



SITUATION REPORT: COVID-19

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Executive Summary:

Hamilton County Public Health (HCPH), the Ohio Department of Health (ODH), Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and World Health Organization are closely monitoring an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a novel (new) coronavirus (termed “COVID-19”) first identified in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, China in December 2019 and which continues to expand. The first confirmed case of COVID-19 in Hamilton County was announced on 03/19/2020 and the first two confirmed deaths were announced on 04/01/2020. As of the issuance of this Situation Report there are currently **1,048 (+116)** confirmed cases in Hamilton County, **241 (+16)** of which are hospitalized and **56 (+5)** deaths. Statewide, there are **16,325 (+1,186)** confirmed cases and **753 (+63)** deaths in Ohio, with **3,232 (+179)** hospitalizations in 87 (+0) counties. Nationally there are **979,077 (+95,073)** confirmed cases and **53,563 (+5,203)** reported deaths related to the disease. *****All statistics show increase over entire weekend (04/25-27/2020)*****

Local Declarations of State of Emergency:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Addyston VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Glendale VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> North College Hill CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Amberley VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Golf Manor VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Norwood CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Anderson TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Green TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reading CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Arlington Heights VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greenhills VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> St. Bernard VLG |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Blue Ash CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Harrison CTY | <input type="checkbox"/> Sharonville CTY (part) |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cheviot CTY | <input type="checkbox"/> Harrison TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Silverton CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cincinnati CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lincoln Heights VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springdale CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cleves VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lockland VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Springfield TWP |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Colerain TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Loveland CTY (part) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sycamore TWP |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Columbia TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Madeira CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Symmes TWP |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Crosby TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mariemont VLG | <input type="checkbox"/> Terrace Park VLG |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Deer Park CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Miami TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Village of Indian Hill CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Delhi TWP | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Milford CTY (part) | <input type="checkbox"/> Whitewater TWP |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Elmwood Place VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Montgomery CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Woodlawn VLG |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Evendale VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mt. Healthy CTY | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wyoming CTY |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fairfax VLG | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Newtown VLG | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forest Park CTY | <input type="checkbox"/> North Bend VLG | |

Other Declarations:

Hamilton County: March 12, 2020 | State of Ohio: March 9, 2020 | Federal Disaster: March 13, 2020

Hamilton County EOC Status:

Emergency Activation Level 2 – Partial EOC Activation

The Hamilton County EOC activated at 0800 hrs. on 03/13/2020 and will operate from 0800 – 1600 hrs., Monday through Friday, which includes a Joint Information Center activation.

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) Activated:

- #4 – Fire & EMS
- #5 – Emergency Management
- #7 – Resource Management
- #8 – Public Health & Healthcare Providers
- #15 – Emergency Public Information

Recurring Meetings and Press Conferences:

- [HC Commissioner Denise Driehaus Update](#) | Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 10:00 A.M.
- HC Community Leadership Update | Tuesdays at 11:00 A.M. and Fridays at 12:00 P.M. (closed to public)
- [Governor Mike DeWine Daily Press Conference](#) | Weekdays at 2:00 P.M.
- [City of Cincinnati COVID-19 Press Conference](#) | Monday, Wednesday, Friday at 03:30 P.M.
- First Responder/Essential Personnel Peer Support | Tuesday at 07:00 P.M. and Thursdays at 10:00 A.M.

Current Actions:

Both the Hamilton County and City of Cincinnati EOCs are operating concurrently at the Regional Operations Center. The State of Ohio transitioned to a Full EOC Activation on 03/25/2020. The Hamilton County Board of County Commissioners voted on 04/16/2020 to renew the County Declaration of Emergency for an additional 60 days.

Effective 03/18/2020 the Todd B. Portune Center for County Government is closed to the public. The following departments are located within the building: Auditor, Commissioners, Treasurer, Recorder, Building inspections, and Engineer's Office. A touchless temperature check is now required to enter the Hamilton County Courthouse.

Hamilton County Administration has announced budget cuts of up to 20% to reduce the financial burden of COVID-19 on County operations. New programs previously introduced under the 2020 budget will be canceled or discontinued. Furloughs of 240 County employees have been announced. County departments continue to develop and reevaluate budget plans to address anticipated funding shortfalls.

