

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE – OCTOBER 9, 2020

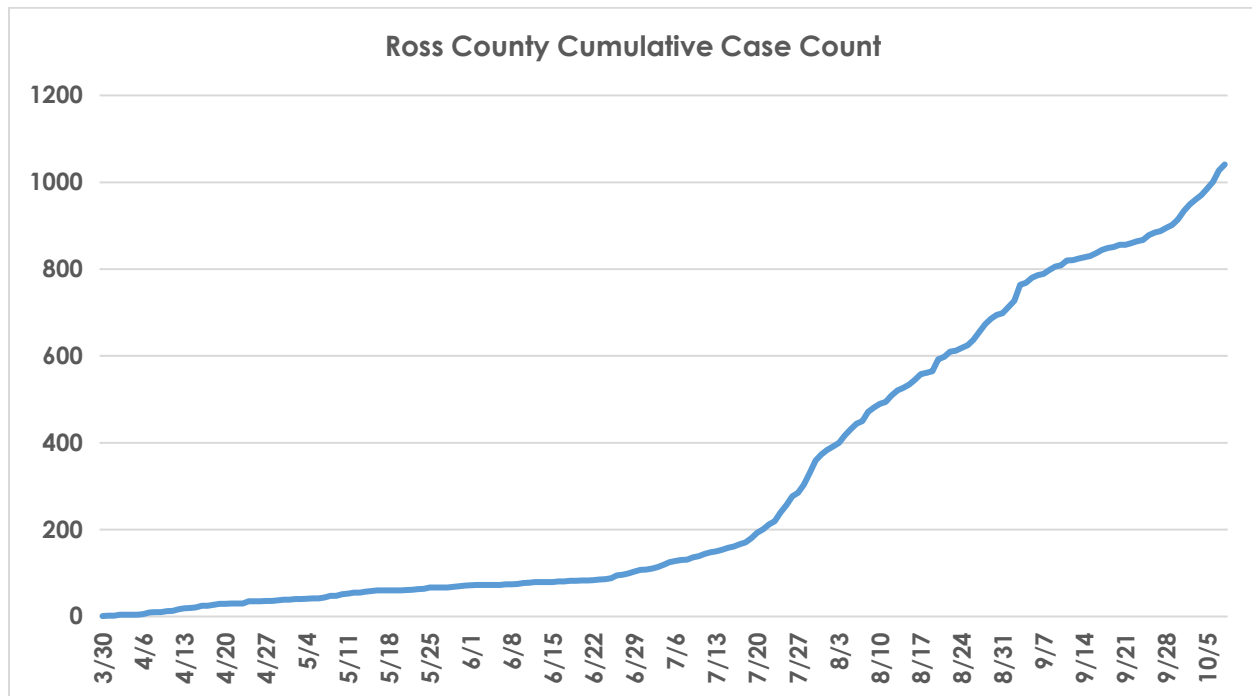
The Ross County Health District (RCHD) certainly understands the impact and frustration that this pandemic has had on all our lives. As our cases and deaths continue to rise, it is critical that we keep all who have been affected by COVID-19 in our thoughts.

Over the last two weeks, an average of 12.4 members of our community have tested positive for COVID-19 per day. This is nearly a 170% increase since September 23, 2020. Additionally, we have seen an increase in emergency department visits from individuals experiencing COVID-19 symptoms. On average, 4.6 people per day are visiting the emergency department for COVID-19 symptoms. This is an increase from 2.1 people per day on September 26, 2020. With this in mind, and as flu season begins, we are urging all residents to remain vigilant and adhere to all public health recommendations to help slow the spread of COVID-19. Below you will find a cumulative report about the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within our community.

