

COVID-19 COMMUNITY UPDATE – OCTOBER 22, 2020

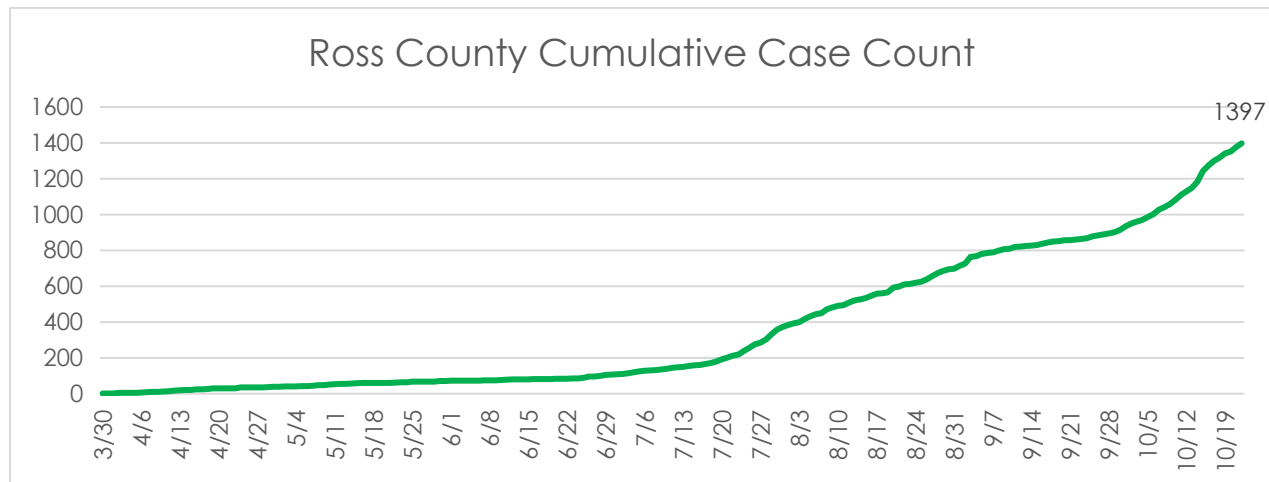
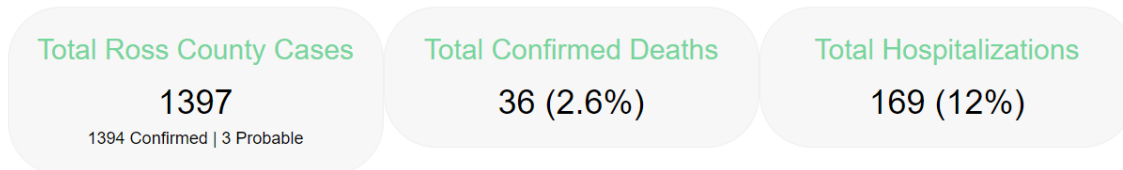
The Ross County Health District continues to understand the impact and frustration that this pandemic has had on our lives. As our cases and deaths continue to rise, it is critical that we keep all who have been affected by COVID-19 in our thoughts.

Since October 8, 2020, Ross County has remained a “Red County” on Ohio’s Public Health Alert System due to the increase in COVID-19 cases and related activity. The system has designated Ross County as “High Incidence” of COVID-19 cases due to the increase of the incidence rate of cases per 100,000 population tracked in the system. In the month of October alone, Ross County has had more reported COVID-19 cases than in any other month so far in the pandemic. Looking at the numbers over the last two weeks, Ross County is on the increase in average number of cases per day, increasing from an average of 12.4 members of our community have tested positive for COVID-19 per day on October 8, 2020 to 15.7 on October 22, 2020. This is nearly a 27% increase since October 8th. 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.

As we continue to fight COVID-19, we are encouraging all residents to get your flu shot. 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). Below is a cumulative report regarding the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic within our community.

