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Case Count at 1844; Dashboard and Vaccination Update

Iowa County – The Health Department reports an increase of 11 cases this past week bringing the total number of cases to 1,844. During the previous week, 14 cases were reported, the week prior the increase was 16 cases and the week prior to that, 24 cases. The number of individuals that have recovered is 1,816, meaning 28 cases are active.

This week's dashboard update saw the percentage of positive cases decrease to 2%, allowing our status to remain green. The average cases reported daily metric decreased slightly to 2.6, down from last week's average of 2.9, remaining at red status.

"In this week's dashboard update, we see things continue to trend favorably," states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. "While this is wonderful news, we need to keep an eye on the variant strains of coronavirus and continue to gather data. We also need to stay the course with prevention; we can't let our guard down with mitigation measures," added Siegenthaler.

Iowa County Dashboard Metrics

Epidemiology: Our percentage of positive cases decreased to 2%, remaining green. The average cases reported daily metric decreased to 1.7, changing to yellow. The Outbreak metric remains green.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 85 tests performed daily. We encourage anyone with symptoms to contact his/her health care provider to be tested. Local health care partner's facility use status (represents med surge and ICU capacity) remains green. Staffing status indicates the number of available staff to care for the volume of patients and remains green. Critical supply status reflects at least fourteen days' worth of supplies. This metric remains green. Our regional health care infrastructure metric represents regional hospital bed use and remains green. Currently there are 77.4% of regional hospital beds in use, down some from last week. In addition, 74.5% of total regional ICU beds are in use, also down some from last week.

Public Health Status: Community spread increased to 57%. Our goal is that fewer than 20% of cases have no known source of transmission. This value is a reflection of current information, some data are missing, as not all cases have been in contact with the health department. Our contact tracing efforts are at 96%. This metric is dependent on individuals either answering the phone or returning our calls, which remains an issue. Our health department volume and staffing metric remains yellow.

Emergency Management: Our emergency management partners remains green.

School Capacity Indicator Dashboard <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>

This dashboard contains metrics from our Iowa County COVID-19 Dashboard along with new case rate metric (per 10,000) in the past two weeks. Today, the new case rate is 10.1, a decrease from 15.6 per 10,000 at last dashboard report and the prior week's value of 16.8.

<i>Date dashboard was updated</i>	<i>Percent of tests that are positive</i>	<i>Average number of cases reported per day</i>	<i>Average number of tests per day</i>	<i>Outbreaks metric</i>	<i>Percentage of cases contracted by community spread</i>	<i>School Capacity metric: new case rate per 10,000</i>
September 8	2.0%	0.93	45.4	Red	38%	5
September 14	1.3%	0.64	49.7	Red	40%	4
September 21	2.6%	1.79	70	Red	64%	11
September 28	3.5%	3.79	107.5	Red	60%	22
October 5	4.8%	5.57	116.5	Red	51%	33
October 12	6.8%	8.21	121	Red	43%	49
October 19	7.5%	11.58	153.8	Red	41%	59
October 23*	7.9%	11.35	142.9	Red	43%	67
October 30	8.4%	11.29	133.7	Red	42%	67
November 6	11.4%	16.86	148.3	Red	42%	99
November 13	14.5%	26.36	181.8	Red	41%	155
November 20	14.7%	30.14	205.7	Red	43%	178
November 27	12.5%	26.86	215.1	Red	44%	158
December 4	9.8%	16.64	169.4	Red	43%	98
December 11	8.1%	11.9	147	Red	46%	70
December 18	9.6%	14.43	150	Red	46%	85
December 28	9.3%	14.64	156.8	Red	40%	86
January 4	8.6%	11.14	129.8	Red	44%	66
January 8	8.5%	7.5	89	Red	53%	44
January 15	5.6%	5.5	97	Red	49%	32
January 22	3.8%	4.2	112	Red	36%	25
January 29	3.3%	3.4	102	Red	31%	20
February 5	2.1%	2.3	111	Red	30%	13.5
February 12	2.8%	2.9	104	Green	34%	16.8
February 19	2.8%	2.6	96	Green	44%	15.6
February 26	2%	1.7	85	Green	57%	10.1

*Shift in day of dashboard update due to data availability.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Iowa County Health Department COVID-19 vaccine clinics are going great at the Lands' End Comer Center, in Dodgeville. The Health Department Comer Center clinics continue to be by appointment only.

To date, vaccine administration is ongoing with those in Phase 1 and persons 65 years and older. If you live or work in Iowa County and are eligible for a vaccine as described in [Tier IA](#) or [age 65+](#), you can contact the Iowa County Health Department at healthinfo@iowacounty.org or call 608-930-9870.

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has announced that starting March 1, the next eligible group to be vaccinated is those who work in education and childcare. Individual school districts and licensed daycares have been collecting data for the Iowa County Health Department to use in determining number of vaccines needed. If you are an educator, please consult your district for information. If you are a childcare worker, check with the owner of your facility for information, or if you operate an in-home daycare, please contact the Iowa County Health Department at 608.930.9870.

If you aren't sure what category you fall into, you can check on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-about.htm>

“We appreciate the community’s continued patience as we work to vaccinate people as vaccine supply allows. The amount of vaccine we receive each week continues to be very limited”, stated Siegenthaler.

As of February 26, 2021, 20.6% (4,866) of Iowa County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 9.3% (2,206) residents have completed the vaccine series. You can view the interactive DHS data dashboard on the [COVID-19 vaccine data](#) page.

Upland Hills Health continues holding COVID-19 vaccine clinics that are separate from the Iowa County Health Department Clinics at Lands’ End. The Upland Hills Health COVID-19 vaccine clinics are held at Upland Hills Health Hospital in Dodgeville. If you received your 1st dose at Upland Hills Health, you must return to Upland Hills Health for your 2nd dose. Likewise, if you received your 1st dose at an Iowa County Health Department clinic, you must return to the ICHD clinic (at the Comer Center) for your 2nd dose.

Upland Hills Health’s vaccination clinics are also for Tier 1A eligible persons and those who are 65 and older. To sign up for the Upland Hills Health waiting list, please visit the Upland Hills [website](#) and click on the COVID-19 banner on the top of the page.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services launched a new [COVID-19 vaccine provider map](#), which displays vaccine sites that are actively vaccinating in Wisconsin. The purpose of the map is twofold: to improve transparency in the vaccine distribution process by acknowledging which enrolled providers are being allocated doses, and to help Wisconsinites find and connect with local vaccine providers in their area.

Community Testing

Testing has been suspended at the Health and Human Services Center in Dodgeville due to low volumes. Testing sites in southwest Wisconsin in surrounding counties continue. Visit the Iowa County COVID-19 website to see the full regional schedule and/or follow our Facebook page for a list of weekly testing opportunities in southwest Wisconsin.

Upland Hills Hospital continues to provide COVID testing. Please see the Upland Hills website for information on getting tested at their facility.

Important Sources of Information

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Iowa County website. <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>
- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- 211 Wisconsin Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- DHS Vaccine Data <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>
- CDC: [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- Upland Hills Health: [What you Need to Know about COVID-19 Vaccines and Vaccination](#)

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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