

# Ashtabula County COVID-19 Situation Report #39

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

Date: 12/29/2020

Until: 2 p.m. 12/30/2020

Prepared by: Jennifer Cleveland

## YOUR ASHTABULA COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH COVID-19 TEAM

Raymond Saporito MPH, Health Commissioner  
Wayne Kawalek, MD, FACEP, Medical Director  
Christine Kettunen, PhD, RN, Director of Nursing  
Jennifer Cleveland, MS, Emergency Response Dir.;  
Rondell Armour, MPH, Public Health/Epidemiology  
Terrell Booker, BS, Emergency Response Planner

Chris Hill, Ashtabula City Health Commissioner  
Nichele Blood, Conneaut City Health Commissioner  
Jay Becker, MPH, Administrator  
Ryan Seiple, Health Educator  
Sanitarians & Public Health Nurses  
Contact Tracers

## Case Information by Jurisdiction

### Ashtabula County Health Department

- Cumulative Positives – ~~2,689~~ **2,886**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~23~~ **29**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~227~~ **256**
- Deaths – ~~57~~ **59**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~1,589~~ **1,645**
- **Active Cases – ~~290~~ 234**

### Ashtabula City Health Department

- Cumulative Positives – ~~822~~ **872**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~7~~ **6**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~60~~ **62**
- Deaths – ~~15~~ **17**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~673~~ **794**
- **Active Cases – ~~109~~ 73**

### Conneaut City Health Department

- Cumulative Positives – ~~438~~ **499**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~7~~ **5**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~42~~ **51**
- Deaths – ~~10~~ **12**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~351~~ **395**
- **Active Cases – ~~80~~ 92**

### Ashtabula County Total COVID-19

- Cumulative Positives – ~~3,949~~ **4,257**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~36~~ **40**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~333~~ **369**
- Deaths – ~~82~~ **88 +6**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~2,613~~ **2,834**
- **Active Cases – ~~479~~ 399**

Testing week of 12/22-12/29: 140 positives from 543 tested = **25.7% positivity**. Down from 26.5%.

Total Isolation/Quarantine orders sent since first case of COVID-19 at ACHD: **3,202**

Congregate Living Data: Residents- 297; Employees – 192; Total 489.

**Percentage of Total Cases:** Congregate – **11.5%** vs. Community Spread – **88.5%**

-Rondel Armour, Epidemiologist

## Incident Overview:

A pandemic of the novel coronavirus has now killed more than 1.7M worldwide.

Over 81 million people across the globe have been diagnosed with COVID-19, the disease caused by the new respiratory virus, according to the data compiled by the Center for Systems Science and Engineering at Johns Hopkins University.

As of 12/29/2020, global COVID-19 cases reached ~~77,708,508~~ **81,681,986** with ~~1,710,128~~ **1,781,713** deaths. The United States leads every country/region/sovereignty with ~~18,101,653~~ **19,410,043** confirmed cases of Covid-19 and ~~320,864~~ **336,325** deaths. Ohio has ~~637,032~~ **682,570** confirmed cases and ~~8,252~~ **8,722** deaths. Ashtabula County combined health districts have ~~3,949~~ **4,257** cases, and ~~82~~ **88** deaths.

## Current risk assessment:

- Nationally, surveillance indicators tracking levels of SARS-CoV-2 circulation and associated illnesses declined or remained stable during week 51 compared with week 50.
  - At least one indicator used to monitor COVID-19 activity increased in three regions (Regions 2 [New Jersey/New York/Puerto Rico], 6 [South Central], and 9 [South/West Central]) during week 51 compared with week 50. The remaining seven regions reported a decreasing or stable level of SARS-CoV-2 virus circulation and mild/moderate illness during week 51.
- The overall cumulative COVID-19-associated hospitalization rate through the week ending December 19, 2020, was 313.3 hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
  - Overall weekly hospitalization rates reached their highest point at 16.7 per 100,000 during the week ending November 21, 2020 (MMWR Week 47) and have remained elevated but stable since that time. Hospitalization rates for the most recent weeks are likely to change as additional data are reported for those weeks.
  - The cumulative age-adjusted hospitalization rates for Hispanic or Latino persons, non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native persons, and non-Hispanic Black persons were approximately 3.6, 3.5, and 3.1 times those of non-Hispanic White persons, respectively.
- The percentage of deaths due to PIC has been increasing since the beginning of October and has exceeded the percentage of deaths due to PIC observed during the summer peak. Data for the most recent two weeks currently show a decline, but that is likely to change as additional death certificates are processed.
- Estimates from previous weeks are subject to change as data are updated with the most complete data available.