Cumulative COVID-19 Data and Information through October 22, 2020

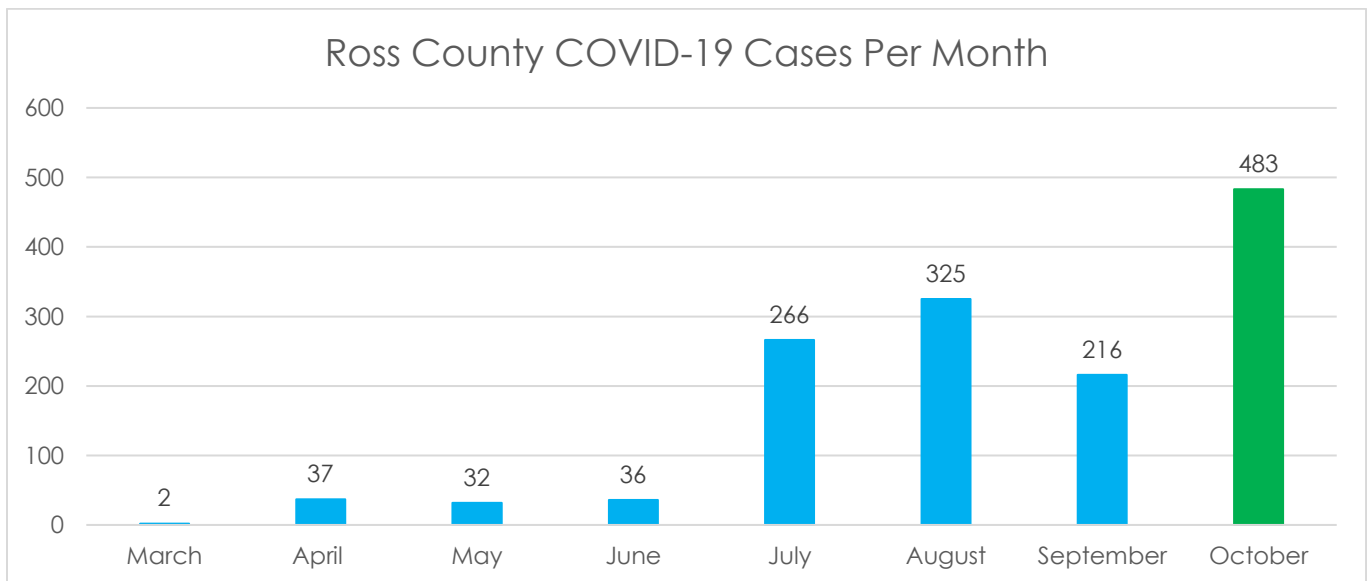
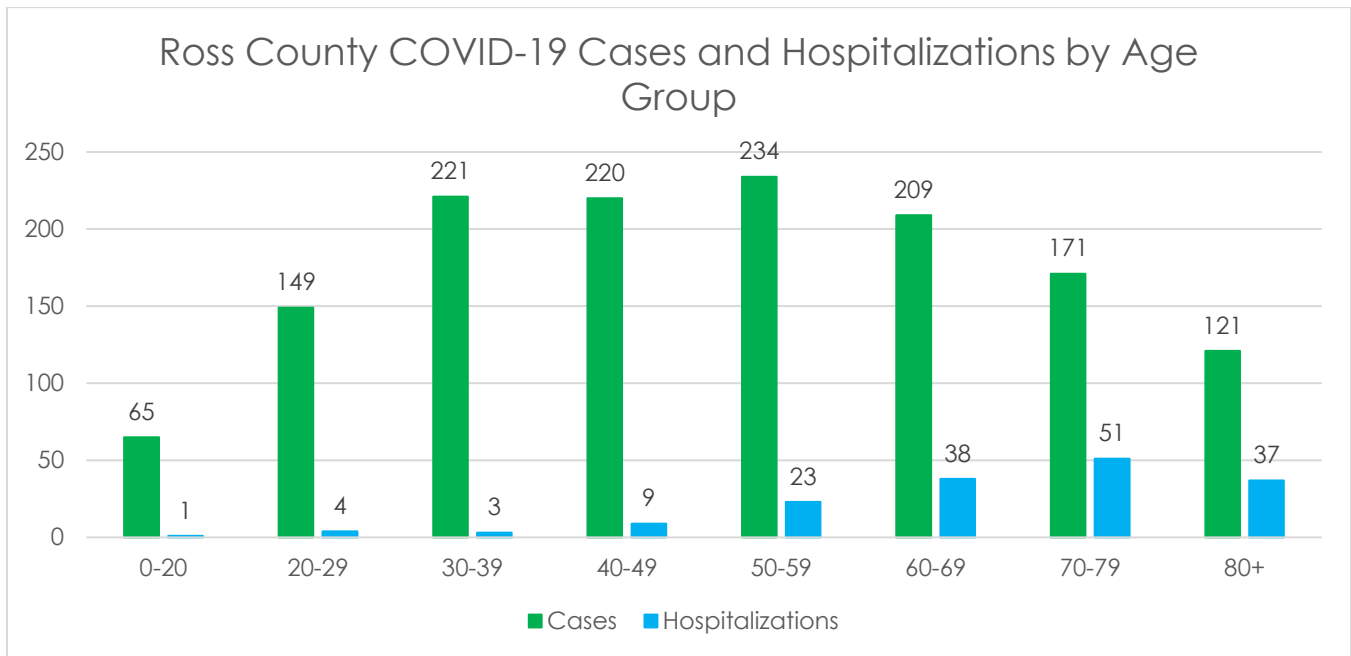
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Cumulative COVID-19 Data for Ross County Cases October 22, 2020

