



# Ashtabula County COVID-19 Situation Report #28

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



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### Ashtabula County district:

Cumulative Positives – (437) 446  
Current Hospitalized – (1) 1  
Cumulative Hospitalized (71) 72  
Deaths – (37) 37  
Symptoms resolved – (259) 266  
**Active Cases – (8) 10**

### Conneaut City district:

Cumulative Positives – (125) 126  
Current Hospitalized- (1) 0  
Cumulative Hospitalized (21) 21  
Deaths – (5) 5  
Symptoms Resolved – (127) 127  
**Active Cases – (1) 4**

### Ashtabula City district:

Cumulative Positives – (124) 126  
Current Hospitalized – (0) 0  
Cumulative Hospitalized- (20)20  
Symptoms Resolved – (119) 120  
Deaths (5) 5  
**Active Cases – (2) 1**

### Ashtabula County Totals:

Cumulative Positives (688) 698 **+10**  
Current Hospitalized – (2) 1  
Cumulative Hospitalized – (112) 113  
Symptoms Resolved – (505) 505  
Deaths – (47) 47 **+0**  
**Active Cases – (11) 15**

Testing week of 10/7 – 10/13: 1 positive from 472 tested for 0.002% positivity rate. Down from 2.7%.

Total isolation/quarantine letters sent from first case at ACHD = (496) 510

Congregate living data - Residents – (185) 185

Employees – (91) 92

Total – (276) 277

Percentage of Total Cases – 39.7% Congregate Setting vs 60.3% Community Spread

### **Color Change: Yellow to Orange – 2 Indicators Met**

- Sustained increase in new cases: Flagged if proportion of cases that are not in a congregated setting goes over 50% at least one of the last 3 weeks. Used as an indicator of greater risk of community spread.
- Proportion of cases not in a congregated setting: Flagged if increasing trend of at least 5 consecutive days in overall cases by onset date over the last 3 weeks. Reflects disease spread in the population.

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## Incident Overview:

A pandemic of the novel coronavirus has now killed more than 1M people worldwide.

Over 37 million people across the globe have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the new respiratory virus, according to data compiled by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University. The actual numbers are believed to be much higher due to testing shortages, many unreported cases and suspicions that some governments are hiding the scope of their nations' outbreaks.

As of 10/13/2020, global COVID-19 cases reached **37,984,579** ~~35,882,378~~ with **1,083,216** ~~1,051,138~~ deaths. The United States leads every country/region/sovereignty with **7,836,680** ~~7,504,116~~ confirmed cases of Covid-19 and **215,549** ~~210,972~~ deaths. In the U.S., Ohio has **171,626** ~~161,299~~ confirmed cases, and **5,017** ~~4,947~~ deaths. Ashtabula County combined health districts rank 46<sup>th</sup> in the State with **689** cases, and **47** deaths.

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## HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY-RECENT ACTIVITIES

### Ashtabula County:

- ≈ Drive-thru influenza flu clinics
- ≈ POD Response planning (for COVID-19 vaccine)
- ≈ CARES grant planning
- ≈ Functional Needs planning
- ≈ Investigating reported COVID-19 guideline non-compliance
- ≈ Daily complaints from the public re: non-compliance with orders
- ≈ Performing infection control audit, and guidance to leadership of facility with COVID-19 spread
- ≈ Getting guidance from County Prosecutor on responding to cases of non-compliance
- ≈ Rolling out process for assistance to Q & I needs for homeless/vulnerable populations
- ≈ Enlisting support for enforcement
- ≈ Contact-tracing for school cases
- ≈ Contact-tracing for extracurricular activities
- ≈ Providing updated test kit activity data for the combined health district to EMA
- ≈ Performing data analysis and reporting
- ≈ Supplying testing kits to sites
- ≈ Providing "outbreak summaries" to Governor DeWine
- ≈ Grant work

### Ashtabula City:

- ≈ Daily I & Q management
- ≈ Utilization of Ohio Contact Tracing System software for quarantine patient management
- ≈ PPE management and spreadsheet updates
- ≈ Contagion Alert updates
- ≈ Ohio Public Health Advisory System weekly release review
- ≈ Weekly Governor DeWine briefing with local Health Commissioners and ODH
- ≈ Weekly update from LTC facilities in Ashtabula City
- ≈ Weekly LTC facility reporting in ODRS