Hamilton County has allocated \$1.1 million to Strategies to End Homelessness to place high-risk individuals and families experiencing homelessness in motel/hotels. This will provide a safe space for these individuals to self-isolate and decrease shelter populations county-wide, allowing for more adequate social distancing. On 04/09/2020, the Board appropriated \$600,000 to Strategies from voter-approved indigent care tax levy and will vote next week on reallocating another \$500,000 of other federal funding.

Governor Mike DeWine has announced that May 1, 2020, the state will begin a phased-in reopening of the state economy.

- ❖ **May 1:** All health procedures that do not require an overnight stay in the hospital, veterinary practices, dental practices and doctors' offices.
- ❖ **May 4:** Manufacturing, distribution and construction
- ❖ **May 12:** Consumer retail and services

Any sectors not listed above will remain closed under the provisions of the statewide stay at home order issued on 03/23/2020 and amended on 04/06/2020. No timeframe for opening additional sectors has been announced at this time. Mandatory guidelines for business reopening (and those that have remained open) have been announced. A full list of sector specific operating requirements, responsible protocols and a list of business that will remain closed can be viewed at: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/responsible-restart-ohio/>. Employees will be eligible to apply for unemployment compensation benefits if they become ill and need to take an extended leave if not covered by a company policy.

All other public health orders not explicitly modified on 04/27/2020 remain fully in effect such as the restriction of gatherings more than 10 persons. Members of the public must continue to social distance, limit non-essential travel, stay home if symptomatic and will be highly encouraged to wear face coverings when visiting retail locations.

Organizations should begin to consider plans, policies and procedures for reopening that encompass the consideration that **COVID-19 will continue to be a threat throughout 2020 until the development of a vaccine.** Governor DeWine has announced that schools will not reopen for the remainder of the school year. No decision has been made regarding the fall of 2020.

Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton has issued a statewide stay at home order, effective at 2359 hrs. on 03/23/2020. On 04/06/2020 this order was extended until 05/01/2020 and include additional provisions and clarifications. All individuals currently living within the State of Ohio are ordered to stay at home with some exceptions for essential activities. Only essential travel and essential activities are permitted. Review the full order for additional information. Additionally, all non-essential businesses and operations must cease all activities within the State of Ohio under this order except minimum basic operations. The updated order includes a requirement for retail businesses to develop a maximum occupancy number for their stores that can prevent crowding and help maintain adequate social distancing. Retailers will be asked to enforce this occupancy number. A Dispute Resolution Board has been established to help businesses resolve issues related to varying enforcement of the order across the State. This order allows for travel into and out of the State to maintain the above minimum essential operations. Individuals entering the State of Ohio (excluding daily commuters) are asked to self-quarantine for 14 days. For the purposes of this order, essential businesses and operations that are allowed means healthcare and public health operations, human services operations, essential government functions and essential infrastructure. See attached order for complete list.

Governor DeWine announced that the State of Ohio will providing funding and training to allow local health departments to hire more contact tracers, with a goal of 1750 workers added by 06/01/2020.

Battelle Memorial Institute, in partnership with JobsOhio has made the [Critical Care Decontamination System \(CCDS\)](#), used to decontaminate used N95 respirators, available to Ohio hospitals for free for at least the next two weeks. Beginning Friday, Law Enforcement and EMS agencies will be able to utilize the CCDS for free as well. Agencies can bring used N95 masks to any Ohio State Highway Patrol post, OSHP will transport these masks to Battelle for decontamination; submitting organizations can pick the masks up at the post they were dropped off at. Guidelines will be sent out to all agencies by OSHP this week about how to participate in this program. Organizations should not drop off masks prior to receiving this guidance.



Previous Actions:





Previous actions and actions rendered redundant by more recent actions (such as previously listed closures encompassed in the March 23, 2020 Stay at Home Order have been removed. These actions can be viewed in previously released SitReps.


Potential Hazards:

- Pandemics can cause economic damage through multiple channels, including short-term fiscal shocks and longer-term negative shocks to economic growth.
- Individual behavioral changes, such as fear-induced aversion to workplaces and other public gathering places, are a primary cause of negative shocks to economic growth during pandemics.
- Some pandemic mitigation measures can cause significant social and economic disruption.
- Several instances of cyber-criminals and scammers sending fake COVID-19 themed communications offering hard to find medical supplies, stimulus relief check information or cures to the virus have been documented. Criminals will continue to attempt to exploit public anxiety and the needs of organizations for personal gain.