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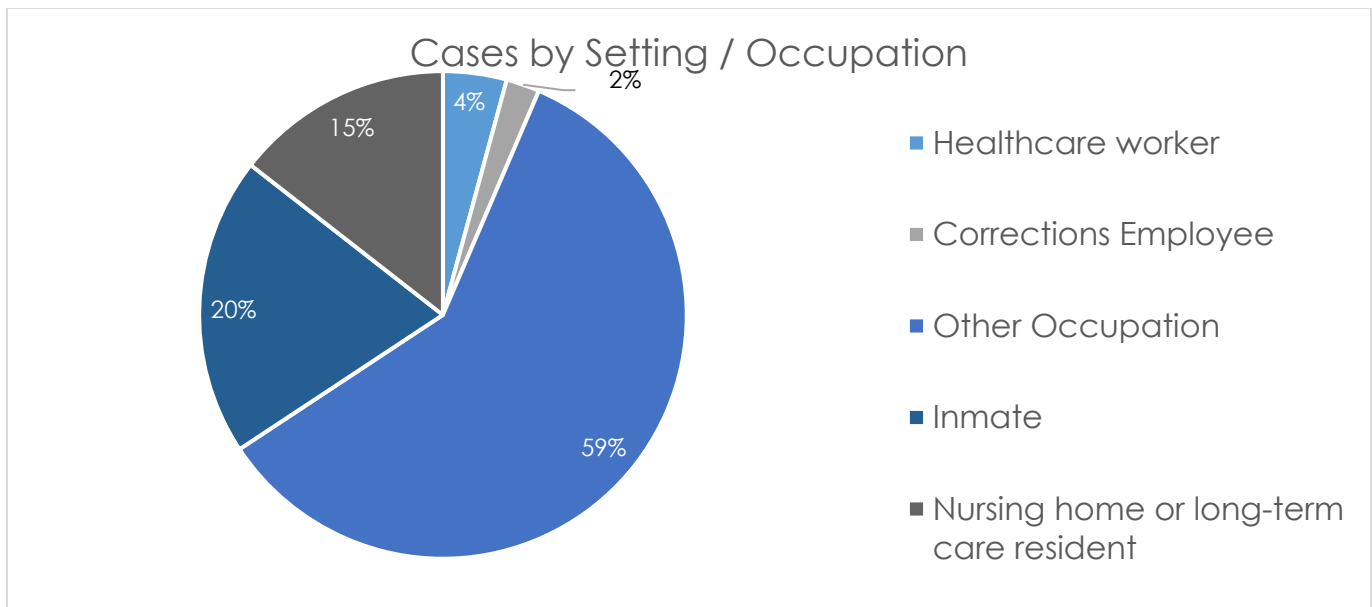
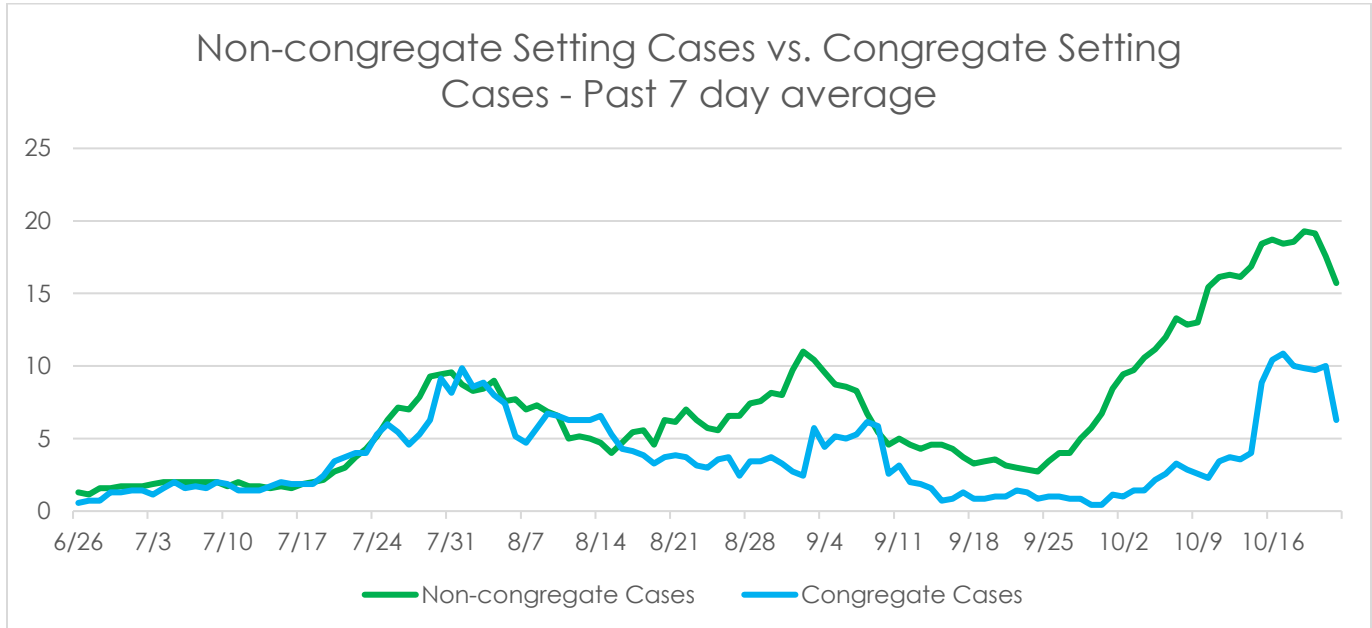