- ≈ ODH local health department survey for current outbreak stories and trends
- ≈ Twice weekly staff meeting and COVID response IAP
- ≈ School reporting uploaded to ODH school reporting site
- ≈ Consultations with community partners related to fall/winter festivities and COVID safety
- ≈ MCM Zone 1 COVID vaccine planning call with ODH and partners
- ≈ Local partners and HDAC MCM COVID vaccine planning committee conference call
- ≈ HDAC conference call regarding press release and action items for the Wastewater Treatment COVID monitoring project
- ≈ HDAC conference call regarding return to in-person learning for schools on COVID 19 protocols
- ≈ PHEP dispensing drill at Drive-thru flu clinic
- ≈ Prepared and presented COVID 19 response data at the Ashtabula City Council Meeting
- ≈ City Manager, EH and HC met regarding community organizer's request for Christmas events
- ≈ Worked with RSVP on securing senior volunteers to help with clinics
- ≈ Interviewing candidates for contract contact tracing position

#### Conneaut City:

- ≈ Daily Q & I management
- ≈ Community update on COVID-19- courier
- ≈ Update Facebook and website, mask order, where to get tested
- ≈ Submitted excel sheets for contact tracing on MyOhio
- ≈ Submitted school documentation into MyOhio
- ≈ MCM COVID-19 vaccine Call
- ≈ COVID-19 planning vaccine call
- ≈ Mark Todd interview Flu/Covid-19
- ≈ Meeting with Conneaut Area City Schools
- ≈ Weekly Conference calls with the Governor
- ≈ Ohio Public Health Advisory weekly update
- ≈ Wastewater sampling call with ODH, OEPA, and Conneaut Wastewater
- ≈ Responsible Restart Halloween Guidance for Halloween Display and Treat or Trick
- ≈ Superintendent Conference Call
- ≈ HDAC Conference Call
- ≈ Interview with WWOW Radio Station

#### INFORMATION SHARING:

- Access & Functional Needs Team Conference Call
- Operation Warp Speed vaccine planning workgroup call
- Resource Coordination Grant planning
- Ohio Public Health Advisory System calls with HDAC
- ODH LHD call each Wednesday
- Ashtabula County Leadership call each Tuesday
- Regional Epi call every other Friday
- Ashtabula County Economic Recovery Taskforce call each Wednesday
- AOHC Ohio Health Commissioner call each Friday
- ODH LHD PIO call each Monday and Friday
- NECO/RICC weekly COVID- update call
- Governor DeWine briefing with local Health Commissioners and ODH

## Risk Assessment

- ≈ Nationally, the percentage of deaths due to pneumonia, influenza, or COVID-19 (PIC) has continued to decline since early September; other COVID-19 activity indicators included in this report (the percentage of specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2, the percentage of visits to EDs or outpatient providers for ILL and CLI, and COVID-19-associated hospitalization rates) have remained stable during this same period. In contrast, there was a decreasing trend in all these COVID-19 indicators from mid-July through August.
- ≈ Peak COVID-19 activity and trends have varied regionally with three general patterns:
  - The Northeast (Region 1), New Jersey/New York/Puerto Rico (Region 2), the Mid-Atlantic (Region 3) and the Midwest (Region 5) regions, reported the highest levels of COVID-19 activity in April. Activity declined through June and July and remained stable until recent weeks when some indicators have shown slight increases.
  - The Central (Region 7), Mountain (Region 8) and Pacific Northwest (Region 10) regions also reported the highest levels of COVID-19 activity in April. After several weeks of decline, these regions reported increases in activity during the summer but relatively stable activity recently. The exception is the Pacific Northwest which reported some recent increases in activity.
  - The Southeast (Region 4), South Central (Region 6) and the South/West Coast (Region 9) regions experienced a different pattern of COVID-19 activity with the highest levels occurring in July. Activity has declined since the July peak and has been primarily stable for the past several weeks; however, during the most recent weeks, some indicators are showing a slight increase.
- ≈ The overall cumulative COVID-19-associated hospitalization rate through the week ending October 3, 2020 was 183.2 per 100,000 population.
  - Following an initial decline of hospitalization rates between the weeks ending July 25 (MMWR week 30) and August 22 (MMWR week 34), weekly hospitalization rates have remained steady among all age groups. Data for the most recent weeks may change as additional admissions occurring during those weeks are reported.
  - The age-adjusted hospitalization rate for Hispanic or Latino persons was approximately 4.6 times that of non-Hispanic White persons. Age-adjusted hospitalization rates for both non-Hispanic Black persons and non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native persons were approximately 4.5 times that of non-Hispanic White persons.
- ≈ All surveillance systems aim to provide the most complete data available. Estimates from previous weeks are subject to change as data are updated with the most complete data available.