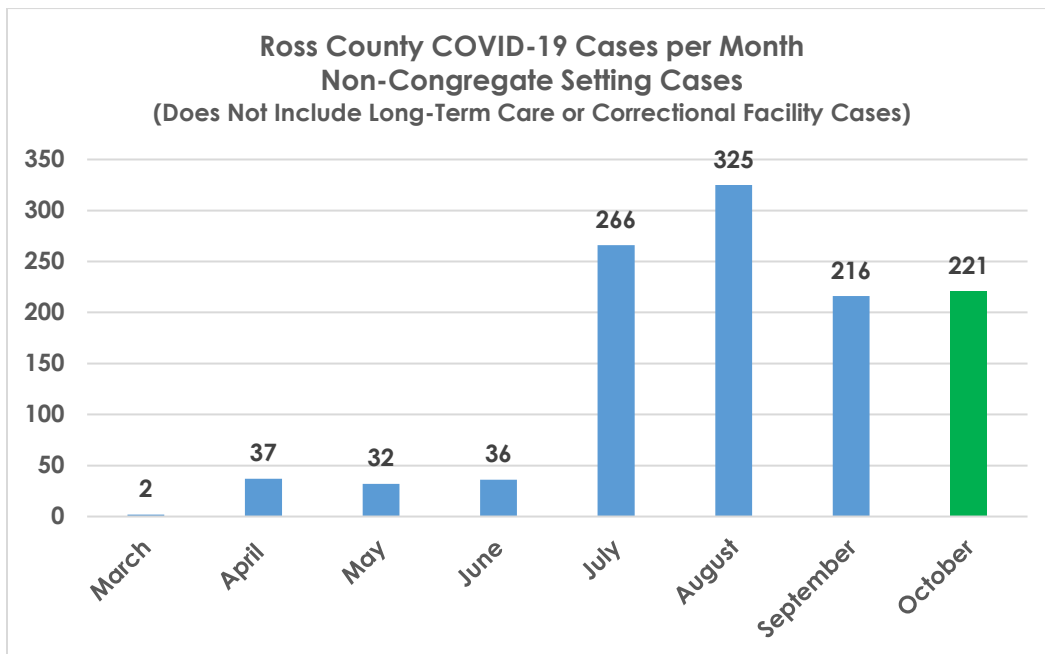
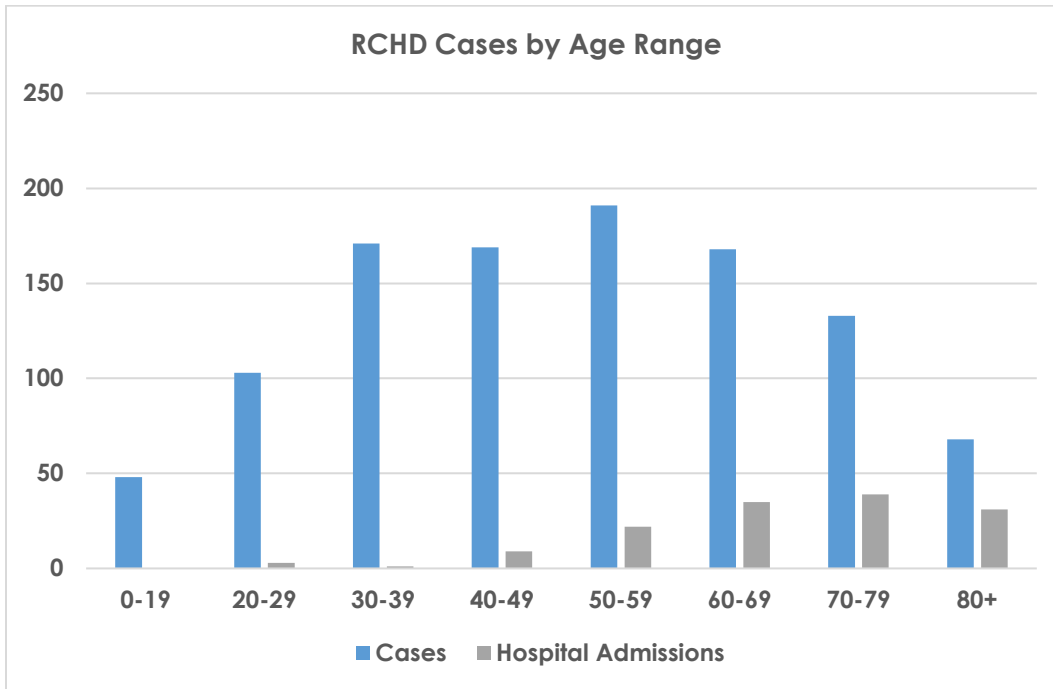
Additionally, we are encouraging all residents to get your flu shot. In addition to our community clinics, RCHD will be offering a drive-thru flu clinic on October 27, 2020 at Yoctangee Park from 9am-11am and 1pm-3pm. You can find a list of flu clinics and providers on our website (www.rosscountyhealth.org).

