

# Ashtabula County COVID-19 Situation Report #40

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

Date: 1/5/2021

Until: 2 p.m. 1/6/2021

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 – ~~2886~~ **3,091**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~29~~ **19**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~256~~ **275**
- Deaths – ~~59~~ **63**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~1,645~~ **1,756**
- **Active Cases – 234 269**

### Ashtabula City Health Department

- Cumulative Positives – ~~872~~ **947**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~6~~ **4**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~62~~ **67**
- Deaths – ~~17~~ **18**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~794~~ **839**
- **Active Cases – 73 85**

### Conneaut City Health Department

- Cumulative Positives – ~~499~~ **526**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~5~~ **3**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~51~~ **53**
- Deaths – ~~12~~ **15**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~395~~ **450**
- **Active Cases – 92 61**

### Ashtabula County Total COVID-19

- Cumulative Positives – ~~4,257~~ **4,564 +307**
- Current Hospitalized – ~~40~~ **26**
- Cumulative Hospitalized – ~~369~~ **395**
- Deaths – ~~88~~ **96 +8**
- Symptoms resolved – ~~2,834~~ **3,045**
- **Active Cases – 399 415**

Testing week of 12/29/20-1/5/2021: 40 positives from 305 tested = **13.1% positivity**. Down from 25.7%.

Total Isolation/Quarantine orders sent since first case of COVID-19 at ACHD: **3,422**

Congregate Living Data: Residents- 345; Employees – 209; Total 554.

**Percentage of Total Cases:** Congregate – **12.1%** vs. Community Spread – **87.9%**

-Rondel Armour, Epidemiologist

## Incident Overview:

A pandemic of the novel coronavirus has now killed more than 1.8M worldwide.

Over 86 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 1/5/2021, global COVID-19 cases reached ~~81,681,986~~ **86,093,941** with ~~1,781,713~~ **1,862,126** deaths. The United States leads every country/region/sovereignty with ~~19,410,043~~ **20,903,619** confirmed cases of Covid-19 and ~~336,325~~ **355,371** deaths. Ohio has ~~682,570~~ **735,003** confirmed cases and ~~8,722~~ **9,247** deaths. Ashtabula County combined health districts have ~~4,257~~ **4,564** cases, and ~~88~~ **96** deaths.

## Current risk assessment:

- Nationally, surveillance indicators tracking levels of SARS-CoV-2 circulation and associated illnesses declined or remained stable during week 52 compared with week 51; however, there were regional differences.
  - Five regions (Regions 2 [New Jersey/New York/Puerto Rico], 3 [Mid-Atlantic], 4 [Southeast], 6 [South Central] and 7 [Central]) reported an increase in percentage of specimens testing positive for SARS-CoV-2 during week 52 compared with week 51.
  - Three regions (Regions 2 [New Jersey/New York/Puerto Rico], 4 [Southeast] and 6 [South Central]) reported an increase in at least one indicator of mild/moderate respiratory illness during week 52 compared with week 51. These three regions and Region 9 [South/West Central] have also reported an increasing trend in the percentage of visits for CLI and/or ILI since October. The remaining six regions have reported a stable or declining trend in the percentage of visits for CLI and ILI.
- The overall cumulative COVID-19-associated hospitalization rate through the week ending December 26, 2020, was 326.7 hospitalizations per 100,000 population.
  - Overall weekly hospitalization rates reached their highest point at 16.9 per 100,000 during week ending December 5, 2020 (MMWR Week 49) and remain elevated. Rates in recent weeks have declined but these rates are likely to change as additional data are reported.
  - The cumulative age-adjusted hospitalization rate for both Hispanic or Latino persons and non-Hispanic American Indian or Alaska Native persons was 3.5 times that of non-Hispanic White persons, and the rate for non-Hispanic Black persons was approximately 3.1 times that of non-Hispanic White persons.
- 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 three weeks currently show a decline, but that is likely to change as additional death certificates are processed. Due to the large number of deaths reported in recent weeks and the holidays, the change in recent weeks may be larger than usual.
- Estimates from previous weeks are subject to change as data are updated with the most complete data available.

