



# Toledo-Lucas County Health Department Media Advisory

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

April 20, 2020

### **COVID-19 April 20 Update and Statement on Long Term Care Facilities**

The COVID-19 numbers for Lucas County for today, April 20, are as follows:

Total cases 822  
795 confirmed  
27 probable

Total Deaths 38  
38 confirmed  
0 probable  
Gender: 470 female, 352 male  
Age Range: 3-101

New deaths: 1 male in his 80s, 3 females in their 80's, and a female in her 90's. Please note that the dates of these deaths range from April 11-April 19. They were confirmed by the TLCHD through epidemiological case work.

The number of first responders in Lucas County in quarantine and isolation:

<b>Department</b>	<b>Number in Quarantine</b>	<b>Number in Isolation</b>
Lucas County Sheriff	14	11
Oregon Communications		2
Springfield Township Fire		1
Toledo Fire & Rescue	11	3
Toledo Police	3	
Holland PD	1	
Sylvania Fire		1
Whitehouse Fire	4	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>18</b>



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The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department (TLCHD) continues to work with the Ohio Department of Health, under guidance from the Centers for Disease Control, to ensure the health and safety of both residents and staff, in long-term facilities across Lucas County. These facilities remain a concern locally and across the country, as we respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please find below measures TLCHD has taken to protect one of the most vulnerable populations in our community:

- For a number of weeks, TLCHD has provided resources to long-term care facilities in Lucas County. These guidance documents include: cleaning protocols, isolation and quarantine guidance, resident safety including changes to daily meal locations, including the elimination of visitation and congregate activities. In addition, employer guidance has been provided to include: wellness checks at the beginning of each shift, laundered uniforms, access to and ensuring proper use of PPE.
- The Ohio Department of Health actively collaborates with long-term care facilities in need of additional care, training, or intervention.
- Positive and probable cases of COVID-19, both employees and residents, are to be reported to TLCHD from long-term care facilities.
- Positive and Probable cases are notified by the Health Department and the contact tracing process will begin for each case.
- If a single facility has been determined to have an outbreak, TLCHD will provide additional guidance and oversight.
- In addition, once a facility has been determined to have an outbreak, the TLCHD assigns an epidemiologist to work specifically with the facility. The assigned epidemiologist will provide further individual guidance on cases and support the facility.
- A newly created protocol with local hospital partners, will start to provide testing for residents at long-term care facilities in Lucas County. TLCHD will coordinate the testing between the long-term care facility and respective hospital system. The hospital systems participating include: ProMedica, Mercy, St. Lukes, and UTMC.
- TLCHD continues to follow guidelines established by the Ohio Department of Health on the public communication of long-term care facility case numbers across the state, on a weekly basis.



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A map of Lucas County showing confirmed COVID-19 cases by zip code can be found at [lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/](https://lucascountyhealth.com/coronavirusupdates/).

For information on COVID-19, please visit [www.LucasCountyHealth.com](https://www.LucasCountyHealth.com). The 24/7 Lucas County Community COVID-19 Call Line Numbers are: 419-251-4000 (English only) and 419-291-5355 (multilingual). The public is asked to call 419-213-4161, press 4, and leave a message to report COVID-19 related concerns such as non-essential businesses operating, essential businesses not adhering to guidelines, or crowds gathering. The Ohio Department of Health COVID-19 website is [www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov](https://www.Coronavirus.Ohio.Gov) and the Ohio Department of Health hotline is 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-833-427-5634).

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