Community Lifelines:

Safety & Security Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
 <p>Safety and Security</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law Enforcement: No current disruption. The Hamilton County Police Chiefs Association has adopted the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office COVID-19 Contingency Plan as the preferred protocol for policing in each jurisdiction, with some adjustments for each municipality. This plan includes the implementation of Limited Reporting Procedures, Limited Auto Crash Response Procedure, Limited Medical Response Procedure, and Non-Emergency Crime Reporting Procedures. The population at the Hamilton County jail has been reduced by 40%. • Search & Rescue: No current disruption. • Fire Service: No current disruption. Fire and EMS have been instructed to ration the use of PPE and review procedures for handling patients who are symptomatic of COVID-19. • Government Services: No current disruption. Hamilton County departments under the Board of County Commissioners began implementing their remote working plans starting on 03/17/20. The Todd B. Portune Center for County Government as well as other Hamilton County Buildings are closed to the public starting 03/19/20. Hamilton County announced budget cuts and staff furloughs on 04/13/20. Several jurisdictions have closed administrative/departmental offices to the public, offering services and payments to be conducted via phone and email. Many jurisdictions have suspended mayors court until April. • Responder Safety & Security: No current disruption. Battle Memorial Institute has made access to the Critical Care Decontamination System (CCDS), used to decontaminate N95 masks free for Law Enforcement and EMS agencies through the Ohio State Highway Patrol. • Imminent Hazard Mitigation: No current disruption. 			
Health & Medical Status:	<input type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
 <p>Health and Medical</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical Care: Health providers will be reevaluating the status of some previously postponed/cancelled elective procedures. The Duke Energy Alternate Care Site remains an option to expand regional bed capacity should case numbers increase significant • Patient Movement: No current disruption. ESF #4 is engaged in discussions with local Fire Depts, hospitals and private EMS providers about the movement of COVID-19 patients to and between facilities. Conduit will begin utilizing surge transport protocols at 0800 on 04/16/20. • Public Health: No current disruption. Hamilton County Public Health has provided additional capacity to the Epidemiology Division through the training of additional staff on contact tracing. HCPH is conducting essential inspections while ensuring that social distancing guidelines are being followed. HCPH is additionally reaching out to long-term care, skilled nursing and independent living facilities to ensure they are receiving important COVID-19 information and to ensure their POD plans are up to date. HCPH continues to coordinate information and actions with State and local partners. The Ohio Department of Health and the CDC are recommending individuals wear cloth or homemade masks when out in public to supplement social distancing. The ODH COVID-19 dashboard now includes the names all of nursing homes in Ohio that have confirmed cases as well as the total number of cases. • Fatality Management: No current disruption. • Health Care Supply Chain: Hospitals, care facilities and other healthcare providers have begun rationing PPE due to limited regional supply and global high demand for these products. Hamilton County Public Health is accepting donations of homemade facemasks from the community. Hamilton County EMHSA continues to accept PPE donations from the public. Battelle Memorial Institute has made the CCDS available to Ohio hospitals for free. 			

