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Iowa County Dashboard: Weekly Check-in

Dodgeville, WI – The Iowa County Health Department debuted the Iowa County COVID-19 Dashboard on June 8th. Our plan includes updating the Dashboard each Monday. Check out this week's dashboard metrics at the County COVID-19 Dashboard on the Iowa County website at <u>iowacounty.org</u> or on our <u>Facebook page</u>.

We have done a terrific job in Iowa County keeping large case numbers and outbreaks at bay. We want our efforts to help us continue moving forward in Iowa County. As we move forward, tracking key indicators is a critical way to monitor the status of our county.

Our metrics help inform recommendations we make regarding how and when people can interact safely. If metrics are not met, mitigation strategies may be needed at the county level or on an even smaller scale (municipality, facility or business) to address an identified hotspot. The metrics will help guide our decisions moving forward.

The dashboard measures four broad types of data:

- Epidemiology What is the picture of disease incidence and growth in cases locally?
- Healthcare Can our public health and healthcare systems handle disease incidence?
- **Public health** Are we able to contain infections that do occur and be sure we are operating in a non-critical state?
- Emergency Management Is our Emergency Management system operating in crisis mode?

Iowa County Dashboard Metrics: What's new from last week?

Epidemiology: The case positivity rate has decreased and the metric remains green. Outbreak metric changed to red.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate changed to yellow

Public Health Status: Community spread metric remains red as 100% of recent cases have no known exposure source.

Emergency Management: Remains green

Regional metrics – A new resource highlighting regional status is located here.

With this week's dashboard, we are adding to our website a dashboard companion document, Forward Iowa County. This document provides a discussion regarding the metrics chosen. Please visit the Iowa County website to view.

Overall, we remain at a MODERATE RISK for the spread of COVID-19. Diligence remains important in following recommendations to physically distance, wash hands often, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, stay home if ill, wear a face covering and avoid large groups.

Please monitor the following Social Media sites:

Iowa County Public Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/iowacountyhealthdepartment/ Upland Hills Health on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/UplandHillsHealthHospital/ Iowa County Emergency Management on Twitter - https://twitter.com/ICEMWI Iowa County Emergency Management on Facebook - https://www.facebook.com/icemwi/

Monitor the following websites:

lowa County COVID 19 https://www.iowacounty.org/
Upland Hills Health https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19-novel-coronavirus-information/
WI Department of Health Services (DHS) https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.htm

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