and notarized.
- o Lien release from lien holder if an open lien exists.
- o \$15.00 title fee.

For the following title transactions please call our office at 440-279-1750.

- o Probate
- o Surviving Spouse
- o Lease transactions
- o Court Order

Mail your forms and make check or money order payable to:

Geauga County Clerk of Courts
Auto Title Division
470 Center St. Bld. #8 B
Chardon, OH 44024

From our friends at Geauga Growth Partnership (via email on 4/10/20):

This week, The Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation's Board of Directors approved Governor Mike Dewine's proposal to send up to \$1.6 billion to Ohio employers.

Want to know what size dividend to expect? Complete an AC-3 form and GGP's partners at Spooner Inc. can help you out. To do this, please visit:

<https://spoonerinc.com/workers-compensation-savings-with-geauga-growth-partnership>

GGP wants to know if you are in need of PPE for your workforce. If so, please send them an email at info@geaugagrowth.com.

GGP is here to help. Please look to their webpage for up to date information and do not hesitate to contact GGP at info@geaugagrowth.com with any questions.

Attention Critical Businesses & Job Seekers

The State of Ohio has created a job search/ posting site for critical businesses with hiring needs and those seeking to find employment .

Access the link below to post your positions, and search by zip code to find those jobs.
<https://jobsearch.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/jobsearch/>



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Ashtabula 440-536-5680



Family Pride continues to serve the community, from a distance.

For the health, safety and well-being of our clients, employees and communities, we are temporarily closing all in-home and in-office visits. We feel that the best way to serve you in light of Covid-19 is to closely follow the guidelines set by the Department of Health and our state health officials.

We will still be available for counseling, case management, and mental health assessments both over the phone and through the web. If you need assistance or would like to learn more about our services, please contact our offices between 8:30am -4:30pm Monday – Friday.

We encourage everyone to remain indoors and keep safe! We look forward to serving you once again.

For more information and updates visit our social media or contact us directly at either location:

Chardon Office: 440-286-1553

Ashtabula Office: 440-536-5680

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