

Jurisdiction & County Agency Situational Update Call
FCPH Public Health Update Notes
April 2, 2020

Franklin County Public Health Update

Operations:

- Case Count (As of 4/1/2020 @ 10:45 am)
 - Worldwide: 883,225 (454, 398=same time last week)
 - US: 189,753 (61,167 = same time last week)
 - Ohio: 2,199 (704=same time last week)
 1. Increase could be a result of more test results coming in and awareness.
 2. Dr Acton issued an order yesterday to guarantee that those not doing internal testing, use a local lab that can have results in 24-48 hours. This will ensure timely notification to those impacted.
 - Franklin County: 137 FCPH jurisdiction (32 = same time last week)
 - As of 4/1/20, FCPH is investigating 137 confirmed cases of COVID 19 outside of the cities of Columbus and Worthington. Age range is 2 years old to 84, illness onset dates 2/29-3/30, including 22 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.
- Masks for the public
 - Guidance from CDC – masks are not to be worn by the general public. People are wearing homemade masks, bandana or scarfs for protection. The CDC says that only those that are sick should wear masks to protect others.
 - The general public should not to wear m95 or surgical masks. Hospitals and medical staff are in high demand for these. Also, this could encourage those to go out in public, when they should be home.
- What everyone can do to decrease the spread
 - Continue to use hand sanitizer with a minimum of 60% alcohol, continue handwashing, practice social distancing, stay at home, only go for essentials – limit number of people going out in public, don't go visiting, monitor your own health.

Complaints, Cease & Desist Updates:

- Number of complaints/concerns – 341 (as of 5pm 04/01/20)
 - Majority of complaints are for: non-essential business, social distancing, and sanitizing high touch surfaces
 - Submit complaint intake form on our website covid-19.myfcph.org
- Enforcement
 - Cease and Desist Orders – 2 at this time; local law enforcement also helping with enforcement

- Education – business owners and the public, occasionally must provide verbal warnings
- Communication – follow up with business via phone or email, educate and encourage they follow guidelines, some require onsite investigations – bars, gyms, restaurants – no dining in, etc.

Communications:

- Key messages
 - National Slow the Spread extended through Apr 30
 - Current Ohio Stay at Home Order through April 6 – expect that to be extended today
 - Stay home as much as possible and otherwise practice social distancing. Your actions affect everyone around you. While you may not be at high risk, those around you are.
 - Older people and people with severe chronic conditions should take special precautions because they are at higher risk of developing serious COVID-19 illness.
 - 22-29 years of age have the highest number of confirmed cases in Franklin County
 - Ground Hog Day – Be Kind. Remember, this is difficult for everyone.
 - Preparing for hospital surge
 - For people who are ill with COVID-19, but are not sick enough to be hospitalized, please follow CDC guidance on how to reduce the risk of spreading your illness to others. People who are mildly ill with COVID-19 are able to isolate at home during their illness.
 - Rest
 - Stay home and distance yourself from others in your home • Wear a facemask • Cover your cough or sneeze • Regularly drink fluids • Use over-the-counter fever reducers • Use cough medications as needed
 - This will keep hospitals free for those that need it the most
- FCPH website and resources – visit often for the most up to date info. Add link to your website.
- Social media, information sharing
 - Help us. Be creative. Engage your residents and clients. Checking on neighbors needs, share what you are doing with family and kids, outside activities, etc. We appreciate all that you're doing,
- Jurisdiction case information
 - large scale exposure would be made public; we have a good hold on what's going on around there; don't want to give a false sense of security
 - We will continue to report cases that are in our jurisdiction

Logistics:

- County agencies are directed to request PPE supplies from EMA directly, and we are assisting if they are unsure with that process.
- Nonprofit and private companies requesting PPE supplies are working with us, and we are requesting the supplies from the EMA on their behalf. We don't know if or when they will be able to fulfill the requests.
- If companies don't want to wait, they can purchase hand or surface sanitizer through GoJo or Middle West Spirits, we are able to assist with connecting them.

