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Tuscarawas County Health Department

# Tuscarawas County Health Department's COVID-19 Weekly Report

May 15, 2020

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## ODH Call Center

1-833-4-ASK-ODH  
Open Seven Days a Week  
From 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

**States with  
25,000 or more  
Cases of COVID-19\***  
\*As of May 14, 2020

- California (73,164)
- Connecticut (35,464)
- Florida (43,210)
- Georgia (36,004)
- Illinois (87,937)
- Indiana (26,053)
- Louisiana (33,489)
- Maryland (35,903)
- Massachusetts (82,182)
- Michigan (49,582)
- New Jersey (142,704)
- New York (343,051)
- Ohio (26,954)
- Pennsylvania (59,636)
- Texas (43,851)
- Virginia (27,813)

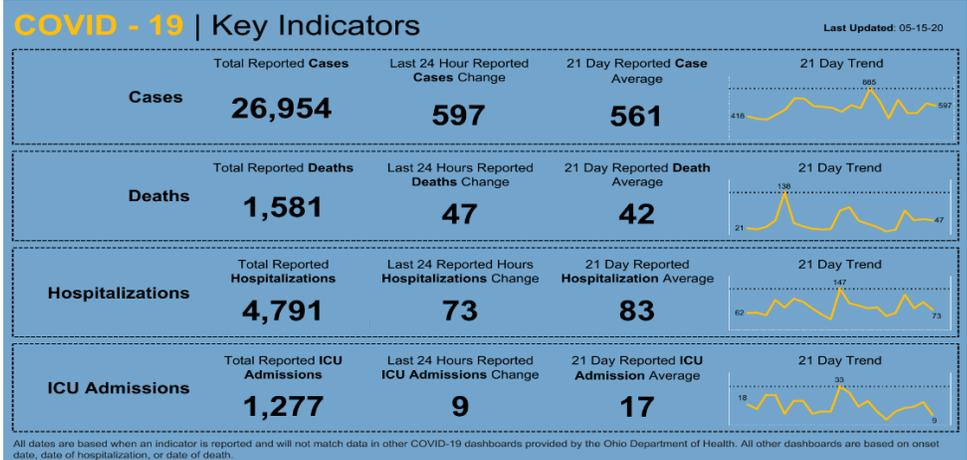


## Situation Numbers\*

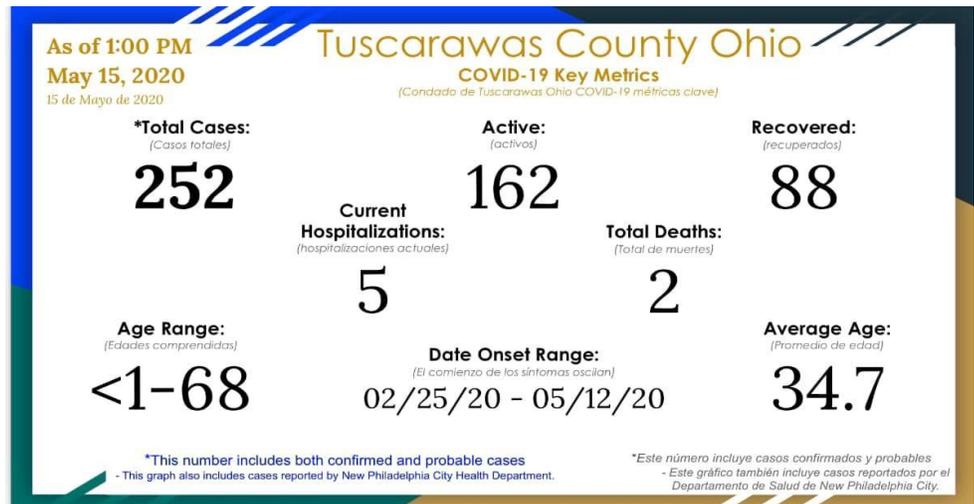
**Globally\*** (As of May 14, 2020)  
4,248,389 total cases of COVID-19; 292,046 deaths (6.9%)

**United States\*** (As of May 14, 2020)  
1,384,930 total cases of COVID-19; 83,947 deaths (6.1%)

**Ohio:** More details available at: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/home>



## Tuscarawas County:



"As our restrictions are removed, may we continue to hide treasures along walking trails, paint kindness rocks, deliver random care packages, and genuinely seek out opportunities to connect and share a smile." ~Anonymous

## RESPONSIBLE RESTART OHIO SCHEDULE MAY 2020\*

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Hospital, Medical, Dental, & Veterinary	2 Retail (curbside, & by appt.)
3	4 Construction Distribution Manufacturing Offices	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Consumer, Retail & Service Businesses	13	14	15 Restaurants/Bars (Outdoor Seating) Salons/Barbershops	16
17	18	19	20	21 Restaurants/Bars (Indoor Seating) Campgrounds	22 Horse Racing	23
24	25	26 BMV (limited) Gyms Sports Leagues <sup>1</sup> Pools <sup>2</sup>	27	28	29	30
31 Childcare Day Camps	<sup>1</sup> Low-contact or non-contact <sup>2</sup> Does not apply to water parks or amusement parks *Specific safety protocols must be met. Visit <a href="http://coronavirus.ohio.gov">coronavirus.ohio.gov</a> for complete details as they become available.					

### TUSCARAWAS COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q. How can I learn more about antibody tests?**

A. We are looking forward to learning more about antibody testing and how best to use this data. There are no definitive answers yet. However, the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) is researching the effectiveness and accuracy of antibody testing. Once ODH provides information and guidance, we will share that information on our Facebook page and website and with the local media.

**Q. Do workers have to wear masks if they are working outside or by themselves in an office?**

A. Those who are working alone or more than 6 feet away from others outdoors or those who work in an enclosed office by themselves do not have to wear masks.

**Q. Is the recent increase in confirmed cases due to an increase in availability of testing?**

A. No. Test availability has remained consistent in Tuscarawas County. There has been an increase in the number of people who are sick and meet the requirements to obtain COVID-19 testing. Essentially more testing is being done due to more individuals meeting the testing criteria but the availability of testing has remained consistent locally.

**Q. Is the recent increase in confirmed cases due to the 10 institutional (employer) based outbreaks?**

A. The recent increase in cases is due to a combination of direct contact and community spread. The institutional outbreaks have contributed to the number of cases but are not the only cases occurring. There are still cases of community spread, meaning that someone has tested positive for COVID-19 with no known contact of the virus.

**Q. Why don't you inform the public where the 10 outbreaks are, so those places can be avoided?**

A. To protect patient privacy, we do not share details about specific cases. Case Farms chose to make the information about the outbreak at their facility public. The TCHD would not have otherwise shared that information.

**Q. Are places of employment required to tell the staff if there is an outbreak at their facility?**

A. This is an employer based decision. Regardless our COVID-19 Response team works closely with the employer to contain the outbreak and stop virus spread.

**Q. Who should I contact if I have concerns/complaints about a local business not following safety protocols?**

A. Complaints can be sent to [eh@tchdnow.org](mailto:eh@tchdnow.org). Complaints about businesses within the New Philadelphia City limits must be directed to the New Philadelphia City Health Department.

**Q. Is the order of gatherings not exceeding 10 people still in effect?**

A. Currently, this order is in effect through at least May 29, 2020. Please remember that 10 is not a magic number, virus spread is still possible in groups of less than 10.

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