(CDC, Updated December 28, 2020)

## HEALTH DEPARTMENTS OF ASHTABULA COUNTY-RECENT ACTIVITIES

### Health Departments of Ashtabula County Activities

- Medical Countermeasures/Vaccine Administration
- Contact Tracing

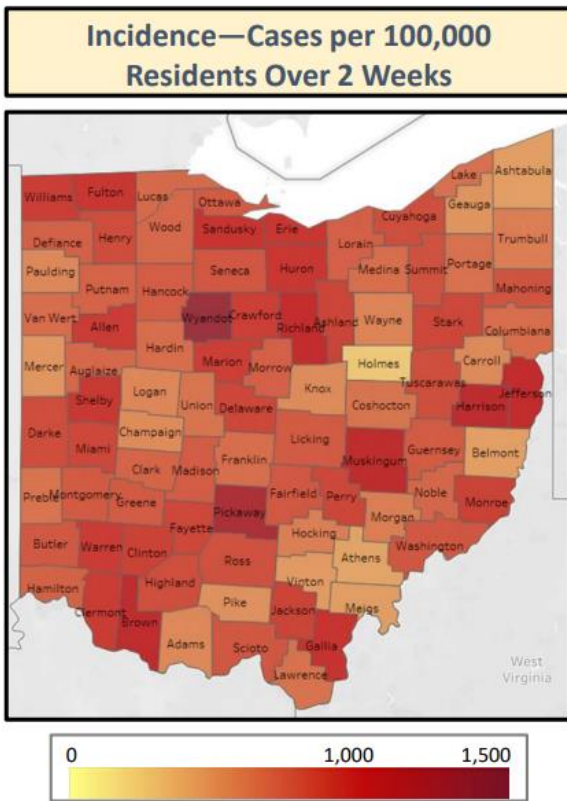
- Q & I Management
- Managing violation complaints
- Public Health Services-Other

**VACCINE:**

[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Update: December 28, 2020 | FDA](#)  
[Emergency Use Authorization for Vaccines Explained | FDA](#)

[V-safe After Vaccination Health Checker | CDC](#) ★

ODH/Governor DeWine  
[Overview \(ohio.gov\)](#)



CDC  
[Things to Know about the COVID-19 Pandemic | CDC](#)

WHO  
[Coronavirus disease \(COVID-19\) \(who.int\)](#)

FEMA  
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) Response | FEMA.gov](#)

HHS  
[Coronavirus \(COVID-19\) | HHS.gov](#)

CMS  
[Current emergencies | CMS](#)

Ohio Department of Aging  
[Department of Aging | Ohio.gov](#)

The White House  
[President Trump's Effort To Provide Americans With A Safe And Effective Vaccine Is Delivering Results | The White House](#)

---

## COPING

[From the camera rolls of American phones, glimpses of 2020 \(apnews.com\)](#)

**We are happy to announce...**

Signature HEALTH

ASHTABULA COUNTY  
MHR Mental Health & Recovery Services Board

**Healthcare Workers  
Counseling  
Helpline**

**(440) 578-8208**

This Helpline has been established to support Healthcare workers during these difficult times.

MHR Board & Signature Health want you to have the support you need to take care of yourself and your patients.

