

1 Contribute

The Mental Health and Recovery Services Board (MHRSB) authorized the use of up to \$2,000,000 in State Opioid Response, Regional Opioid Crisis Flex, State and Federal Block Grant and local levy funds to contract with OhioMHAS licensed providers located within Lucas County for the purpose of maintaining essential services including access to crisis services and access to treatment services including medication and housing stability.

The Ohio Supreme Court released up to \$4,000,000 in court technology funding. This funding will enable courts to augment or obtain needed equipment and/or services for video hearings and web conferences.

The City of Toledo (\$951,152) and Lucas County (\$58,008) have been awarded Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) through the Bureau of Justice Affairs, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Affairs. Funding is targeted for Coronavirus prevention, preparation, and response.

2 Connect

Regular press conferences are held by Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lucas County leaders to provide up to date information related to the state and local response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Lucas County leaders receive a daily briefing on Lucas County's pandemic response prepared by the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The MHRSB is hosting a monthly virtual call with all behavioral health providers, hospitals, care providers and other health stakeholders in the community. During this meeting stakeholders provide updates on existing policies and procedures, trends, success and challenges in direct response to COVID-19.

Testing has expanded in Lucas County as part of a collaboration between the Lucas County Health Department, Board of Lucas County Commissioners and Community and Cooperate Partners to establish COVID-19 testing sites for Lucas County Residents. On June 11, the State of Ohio expanded testing for all individuals from all testing priority groups. The Lucas County Health Department has a map of locations available on their website.

COVID Emotional Support Line
419-442-0580

3 Collaborate

The EOC was activated to coordinate the Lucas County Response to COVID-19.

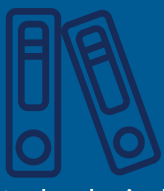
Lucas County has also created a Grant Strike Taskforce charged with monitoring the Coronavirus, Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES Act) and coordinating with local behavioral health and criminal justice stakeholders to ensure Lucas County applies for every funding opportunity possible.

4 Coordinate

The Screener and Linkage (SAL) Project remains operational. This project takes place inside the Lucas County Corrections Center. This project includes the screening of every person booked into the jail utilizing the Brief Jail Mental Health Screener. The second component of this project includes coordinators housed within the jail that providing brief case management to those individuals who screen positive for mental illness. The coordinators then connect individuals to treatment within the local behavioral health community.

Criminal Justice agencies are leveraging social media to provide up-to-date information to the community. The Toledo Bar Association has a webpage dedicated to posting the most current court orders related to court operations.

Obstacles turned into Opportunities



Increase technological capabilities

Leveraging technology to increase operational efficiencies

Redesigning the criminal justice process

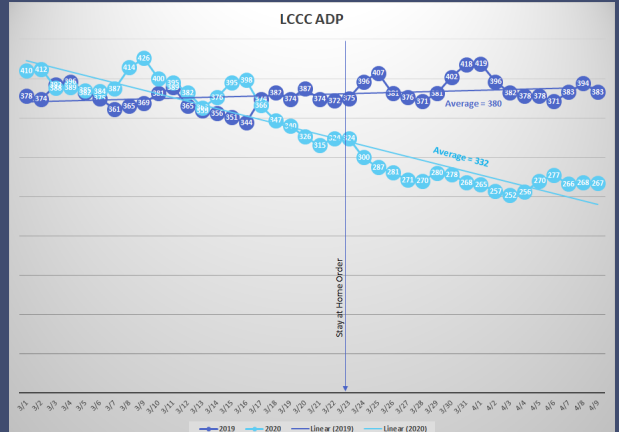


Begin discussions around the need for increased cross system data sharing

Develop a robust cross system information sharing infrastructure

Lucas County Corrections Center

Strategies are in place to depopulate the jail. A daily review of inmates is taking place utilizing the PSA. Restrictions on inmate movement include: social distancing and limiting number of folks held in one area. All modules contain soap, water and paper towels and are sanitized 3 times per day. All property is bagged. After each intake, staff wash their hands, apply a new set of gloves, and clean each respective processing area before the next intake. Other precautions include: limiting the amount of arrestees and officers in Booking at any given time. The jail has identified quarantine/isolation space. In addition, enhanced medical screening is taking place. All arresting officers and arrestees have their temperatures taken. Additional questions have been added to the medical screening at intake. Based on their answers the Nurse will assess and addresses each inmate. Any inmate suspected of having Covid-19 is separated (single holding cell area). Steps to quarantine the jail population are also in place such as: N-95 masks and eye protection; briefings are now held in the release area of Booking; the control booth is off limits to everyone except the assigned officer and sergeant.



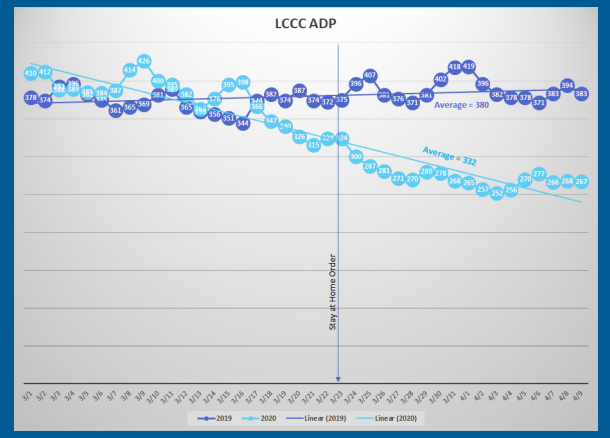
Release and Reentry Strategies



- Screener and Linkage (SAL) Project (see intersection of behavioral health and criminal justice section)
- Opportunity Project – serving as a resource for public defenders to link individuals to appropriate resources
- Connection to mentors
- Reentry coordinator is working on strategies on how to navigate reentry in the current environment
- Suspension of work release or weekend stays
- Limits placed on contract beds or inmates held on detainers