Cumulative COVID-19 Data and Information through October 7, 2020

Note: All data is preliminary and subject to change as new information is reported to RCHD / ODH.

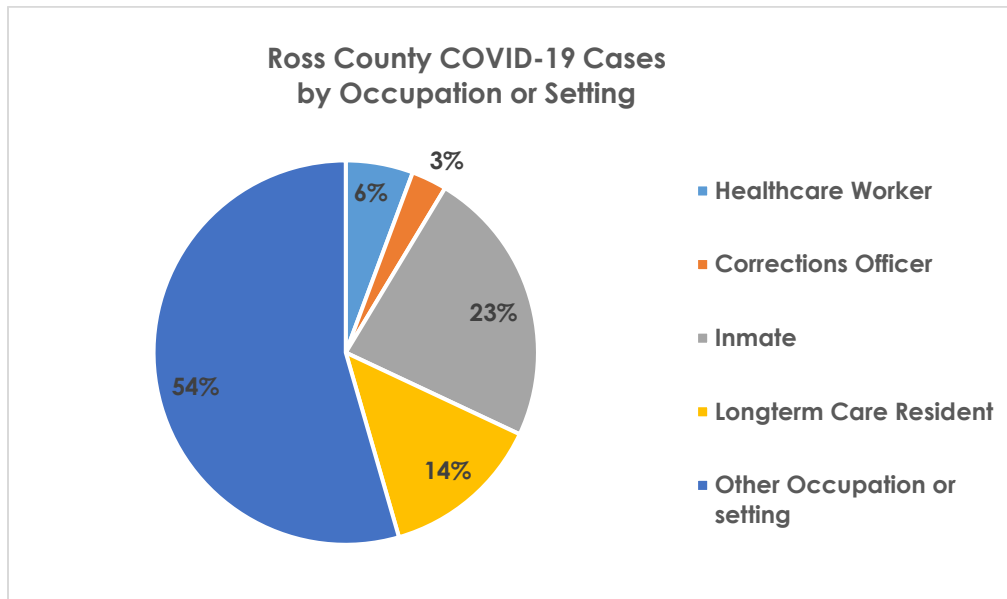
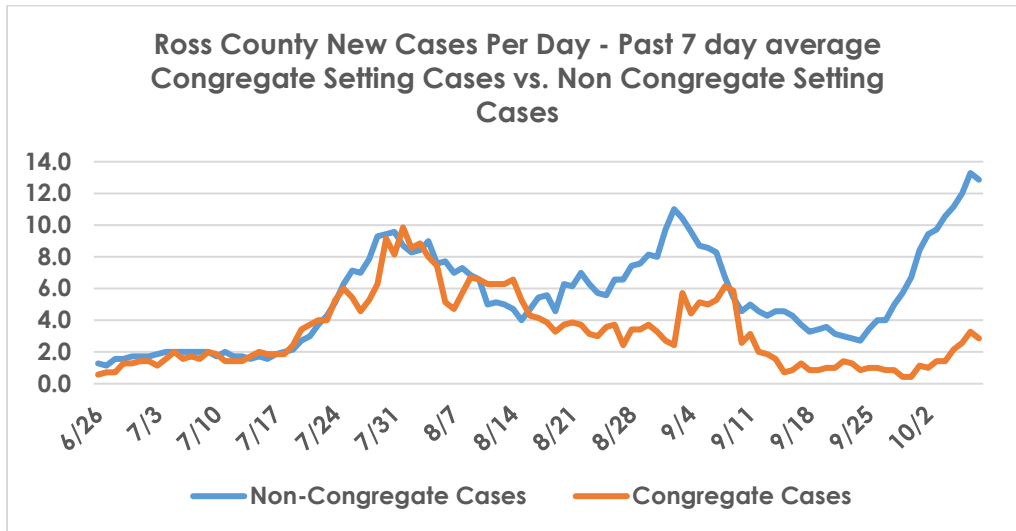


