Statistics

The Ohio Department of Health’s website provides the most current statistics and trends.

For the State of Ohio:

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<th>Key Indicators</th>
<th>Total Reported Cases</th>
<th>Last 24 Hour Reported Cases Change</th>
<th>21 Day Reported Case Average</th>
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<td>Cases</td>
<td>43,122</td>
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<td>Deaths</td>
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All data is based on when an indicator is reported and will not match data in other COVID-19 dashboards provided by the Ohio Department of Health. All other dashboards are based on onset date, date of hospitalization, or date of death.

For Trumbull County: County Dashboard
How is Ohio Doing in the Fight Against the Coronavirus?

While new cases are reported every day, and people are still dying of the disease, every day, the good news is that fewer in each category are being reported. For example, through June 18, the total number of Ohio cases was 43,122, with 700 new cases June 18. The Trumbull County case total is 682, with only seven new cases reported June 18. Deaths in Ohio are 2,633, with 22 on June 18 alone. In Trumbull County 54 people have died, none on June 18. 

Forecast

Since businesses in Ohio began their phased re-opening May 1, the number of new cases and deaths have declined. The trend is generally attributed to compliance with the Governor and ODH’s orders and advice about staying in place and social distancing. Some people believe that case counts increase because of better and more available testing.

How are Other States Doing in Their Battles Against the Coronavirus?

The news on this subject is mixed. Many states are similar to Ohio, with continued new cases and deaths, but dropping rates in each category. There are a number of states, however, in which it is theorized that business re-openings combined with reduced social distancing have led to drastic increases in cases. ABC article As of June 12, rising rates were reported in 21 states. US News article
News

Long Term Care – Best Practices

There are many sources for information about the best practices in the long-term care setting. For example, CDC developed a COVID-19 Infection Control Assessment and Response (ICAR) tool. It was developed to help nursing homes minimize the risk of and deal with coronavirus disease. Health departments and providers can also use this tool to guide quality improvement activities. Items assessed in the ICAR support certain key strategies, strategies which are common to all of the published guidance documents.

• Keeping COVID-19 out of the facility
• Identifying infections as early as possible
• Preventing spread of COVID-19 in the facility
• Assessing and optimizing personal protective equipment (PPE) supplies
• Identifying and managing severe illness in residents with COVID-19

Some of the actions which are designed to attain those goals include:

- Developing visitor policies for general and unusual circumstances, such as end-of-life
- Allowing only access by “necessary personnel”
- Logging anyone who accesses the facility
- Proper isolation and quarantine procedures
- Transmission-based precautions (per CDC guidelines)
- Reducing or eliminating group activities
- Enforcing social distancing
- Increasing resident and employee health screening
- Increasing facility cleaning
- Using “consistent assignment staff models” to reduce the number of staff to whom residents are exposed
- Eliminating non-essential out of facility trips
- And using masks

For details we suggest several websites. For example, within ODH’s general site is the ODH checklist for long term care facilities (4/13/20).

The CDC maintains information about preparing for COVID-19 in nursing homes.

There is a news story (5/13/20) about U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) recommendations for best practices in long term care settings, as well as the toolkit recommendation itself.
**Other Resources**

The ODH has a comprehensive site, Statistics and Orders, which addresses statistics and the Governor’s orders and guidance on a variety of topics.

Another general and comprehensive resource is the AMA Physicians Guide to COVID-19. There is an entire subsection devoted to information about re-opening one’s medical practice with COVID-19 precautions in mind.

Finally, many people believe that the practices developed during the pandemic will remain in place, to varying degrees. One of those practices is the “virtual” medical visit. The American Hospital Association (AHA) has published a best practices piece about “virtual care and telehealth.”
COVID-19 Mental Health Careline

The Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (MHAS) announced the launch of a new mental health COVID-19 careline for Ohioans. Trained staff will be available to provide emotional assistance to anyone struggling with mental health concerns due to the ongoing stress of the pandemic. All calls will be confidential.

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