(Centers for Disease Control, Updated October 9, 2020)

## OHIO DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH/GOVERNOR DEWINE

### Ohio Coronavirus Wastewater Monitoring Network

In a new effort to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19, a network across Ohio is studying samples of wastewater to look for the presence of gene copies/fragments of the virus that causes the disease.

[Learn more](#)

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CDC:

[Data Visualization](#)

FEMA:

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response](#)

WHO:

[Weekly Epidemiological Update](#)

HOSPITALS:

[Cleveland Clinic Newsroom](#)

[University Hospitals Newsroom](#)

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COPING:

[University Hospitals & HOHM to Offer Sleep Pods for Essential Workers during COVID 19 pandemic](#)

[Shareable Resources on Coping with COVID-19 \(NIMH\)](#)

[Reports of Poor Mental Health Up 360% Since Covid-19 Pandemic](#)

[Coronavirus Causing A Global Mental Health Crisis, Warns Red Cross](#)

[This is what it's like coping with an eating disorder during COVID-19](#)

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\): Resources for Managing Stress, PTSD \(U.S. Dep't of Veterans Affairs\)](#)

### **National Suicide Prevention Lifeline**

We can all help prevent suicide. The Lifeline provides 24/7, free and confidential support for people in distress, prevention and crisis resources for you or your loved ones, and best practices for professionals.

**[1-800-273-8255](tel:1-800-273-8255)**

### **HEALTHCARE WORKER HELPLINE**

Frontline workers & first responders

Call: 440-578-8208



# RISE ABOVE!

## Assistance Program

**We can provide help for those who have been impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic.**

*Do you have a medical condition that requires you to remain in your home due to COVID-19?*

You may be eligible for assistance with the following:

Shelter-In-Place Supports such as...

- Food
- Hygiene Items
- Cleaning Supplies
- Information & Referral
- ... more

You may qualify for the Community Action Rise Above Assistance Program if you have a physician's order to stay-at-home due to the Coronavirus.

**Find out more ... just dial 2-1-1.**

**TO QUALIFY...**

\*\*Eligibility based on 30 day income (Find your family size on the chart.

Is your income below these monthly income limits?)

Documentation of all income is required for any household member age 18 or over (paystubs, unemployment checks, benefit award letters, bank statements with monthly SS or SSI payments, etc.)

\*Stimulus Checks do not count

**YOU WILL ALSO NEED TO PROVIDE...**

\*\*Photo ID

\*\*Social Security #'s and Date of Birth for all household members (children and adults)

\*\*Verification of COVID-19 Impact (Quarantine Order, Physician's Note)

**2020 Monthly**

Household/Family Size	200%
1	\$2,127
2	\$2,873
3	\$3,620
4	\$4,367
5	\$5,113
6	\$5,860
7	\$6,607
8	\$7,353
9	\$8,100
10	\$8,847



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## LOCAL/REGIONAL/STATE HEADLINES