This Helpline is staffed by Signature Health Counselors and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Emergency Information for Meeting Basic Needs- Dial 211  
Person to Person Warmline- Call or Text (440) 855-0214  
Substance Use Disorder Crisis Helpline-24/7- (800) 577-7849  
Suicide Prevention Crisis Hopeline-24/7- (800) 577-7849  
Suicide Crisis Text Line-Text 4HOPE at 741741  
Children Services Hotline-24/7- (888) 998-1811  
Homesafe Domestic Violence Hotline- (800) 952-2873  
National Domestic Violence Hotline- (800) 799-7233  
Clients Rights and Advocacy- (440) 992-3121  
Ohio Dept. of Mental Health & Addiction Services- (877) 275-6364  
Substance Abuse & Mental Health Services Administration National Helpline- (800) 662-HELP (4357)  
Rape Crisis Center Hotline- (440) 354-7364

## LOCAL/REGIONAL/STATE HEADLINES

- [Ohio reports single-day spike of 62 COVID-19 deaths and 4,519 new cases](#)
- [Shipping services continue to be overwhelmed by pandemic](#)
- [#SaveOurStages: Second COVID-19 stimulus package includes money for live-music stages](#)
- [Members of the Ohio National Guard have begun receiving the COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- ['A total, chaotic mess': Holiday mail delays cause troubles for Cleveland's small businesses](#)
- ['It's finally here': Caregivers at Hudson nursing home welcome COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- [Cleveland cafe chef and business owner struggles to keep doors open amid coronavirus crisis](#)
- [Ohio reported increase of 2,210 student, 1,323 staff coronavirus cases in K-12 schools last week](#)

- [Shaker council eyes a 'perfect storm' in public works response, belated CARES Act funding](#)
- [Olmsted Township hands out holiday dinner meals to seniors and families in need](#)

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES

- [State Capitols Face Showdown Over COVID Powers and Spending | US News](#)
- [Biden to invoke Defense Production Act to boost vaccine production](#)
- [US House approves \\$2,000 COVID-19 relief checks, bill heads to GOP-led Senate](#)
- [Study: Kids get coronavirus at gatherings more often than school](#)
- [CDC: Nearly 2 million Americans have been vaccinated](#)
- [What is 'herd immunity' and why are we trying to reach it?](#)
- [More people flew Sunday than on any other day since the pandemic began](#)
- [Fauci says worst is probably still ahead](#)
- [Want to travel and attend events in 2021? You may need a COVID-19 passport](#)
- [More COVID-19 vaccines in the pipeline as US effort ramps up](#)
- [As COVID-19 ravages US, shootings, killings are also up](#)
- ['Quarantine Buddy' website aims to virtually connect people, fight loneliness during pandemic](#)
- [Family blames haircut after couple dies from COVID-19 just 10 days apart](#)
- [Sisters give birth 90 minutes apart after weathering pandemic pregnancies](#)
- [Novavax's COVID vaccine to be studied in the US](#)
- [Texas hits new record high of COVID-19 hospitalizations](#)
- [As Hospitals Rollout COVID-19 Vaccines, Health Care Workers Describe Chaos And Anger](#)
- [Arizona sets record for COVID-19 patients in ICU](#)
- [Coronavirus 'long haulers' experiencing fishy, sulphur smells: reports](#)
- [Why a Michigan doctor is driving coronavirus vaccines from hospital to hospital in a Honda](#)
- [Black, Latina and immigrant mothers are losing jobs as COVID-19 child care crisis grows](#)
- [Fauci: Mutant coronavirus strain must be taken 'very seriously'](#)
- [WHO calls for expanded measures to find coronavirus variants](#)
- [China sentences lawyer who reported on coronavirus outbreak to 4 years](#)
- [Study says Britain must vaccinate two million a week to prevent a third COVID-19 wave](#)
- [Covid-19: Health workers 'back in eye of storm', says NHS chief](#)
- [Russia admits to world's third-worst Covid-19 death toll](#)

## 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
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
LECI	Lake Erie Correctional Institution
LHD	Local Health Department
LTC	Long-term care
ODE	Ohio Department of Education
ODH	Ohio Department of Health
ODRC	Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Corrections
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