**October includes cases between 10/1-10/22.

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Ross County Cases by Case Setting as of October 22, 2020

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Schools and COVID-19

RCHD continues to work with alongside our school administration regarding positive COVID-19 cases. The data below is cumulative as of October 21, 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	3	6
Bishop Flaget School	0	1	1
Chillicothe City School	7	5	12
Huntington Local School	0	3	3
Paint Valley Local School	2	2	4
Pickaway Ross Vocational School	1	0	1
Ross County Board of DD	0	1	1
Ross County Christian Academy	0	0	0
Ross-Pike ESC	0	2	2
Southeastern Local School	3	1	4
Union-Scioto Local School	2	10	12
Zane Trace Local School	1	3	4
Total	19	30	49

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: **13**

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	20	9	29
National Church Residences	2	5	7
Signature Healthcare	60	43	103
The Vineyards at Concord	0	1	1
Valley View Care Center	34	7	41
Westmoreland of Chillicothe	55	25	80

*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 continue to see a steady occurrence of non-congregate setting 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/locations where individuals have been exposed. This includes churches, schools, office environments, 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. This includes keeping 6 feet from others and wearing a mask. Always remember to wash your hands often and to stay home from work, school, or attending gatherings when sick.

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 22, 2020. During this time period, RCHD has investigated a total of 576 complaints.

Type of Facility	Number of Complaints	Type of Facility	Number of Complaints
Gas Stations	71	Governmental	8
Social Clubs/Bars	25	Corrections/Jail	4
Grocery Stores	54	Manufacturer	23
Golf Courses	2	Schools	27
Racetracks	11	School Sports	7
Churches/Religious Facilities	6	Retail - Unlicensed	54
Automobile Dealerships	5	Retail - Licensed	88
Restaurants	111	Miscellaneous	28
Medical Facility	21	Metro Apt	2
Hotel	1	Salons/barber shops	8
Events	5	Private Home	1
Nursing Homes	14		

In Conclusion:

RCHD would like to thank our community, schools, businesses, healthcare systems and everyone for their continued effort in addressing COVID-19 in our community. As we enter the fall and winter season, we must remain vigilant and keep up our guard against COVID-19 to avoid continued increase in cases.

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