(CDC, Updated January 4, 2021)

## 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:

[Benefits of Getting a COVID-19 Vaccine | CDC](#)

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

[Myths vs. Facts COVID-19 Vaccine | Ohio.gov](#)

**Ohio's Vaccination Program**  
– *A Phased Approach*

**GOALS** Save lives and slow the spread of the virus. In the early vaccination phase, supply will be limited. The speed at which Ohio will move through the phases is largely dependent upon the number of vaccine doses available.

**PHASE 1** **Supply Limited**  
Vaccine is available in limited supply for specific critical populations. Ohio will focus on vaccinating those most at risk, as well essential healthcare workers and personnel caring for COVID-19 patients. Vaccines will not yet be available for all Ohioans.

**PHASE 2** **Supply Increasing**  
Vaccine is increasing and available for other specific critical populations who choose to be vaccinated. Vaccines will not yet be available for all Ohioans.

**PHASE 3 - 4** **Widely Available**  
Once the vaccine is widely available, Ohio will continue to strategically vaccinate Ohioans if they choose. During these phases, vaccines will begin to be available to all Ohioans.

*As supply increases, COVID-19 vaccines will be available to all Ohioans who **choose** to be vaccinated.*

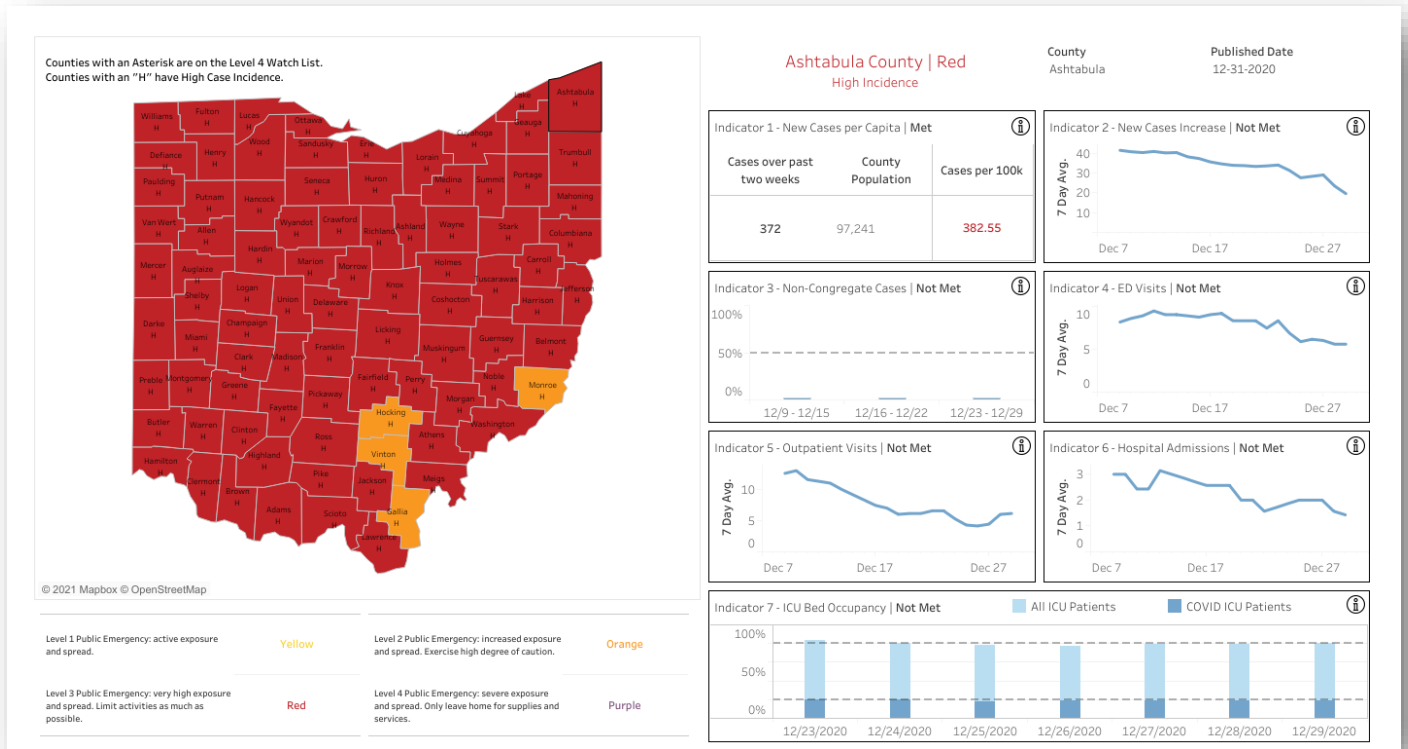
MIKE DEWINE GOVERNOR OF OHIO | Ohio Department of Health | [coronavirus.ohio.gov](https://coronavirus.ohio.gov)