Food, Water, Sheltering Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Evacuations: No current disruption. • Food/Potable Water: No current disruption. Restaurants are limited to carryout and delivery only. Effective 04/07/20 restaurants with liquor licenses can offer carry out liquor in limited quantities. SNAP recipients in Ohio are able to order groceries online for curbside pickup and pay without entering the grocery store. SNAP administrative verification has been waived. • Shelter: No current disruption. Families and high-risk individuals experiencing homelessness have been placed in non-congregate shelters; additional funds to support continued and expanded operations was approved by the Board of County Commissioners. • Durable Goods: Open source media is reporting that local stores are working to keep shelves stocked with durable goods like toilet paper and other commodities that are selling at higher than normal volumes. • Water: No current disruption. Legislation passed in the Ohio Legislature on March 25, 2020 requires public water systems to restore services to customers that were disconnected due to non-payment, waive all connection/reconnection fees and prohibit service disconnection because of non-payment for the duration of the Statewide Declared Emergency. • Agriculture: No current disruption. 			
Transportation Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Road: No current disruption. • Public Transportation: Metro will operate most weekday routes on a Saturday schedule until further notice. Express routes with a local route option will not operate. The following routes: 1, 28, 38X, 42X, 50, 67X, 71X, 82X, 85 and Metro Plus will continue to operate on their current weekday schedule. The Cincinnati Bell Connector (streetcar) operations as well as public bike and scooter programs have all been suspended. • Rail: No current disruption. • Air: No current disruption. • Waterways: No current disruption. 			
Communications Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Infrastructure: No current disruption. • Alerts, Warnings, and Messaging: No current disruption. The County is disseminating information and alerts regularly using the Joint Information Center. Methods of distribution include social media, press releases, and Alert HC. • 911 and Dispatch: No current disruption. Ohio Department of Health Director Dr. Amy Acton signed an order requiring Public Health agencies to provide the names and addresses of individuals who test positive for COVID-19 to local dispatch agencies that serve their jurisdictions; this protected health information will be for limited use only. • Responder Communications: No current disruption. • Financial Services: No current disruption. 			
Hazardous Material Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Facilities: No current disruption. • Hazardous Debris, Pollutants, Contaminants: No current disruption. • Pipeline: No current disruption. 			

Energy Status:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Current Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Limited Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Disruption	<input type="checkbox"/> Unknown Disruption
 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Power (Grid): No current disruption. The Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) has ordered all regulated electric and natural gas providers (as well as other utilities) to review policies regarding service disconnection for the duration of the declared state of emergency. • Temporary Power: No current disruption. • Fuel: No current disruption. 				

Resource Support:

- Ohio State Dental Board has requested all dentist offices to send a list of available PPE to local EMAs.
- All healthcare providers have been reminded to follow CDC guidelines for proper use of PPE as supplies may become limited.
- Hamilton County EMHSA continues to work with the Health Collaborative managing donations of PPE by private industry and residents.
- Hamilton County has sourced needed PPE supplies from pre-stocked Point of Dispensing (POD) sites and specialty response assets. These resources have been added to the regional stockpile.
- Hamilton County has received three shipments from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and has begun distributing these supplies to local first responder agencies and hospitals.
- Hamilton County Purchasing continues to seek and vet vendors for needed supplies.

Information Resources for Residents:

- Hamilton County Public Health – [COVID-19 Resources](#) | P: 513-946-7800
- Hamilton County Board of Elections – [2020 Primary Election Information](#) | Election day: 04/28/2020
 - Mail in ballots must be postmarked by 04/27/20.
- Hamilton County Emergency Management & Homeland Security Agency – [COVID-19 Information Portal](#)
- Hamilton County Job & Family Services – [Coronavirus Updates and JFS Services](#)
- Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation – [Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions](#)
- Ohio Department of Health – [Coronavirus Information](#) | P: 1-833-4-ASK-ODH (1-888-427-5634)
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – [Office of Unemployment Insurance Operations](#) | P: 877-644-6562
- Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – [Ohio Means Jobs Career Counseling Center](#)
- Ohio Department of Mental Health & Addiction Services – COVID Careline | P: 1-800-720-9616 (available 24/7)
- Ohio Governor’s Office of Workforce Transformation – [COVID-19 Job Search](#)

Information Resources for Businesses:

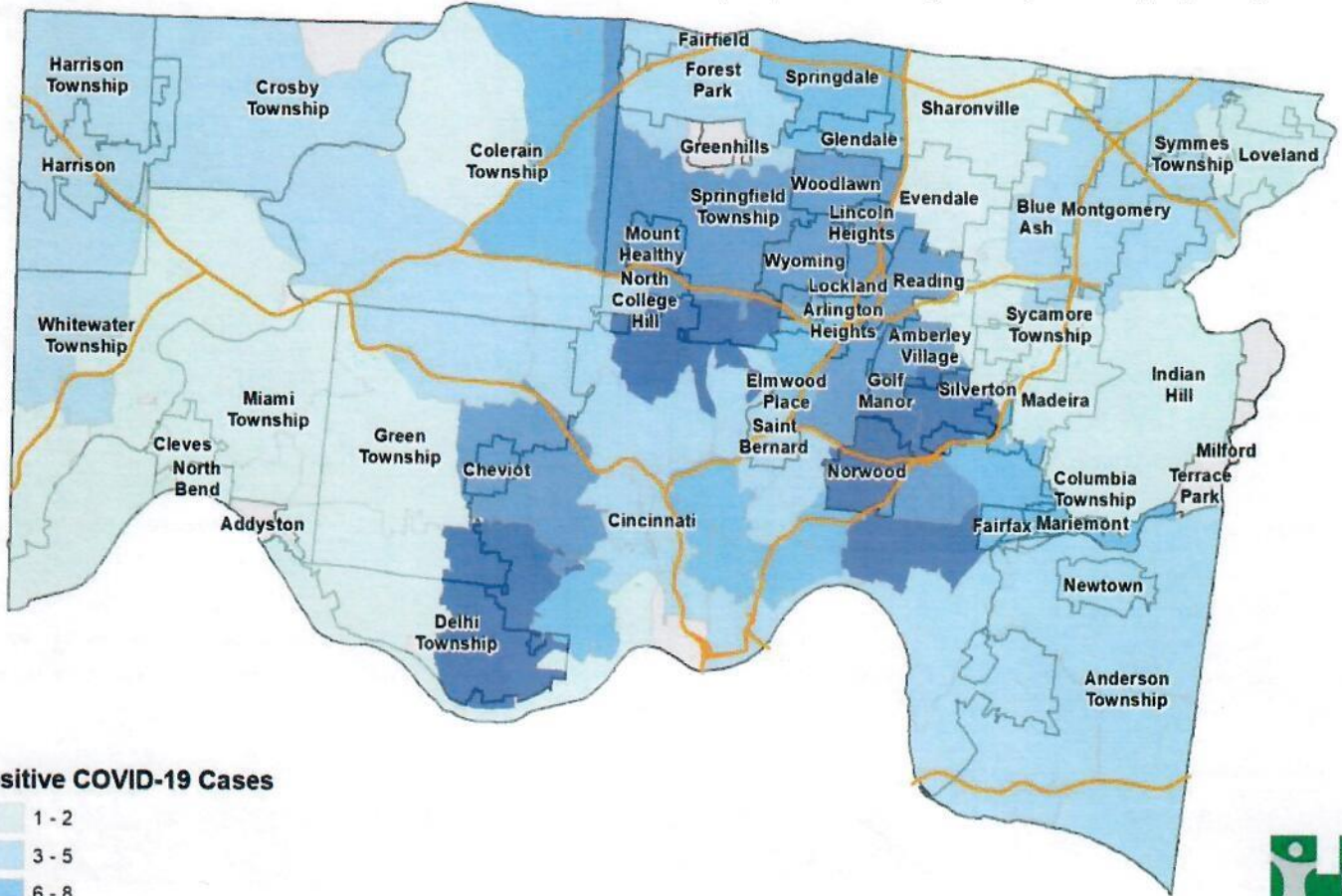
- Cincinnati | Northern Kentucky African American Chamber of Commerce – [COVID-19 Member Resources](#)
- Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber – [COVID-19 Business Center](#)
- Hamilton County Development Corporation (HCDC) – [COVID-19 Resource Guide](#) | P: 513- 631-8292
- Ohio Development Services Agency – [Office of Small Business Relief](#)
- State of Ohio – [Ohio Manufacturing Alliance to Fight COVID-19](#)
- US Small Business Administration – [Disaster Assistance in Response to COVID-19](#)

Attachments:

- Johns Hopkins – [Interactive COVID-19 Map](#)
- Ohio Department of Health – [Interactive COVID-19 Dashboard](#) (Updated at 2PM daily)
- Hamilton County Public Health – [COVID-19 Updates Page](#) (Updated at 2PM daily)
- Institute for Health Metrics and Evaluation (IHME) – [COVID-19 Projections](#)
- Ohio Department of Health [Stay at Home Order](#) (Amended) – Effective 04/06/2020 through 05/01/2020
- Ohio Department of Health Stay at Home Order – [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQ)
- Ohio Department of Health – [COVID-19: Myths Versus Facts](#)

Hamilton County COVID-19 Cases by ZIP Code

(Includes all Public Health Districts in Hamilton County. Updated weekly. Last updated 04/22/2020)



Positive COVID-19 Cases