Safety:

- Safety Officer Report
 - The majority of FCPH staff are teleworking, FCPH has put in place a temperature self-check process for all employees who find it necessary to come into the office. Employees will self-check their temperature upon arrival in the lobby. Infrared fever thermometers have been placed on the counter in the lobby and if a temperature above 100.4°F is recorded, the employee is to immediately return home, and CAN NOT enter the office area. Each employee is asked to record their temperature in the agency sign in book, also on the lobby counter. This procedure will continue each day until further notice.
 - Will be expanding our procedure in more detail with additional guidance.

Liaison:

- Liaison is working with New American representatives to increase the appropriate communication to all our communities.
- Participating on task forces that have been created in Bexley and New Albany to help their community members get the best information possible.
- Clinton Twp Produce market served over 200 families on Friday evening and gave out 11,000 lbs of produce. Big shout out to Clinton Twp Firefighters who helped pack and load food into cars and CPD who helped with traffic control
 - No food, no touch distribution to provide support to residents. Wear gloves, put in back seat of cars
- Reach out to Jennie McAdams if you have ideas with collaborations at JennieMcAdams@franklincountyohio.gov.
- Also, contact us If you know of any resources that are not on our website.

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)

William Murdock, Executive Director

- MORPC purpose to provide service to all local governments or agencies to provide support
 - Primarily transportation, access to critical info
- Hosting bi-weekly meetings
 - Tuesdays at 4:00 pm
- COVID-19 resource hub directed at local governments – MORPC.org
- Available to provide technical assistance with remote meetings
- Assess additional needs for agencies during this time
- Evaluating how best to work and plan for when the time for recovery comes
- Census kicked off yesterday – translates to funding for government and infrastructure
 - More important than ever to do online. Spread the word.

Thank you to all that FCPH is doing.

United Way of Central Ohio

Lisa Courtice, President and CEO

- Nonprofits are the 3rd largest industry in Central Ohio
- Sending survey to human service nonprofits in order to understand current threats they're facing
 - Will send every 2 weeks survey to stay on top of current situations
 - 66% have canceled large fundraising events
 - 54% plan to layoff or furlough staff
- Starting to plan for recovery
- Cash donations are most important right now
- Very important to reach seniors that are quarantined
 - Visit volunteerunitedcbus.org
 - Lists of needs and ways to donate; also links to these on United Way primary website
- Working to overcome non-English speaking barriers
 - Working in conjunction with WOSU to produce the Governor's daily press conferences in other languages

FCPH has been highly responsive and doing a great job communicating with residents and local agencies.

Franklin County Township Association

Chet Chaney, Chair

- The Auditor and Treasurer are considering extension on property taxes payment for 2 months
 - Only effects Franklin County
 - Next Tuesday they will be speaking on MORPC call
 - If happens, will have a huge financial impact on townships and village finances. Setting up form for townships and villages regarding: financial status, challenges being faced, etc.

The Association recognizes COVID-19 is a true emergency. Understand this impact is there for both business owners and residents, but it is essential to look forward to what services local governments will be able to provide to residents.

Call to Action – Planning

- Working with ESF (Emergency Support Function) partners at the Franklin County Emergency Management and Homeland Security (FCEMA&HS) to review response and ensure functional partnerships. Working closely on PPE distribution.
- Communicating Situation Reports to the ESF partners and fielding questions posed to ESF 8-Public Health.
- Ensuring all planning efforts for large scale response are up to date.
- Working with CPH on the distribution of PPE.
- Creating new forms and tracking mechanism as the response continues.
- Credential and verify new Medical Reserve Corps (MRC) Volunteers in the Ohio Responds Data Base as a part of the Franklin County & Columbus Medical Reserve Corps Volunteer Unit.
- Continue to monitor and respond to MRC volunteer requests in the community.
- Continue to stay engaged with all of our partners

Next Steps

We expect that this is going to accelerate – this is the time for us to collaborate and ramp up all that we're doing to get through this difficult time.

Thank you to all of you for your continued commitment and efforts. Please reach out for assistance, guidance, thoughts and collaborations.

Next Call:

Thursday, April 9th at 10:00 a.m.