



Public Health
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Butler County
General Health District

Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Daily Update

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Executive Summary: The Butler County General Health District (BCGHD) is working with the City of Hamilton Health Department (CHHD), the City of Middletown Health Department (CMHD), and the Butler County Emergency Management Agency (BCEMA) in response to the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

UPDATES AND ACTIONS

1. Response Plans for Vulnerable Populations:

Miami University, Director of Public Health, Kendall Leser, Ph.D. started as the Project Manager to assist in coordinating housing for vulnerable populations, including people experiencing homelessness. Community partners include the City of Hamilton and the City of Middletown Health Departments, Council on Aging, Butler County Developmental Disabilities, Butler County Mental Health and Addiction Recovery Services Board, Modern Psychology and Wellness, and Butler County Housing and Homeless Coalition.

2. Communication:

To limit the burden on our local hospital systems, the next 7-8 days will be crucial in Butler County. Preventing the spread of COVID-19 and preventing deaths will take us all working together to limit exposure to as few people as possible. While most people who contract COVID-19 will recover, they can pass the disease on to two or three other people, sometimes without even knowing it. If COVID-19 cases continue to increase, healthcare providers could become overwhelmed and run out of supplies to protect themselves and treat patients — not just COVID-19 patients, but also others.

STAYING AT HOME is the best action we can take to slow the spread of the virus. The Ohio Department of Health Directors Stay at Home Order includes the entire state. Unless you work for an essential business or are doing an essential activity, you should stay home. Work from home is permitted and encouraged where possible. This order is mandatory. To help protect our friends, neighbors, and vulnerable populations, PLEASE STAY AT HOME.

BCGHD Public Information Officer presented updates to community partners, including non-profits, Fire and Police and hospitals. Furthermore, BCGHD participated in a regional medical provider call with Senator Sherrod Brown. Updates included federal responses, the passing of a Senate bill aimed at assisting affected people, and other congressional objectives related to COVID-19. Senator Brown used the call as an opportunity to ask about frontline successes, challenges and answered questions from call participants.

3. Press Conference :

The Butler County Board of Commissioners will host a press conference regarding COVID-19 community updates on Friday, 3/25/20, at the Government Services Building in Conference room 1. The time is TBD. BCGHD Health Commissioner and the Council on Aging will be guest speakers. A press release will be issued when details are finalized.

DATA POINTS

Daily Totals	Cumulative Totals (3.13.2020 – present)	
1	19	# Cumulative Confirmed COVID-19 Cases in Butler County
0	0	# COVID-19 Deaths in Butler County
65	72	# Discussions with local businesses not complying or that have questions about Orders
1	4	# Enforcement efforts on people and institutions not complying with Orders of Closure or Stay at Home
1	35	# Food boxes delivered to quarantined individuals/families

339	2,535	# Calls received from the public
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ONGOING DAILY ACTIONS

4. Contact Tracing:

BCGHD's Nursing and Epidemiology Department continues to trace contacts of individuals with confirmed cases of COVID-19. When an individual receives a positive test result, our staff works with the individual to develop a timeline of potential community exposures. People and places are identified based on the movement of the individual that received a positive result. Tracing among close contacts of affected individuals is an important strategy in containing disease clusters and reducing community spread.

5. Communication:

BCGHD continues to post COVID-19 messages to guide the public. Topics include ODH Directors Orders, PPE conservation, practices for people that are experiencing symptoms and mental health management.

BCGHD will release a COVID-19 Epidemiology Report on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. All reports will be posted and available on the BCGHD website: <http://health.bcoho.us/>

6. Support of Individuals in Quarantine:

Once positive cases or their contacts are identified, they are placed in quarantine or isolation. Each day, BCGHD contacts each family or individual. BCGHD assess each person's symptoms, food and supply needs, and discusses any changes in illness severity. When needs are identified, public health develops a plan to meet those needs. Food and supplies are delivered to the individual(s) in quarantine and isolation. Questions regarding symptoms and disease containment are relayed to an RN and/or an epidemiologist who in turn follows-up with the individual.

Our staff is being assisted by two volunteer nurses from Lakota High School were trained and started assisting in daily calls to individuals in quarantine. This helps our staff to get rest and some time away from the work that is going on 7 days/week.

7. Coordination with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH):

BCGHD continues to participate in ODH Local Health Department conference calls, twice weekly. Guidance, updates and response plans are discussed, including updates from the ODH Director, Dr. Amy Acton.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- [Ohio Website on Coronavirus](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control Website on Coronavirus](#)
- [Coronavirus COVID-19 Global Cases by Johns Hopkins CSSE](#)

CONTACT INFORMATION

- **Butler County General Health District: 513-863-1770**
- **Butler County Emergency Management Information Hotline: 513- 785-5800**
- **Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 Call Center: 1-833-427-5634**

BC EOC DONATION, VOLUNTEER & ASSISTANCE MANAGEMENT DATABASE

Please use this survey if you are interested in donating, volunteering, or if you are in need of assistance. Provide your information and they will add your information to the database. This list will be used to meet the needs of our community by connecting those in need with those who can help. They will have partners connect you if they can be of service. Thank you for helping make Butler County a safer place to live, work, and play.

Link to survey: <https://arcg.is/DL4yu>