Corrections Center of Northwest Ohio

CCNO implemented coronavirus measures on March 22. One measure included closing the facility to the public. During the closure, the facility has followed coronavirus protocol set forth by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Williams County Health Department. Measures include the option of cloth masks for the 180 staff members and 535 inmates. New inmates are quarantined from the rest of the population for their first two weeks in a dorm area created for isolation and completely sanitized between its uses. Temperatures are taken three times daily. Six-foot distancing is a regular practice between staff and inmates. The temperatures of inmates in the regular population are taken once a day, and floors are marked with six-foot distancing reminders. Common areas and individual units are sanitized with a bleach and water mix three times each day. Many inmates wear the cloth masks made for them and in accordance with CDC standards. Inmate training and work programs have been suspended. Area courts have been asked to consider electronic monitoring and GPS sentencing. Due to positive tests, further restrictions were put in place: CCNO temporarily suspended the acceptance of new inmates. During that time Sheriffs and judges had the ability to incarcerate individuals believed to be a risk to the public or to themselves. The idea was to create bed space to cohort the symptomatic with the symptomatic and the asymptomatic with the asymptomatic. The ODRC is now accepting inmates from CCNO. However, many courts are continuing sentencing hearings.



Courts

Restrictions enacted on courthouse access • LCCP – limited hours (8:30 – noon) • TMC – limited access to integral parties • Social distancing is being practiced in judges and staff scheduled • Each court is minimizing the number of judges/staff in the court at any one time • Some employees have the ability to work from home. Limits place on court operations (both civil and criminal). Initial bail setting practices • Increased use of video technology • The Ohio Supreme Court has released emergency funding to increase video technology capability of Ohio Courts. • Video arraignments are being used. Attorney and judge are in the courtroom • Video attorney-client conferences for in custody defendants • Video visitation • Any specialized docketing. Approaches to handling specialty courts • Drug Court • Housing Court • Veterans Court • Reentry Docket



Law Enforcement

- Modified arrest policies
- Expansion of cite and release
- The level of response and PPE usage is dictated based on the circumstances and intelligence known
- Suspension of warrant arrests - Law enforcement issue a new court date unless a judge waives the person arrested or a non-summonsable warrant
- Shifts
- Officers are working three consecutive 12 hour shifts followed by 5-6 days off.
- This schedule limits possible exposure among officer
- Isolation housing is available to all first responders
- Toledo Police Department is encouraging citizens to report crimes via the Telephone Reporting Unit (TRU) and Citizen Online Reporting System (COPRS) to minimize contact.

Pretrial, Probation, and Parole

- Changes to producing pretrial risk assessment (PSA).
- PSA reports not involving an in-person interview are being conducted from a remote location.
- Staff has been streamlined at the jail. One pretrial booking officer is still working at the jail and completing required tasks in addition to the PSA. Work from home staff are completing PSAs as needed to assist in office staff.
- Revised supervision strategies/approaches.
- Modified drug testing practices.
- Suspending technical probation/parole violations
- Expansion of EM, house arrest, etc.



Public Defenders Office

The Toledo Legal Aid Society (TLAS) represents approximately 20,000 indigent clients per year in six area courts. TLAS also represents clients that are being held at the Lucas County Corrections Center; CCNO; and in the Ohio prison system. TLAS has adjusted operations based on shifting court policies aligned with current state recommendations. During this time, TLAS has tried to maintain a lot of communication with our local judges, court administrators, and other system partners. Internally, TLAS management communicated with staff to best inform and educate employees. Although, each court adopted different approaches to handling this situation, each court has greatly reduced the number of ongoing court events. This has largely been accomplished by continuing out of custody cases. Planning involved figuring out how to be mindful of social distancing in handling our responsibilities to our clients while also developing a strategy to avoid overly burdensome caseloads once there was a return to normal court operations. TLAS has done the following in response to the Covid-19 situation:

- * Reduced the number of attorneys and office staff that consolidated to our TMC and juvenile court offices
- * Allowed certain staff to work remotely;
- * Limited the number of attorneys and court dockets
- * Consolidated/modified job duties
- * Weekly Zoom meetings for different groupings of attorneys
- * Circulated reports of clients in LCCC, CCNO for TMC, SMC, OMC, MMC, and LCCC attorneys to review to file motions to modify bonds or sentences
- * Encouraged reviews of scheduled court events to facilitate early discussions with the prosecutor's office as to case resolutions
- * Participated in a Judicial Release Project in partnership with the Ohio Public Defender
- * Recognized that the court interruptions caused by the Covid-19 crisis allowed our organization to pause and review how we had historically operated with an eye toward identifying where we could potentially implement improvements to our operations
- * Recognized that the court interruptions allowed our organization to have the time and resources needed to further a number of important projects.

Juvenile Justice

The Juvenile Court is open with restrictions. The following programs are temporarily suspended: Pro Se Legal Clinics; Safety Council Youth Driving Program; Car teens; CASA training; Family Navigator; Parent Classes.

The Detention Center and Youth Treatment Center is open, ALL visitation with youth is suspended and any outside volunteers entering either facility have been suspended. Telephone calls with youth are currently taking place.

Juvenile Clerk's Office is rescheduling some hearings. Any cases being postponed are those in statutory time frames and public safety is not an issue. Hearings still taking place are: Neglect and Abuses cases, Detention Hearings, Dependency, Domestic Violence and Community Detention Hearings.