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COVID-19 Update:
Case Count at 110; Weekly Dashboard Check-in

Iowa County – The Health Department confirms that over the weekend we added three additional cases bringing the current COVID-19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 110. The weekend cases are an individuals in the following age ranges: 18-25 age range, 46-55 age range and 0-17 years. As a reminder, new cases are reflected on our Iowa County Health Department Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday). We update case numbers that occur over the weekend on our Monday Case Count. The Wisconsin DHS website, is updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. The Health Department has contact with all lab confirmed cases and reaches out to those who may have had close contact to each confirmed case. The Health Department assists in actively monitoring their health while they are under quarantine

The number of individuals that have recovered is 98, meaning 12 cases are active. The number of patients recovered from COVID-19 is defined as the number of confirmed cases who are currently alive based on state vital records system data and have one or more of the following: 1) Documentation of resolved symptoms 2) Documentation of release from public health isolation 3) 30 days since symptom onset or diagnosis.

Iowa County Dashboard Metrics: *Weekly check-in…*

Epidemiology: The metric remains green; our percentage of positive cases is holding steady, now at 3.8%. The average cases reported daily metric has changed to yellow as we had a slight decrease in cases over the past 14 days. The Outbreak metric remains red with two active outbreaks in Iowa County.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 53 tests done each day in the past two weeks. We continue to encourage anyone with symptoms to contact your health care provider to be tested. Our partners in health care remain in green status.

Public Health Status: Community spread remains above target with 46% of cases reporting no known source in the past two weeks. This metric remains red, as our goal is that fewer than 20% of cases have no known source of transmission. Our contact tracing efforts remain successful, as 100% of positives cases in the past two weeks have been successfully contacted within 48 hours of their positive tests.

Emergency Management: Our emergency management partners remains in green status.

"The growth in case numbers has slowed and trends in the dashboard related to positivity rates, growth of cases and community spread is holding steady, all great news!", says Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. Widespread community transmission is still occurring and risk is everywhere, but everyone's efforts are resulting in a slowdown and leveling off", added Siegenthaler. Below are changes in key areas of our local dashboard over the past six weeks.

	July 20, 2020	*July 27, 2020*	*August 3, 2020*	*August 10, 2020*	*August 17, 2020*	*August 24, 2020*
Positivity Rate	1.45%	2.1%	2.6%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%
Average Cases reported each day	.92	.71	1.0	1.71	2.5	2.0
Testing: Daily average	42.8	33.1	37.7	43.6	60	53
Outbreaks	red	red	red	red	red	red
Community Spread	46%	30%	42%	38%	54%	46%

"The message today continues as it has for many months; urging everyone to keep social circles small and practice consistency and persistence with social distancing and hand hygiene. Our numbers are holding steady and this is due to the efforts of businesses and residents embracing important public health measures", Siegenthaler added. "Our goal continues to be avoiding a large surge in our hospitals and our public health and emergency response systems. We still need everyone assisting in this mission. An especially important message to residents who are high risk (60 years and older or have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune status)… please take extra precautions to reduce your exposure", Siegenthaler stated.

Iowa County status remains classified as HIGH activity level along with the majority of Wisconsin counties. Visit the web link below to see definitions for case indicators, additional detailed data and a map of Wisconsin noting each county and their risk level https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm

Important Sources of Information

- **Wisconsin Statewide and Regional metrics** DHS website
  - WI Department of Health Services (DHS) https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm
  - Regional metrics https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/data#metrics
  - Activity risk level https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm
  - County-specific data https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm
- **Resources on the Iowa County website**.
  https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19
  - COVID-19 Dashboard (updated each Monday)
  - Daily Iowa County Case Count (updated Monday-Friday)
    - *NOTE:* New cases are reflected on the Iowa County Health Dept Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday). The DHS website is updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. We update case numbers that occur over the weekend on the Monday Case Count. All positive cases will continue to be reported to the state and followed up on as they have been.
  - Local Data graphs (updated each Monday)
  - Get a free COVID-19 test here! https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/testing
- Upland Hills Health https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/
- **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)**
  https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html
  - **Frequently Asked Questions:** CDC https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/faq.html
- **211 Wisconsin** Simply call 211 or visit https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/

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
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