ODH/Governor DeWine

[COVID-19 Update - Dec. 30, 2020 \(ohio.gov\)](#)

[noncongregate-shelter-3rd-amended.pdf \(ohio.gov\)](#)

WATCH: <https://youtu.be/UzpfJVykCz0>



CDC  
[Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) | 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  
[The White House](#)

## COPING

### [WATCH: It's OK to not be OK Ohio's Careline](#)

The graphic features a white background with a red border. At the top left, it says "Signature HEALTH" with a logo. Below that is "ASHTABULA COUNTY Mental Health & Recovery Services Board". The main headline reads "We are happy to announce...". In the center, a red rounded rectangle contains the text "Healthcare Workers Counseling Helpline" and the phone number "(440) 578-8208". Three grey rounded rectangles contain additional information: "This Helpline has been established to support Healthcare workers during these difficult times.", "MHRS Board & Signature Health want you to have the support you need to take care of yourself and your patients.", and "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

- o [No clear date for next phase of vaccine distribution | Coronavirus | starbeacon.com](#)
- o [Jewel's Dance Hall in Ashtabula County cited for violating state COVID-19 health orders, announces temporary closure | myfoxzone.com](#)
- o [County schools plan for classes | Local News | starbeacon.com](#)
- o [Newly-elected Ohio senate president tests positive for virus](#)
- o [Ohio's COVID vaccination rollout beginning to pick up steam](#)
- o [DeWine hopes to have all students in the classroom by March](#)
- o [Cleveland food bank to rely on donations in new year](#)
- o [Willoughby bar owner petitions to stay open for upcoming Browns, Buckeyes games](#)
- o [Up to 86% of University Hospitals' health care workers willing to get COVID-19 vaccine](#)
- o [Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebrations moved online due to coronavirus](#)
- o [Shaker football team fields 2 platoons in Greater Cleveland Food Bank's holiday distribution](#)
- o [Second shot goes into front-line arms, but when others will get COVID-19 vaccine unclear](#)

## NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL HEADLINES

- o [Entire South Carolina family get COVID-19 after Christmas gathering](#)
- o [COVID-19 Test Kit vending machines installed](#)
- o [Barstool Sports assisting some New York businesses struggling through pandemic](#)
- o [More than 4M Americans have received COVID vaccine](#)
- o [Entire 2021 NCAA men's basketball tournament in Indiana](#)
- o [Larry King removed from ICU, being treated for COVID-19](#)
- o [TSA screened 1.3M travelers Sunday despite CDC guidance](#)
- o [Government officials concerned about rising coronavirus rates after holidays](#)

- [Southwest Airlines floats \\$29 tickets for one-way fares](#)
- [Statehouses could prove to be hothouses for virus infection](#)
- [Biden inauguration to feature virtual, nationwide parade](#)
- [Vaccine dosing debates add to public confusion](#)
- [Chaotic vaccine rollout could cause hundreds of thousands of US COVID-19 deaths](#)
- [New York confirms case of fast-spreading COVID-19 variant first reported in the U.K.](#)
- [In deadliest week so far, U.S. loses more than 18,400 lives to COVID-19](#)
- [Authorities bust large New Year's Eve parties as coronavirus cases rise across U.S.](#)
- [Wisconsin pharmacist who intentionally spoiled COVID-19 vaccines believed they were 'unsafe'](#)
- [9 nuns died of Covid-19 at a New York convent in December](#)
- [Inflatable Christmas tree costume linked to 44 COVID-19 infections and one death at California hospital](#)
- [The cold chain is a problem for equitable Covid-19 vaccination](#)
- [UK prime minister orders new virus lockdown for England](#)
- [New lockdown announced for UK, schools now included](#)
- [Pope Francis skewers those vacationing amid pandemic](#)
- [Vaccination drive enters new phase in US and Britain](#)
- [UK starts giving people the Oxford COVID-19 vaccine](#)

## 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
CMS	Centers for Medicare and 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
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