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October includes cases between 10/1-10/8.

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Schools and COVID-19

RCHD continues to work alongside our school administrations regarding positive COVID-19 cases. The data below is cumulative as of October 7, 2020. We continue to receive daily reports of positive cases within our schools, and we report those numbers every Tuesday to the Ohio Department of Health.

School District	Cumulative Student Cases	Cumulative Staff Cases	Total Cumulative Cases
Adena Local School	3	2	5
Chillicothe City School	2	4	6
Huntington Local School	0	0	0
Paint Valley Local School	1	2	3
Pickaway Ross Vocational School	0	0	0
Ross County Board of DD	0	1	1
Ross County Christian Academy	0	0	0
Ross-Pike ESC	0	0	0
Southeastern Local School	1	0	1
Union-Scioto Local School	1	5	6
Zane Trace Local School	0	2	2
Total	8	16	24

Long-Term Care Facilities

Total cumulative cases (residents and staff) related to Long-term Care Facilities: **219**

Total deaths related to Long-term Care Facilities: **12**

Facility Name	Cumulative Resident	Cumulative Staff*	Total Cases
Advancing Abilities- Scioto Trails Group Homes	0	1	1
Heartland of Chillicothe	54	14	68
Liberty Village	6	4	10
National Church Residences	0	5	5
Signature Healthcare	29	25	54
The Vineyards at Concord	0	1	1
Valley View Care Center	0	3	3
Westmoreland of Chillicothe	52	25	77

*Staff cases may include residents that live in other counties and are not included in the overall RCHD case count.



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Case Investigation Information

Over the last few weeks, we have seen an increase in non-congregate COVID-19 cases. These cases are because of an increase in the prevalence of COVID-19 within our community. Through our contract tracing efforts, we have found several events or locations where individuals have been exposed. This includes churches, schools, employers, sporting events, sleepovers, birthday parties, and family gatherings. Events like these have been linked to at least two or more cases. It is important to remember that COVID-19 precautions should be maintained when gathering with others outside of your home.

COVID-19 Complaints and Enforcement

RCHD continues to respond to COVID-19 complaints. Our staff work to ensure that businesses are following all applicable public health orders. Additionally, we have supplied signage, handouts, and other materials to help businesses in maintaining compliance. Below is a list of complaints that RCHD has received from May 21, 2020 – October 7, 2020. During this time, RCHD has investigated a total of 473 complaints.

Type of Facility	Number of Complaints	Type of Facility	Number of Complaints
Gas Stations	69	Governmental	8
Social Clubs/Bars	25	Corrections/Jail	4
Grocery Stores	47	Manufacturer	23
Golf Courses	2	Schools	17
Racetracks	11	School Sports	6
Churches/Religious Facilities	4	Retail - Unlicensed	48
Automobile Dealerships	4	Retail - Licensed	52
Restaurants	99	Miscellaneous	11
Medical Facility	21	Metro Apt	2
Hotel	1	Salons/barber shops	5
Nursing Homes	13	Private Home	1

Precautions

All residents are urged to continue to follow all COVID-19 precautions. The data has shown that social distancing, face coverings, and avoiding group gatherings can help slow the spread of COVID-19 within our community. As we move forward into the flu season, the precautions we take will not only help reduce the transmission of COVID-19 but will also help in maintaining appropriate hospital capacity.

For more information, please visit www.rosscountyhealth.org or www.coronavirus.ohio.gov.