- ≈ [Geneva to assist those struggling with virus](#)
- ≈ [INEOS Ashtabula site donates Geneva Food Pantry](#)
- ≈ [How to talk with your kids about bullying due to COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [College of Wooster moves to remote operations for at least one week amid spike in COVID-19 cases](#)
- ≈ [Indoor nursing home visits resume in Northeast Ohio](#)
- ≈ [Kent State begins COVID-19 'screening testing'; officials prepared to see increase in cases](#)
- ≈ [Cleveland first responders at lower risk of contracting COVID-19 with PPE use, Metro Health study finds](#)
- ≈ [University Hospitals to offer sleeping pods for essential workers during COVID-19 pandemic](#)
- ≈ [Youth sports teams left high and dry after Kent ice rink closure](#)
- ≈ [Shaker Heights closes elementary school after staff member tests positive for coronavirus](#)
- ≈ [Pandemic causes increase in stress-related dental problems](#)
- ≈ [Gov. DeWine says vaccine could be available to 'large' part of Ohio by summer 2021](#)
- ≈ ["We run the risk of an outbreak of vaccine-preventable illnesses;" Governor DeWine pushes for Ohioans to vaccinate their children](#)
- ≈ [Staff member at Kensington Intermediate School in Rocky River tests positive for COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [North Olmsted High School cancels remainder of football season after player tests positive for COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [Willoughby-Eastlake Schools move forward with switch to virtual learning; will re-evaluate at end of October](#)

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- ≈ [Bill Gates says coronavirus vaccine could be distributed by the end of the year](#)
- ≈ [Doctor: President Trump tests negative for COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [Study: Virus can survive on money, phones for up to 28 days](#)
- ≈ [Coronavirus vaccine experts vow to keep process transparent](#)
- ≈ [Workers say employers retaliated for raising COVID concerns](#)
- ≈ [Lee attends SCOTUS hearing in-person after catching COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [Can't find your favorite soda at the store? Here's why](#)
- ≈ [New COVID-19 antibody blood test granted emergency authorization from FDA](#)
- ≈ [Young adults may spark COVID hot spots](#)
- ≈ [Scientists confirm Nevada 25-year-old got coronavirus twice, second case was more severe](#)
- ≈ [News outlets decline to send staff to travel with Trump over lack of coronavirus precautions](#)
- ≈ [US coronavirus: Dr. Anthony Fauci hopes worrisome numbers jolt Americans into action](#)
- ≈ [US coronavirus: 'Hunker down' because the fall Covid-19 surge is here](#)
- ≈ [Wisconsin breaks single-day records for COVID-19 deaths, cases](#)
- ≈ ['Super-spreader event' linked to about 125 COVID-19 cases at NJ college](#)
- ≈ [Oral coronavirus vaccine candidate enters clinical trial](#)
- ≈ [Days of Our Lives Halts Production for Two Weeks After Positive COVID-19 Test](#)
- ≈ [COVID-19 spurred a new home-buying frenzy, but is it harder to find a new home?](#)
- ≈ [Trump tells Florida rally he feels 'powerful' and wants to 'kiss' everyone after Covid-19 battle](#)
- ≈ [The Covid-19 pandemic has claimed far more lives than reported, study says](#)
- ≈ [UConn-Notre Dame women's hoops rivalry will not be played in 2020-21 because of COVID-19](#)
- ≈ [Delta posts \\$5.38 billion 3Q loss as pandemic hammers travel](#)
- ≈ [Facebook to ban anti-vaccination ads](#)
- ≈ [AMC could run out of cash by end of year, says reports](#)
- ≈ [How long can I expect a COVID-19 illness to last?](#)
- ≈ [Johnson & Johnson pauses COVID-19 vaccine trial over 'unexplained illness'](#)
- ≈ [Nevada man is first in North America to get coronavirus twice](#)
- ≈ [Dustin Johnson tests positive for coronavirus, withdraws from PGA Tour event](#)

## Acronyms

ACHD	Ashtabula County Health Department
ACPHAT	Ashtabula County Public Health Action Team
AFD	Ashtabula Fire Department
CAD	Computer-Aided Dispatch
CCF	Cleveland Clinic Foundation
CCURT	Congregate Care Unified Response Team
CMS	Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
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
ILINET	Outpatient Influenza-Like Illness Network
LECI	Lake Erie Correctional Institution
LHD	Local Health Department
LTC	Long-term care
NSSP	National Syndromic Surveillance Program
ODE	Ohio Department of Education
ODH	Ohio Department of Health
ODRC	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections
ONG	Ohio National Guard
PHEP	Public Health and Emergency Preparedness
PIO	Public Information Officer
POD	Point of Dispensing
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
Q&I	Quarantine and Isolation
QI	Quality Improvement
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile
UH	University Hospitals
WHO	World Health Organization