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Case Count at 1,866; Dashboard and Vaccination Update

Iowa County – The Health Department reports an increase of 22 cases this past week bringing the total number of cases to 1,866. During the previous week, 11 cases were reported, the week prior the increase was 14 cases and the week prior to that, 16 cases. The number of individuals that have recovered is 1,835, meaning 31 cases are active.

This week's dashboard update saw the percentage of positive cases increase slightly to 2.4%, allowing our status to remain green. The average cases reported daily metric increased slightly to 2.1, up from last week's average of 1.7, placing us back in red status.

"In this week's dashboard update, we see metrics increase slightly, still overall remaining favorable," states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. "The metric for community spread jumped significantly to 77%, which confirms that this virus is still widely circulating. The message to continue vigilance with mitigation measures remains very important," added Siegenthaler.

Iowa County Dashboard Metrics

Epidemiology: Our percentage of positive cases increased to 2.4%, remaining green. The average cases reported daily metric increased to 2.1, changing back to red. The Outbreak metric remains green.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 87 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 77.2% of regional hospital beds in use, down slightly from last week. In addition, 73.1% of total regional ICU beds are in use, also down slightly from last week.

Public Health Status: Community spread increased to 77%. 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 90%. 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 12.2, an increase from 10.1 per 10,000 at last dashboard report but still down from the prior week's value of 15.6.

<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
March 5	2.4%	2.1	87	Green	77%	12.2

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

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Iowa County Health Department COVID-19 vaccine clinics continue, by appointment only, at Lands' End Comer Center, in Dodgeville.

To date, vaccine administration is ongoing with those in Phase 1 and persons 65 years and older. In addition, the first week in March, we began vaccinating those who work in school settings.

COVID-19 vaccine distribution will continue in this phased approach. It is important to remember that vaccine supply is limited and vaccinations are targeted to specific groups of people with a higher risk for COVID-19 infection. It may be necessary to prioritize people within each phase depending on vaccine supply. For this reason, the timing of vaccine eligibility is dependent on many factors, including state-set policies that local health departments and providers are asked to adhere to closely. It will take time to reach all people within each priority population and phase.

The following provides an overview of who is currently eligible to receive a vaccination. This list will be updated as things change in our community. Visit the [Department of Health Services website](#) for specific definitions and criteria for eligibility.

The State of Wisconsin allows vaccinators in Wisconsin to vaccinate the following populations:

- Frontline healthcare workers and long-term care facility residents
- Fire and police personnel
- EMS staff
- People who are 65 years old or older
- Educators and child care providers
- Individuals enrolled in Medicaid long-term care programs
- **Some** public-facing essential workers like food supply, public transit, utility and communications infrastructure, and 911 operators
- Non-frontline health care essential personnel
- Congregate living facility staff and residents

If you live or work in Iowa County and are currently eligible for a vaccine, you can fill out an online vaccine interest form [on the Iowa County Covid 19 website](#), or contact the Iowa County Health Department at healthinfo@iowacounty.org.

As March 5, 2021, 22.7% (5,378) of Iowa County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 13.4% (3,168) residents have completed the vaccine series. You can view the interactive DHS data dashboard on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#) page.

Community Testing

Testing has been suspended at the Health and Human Services Center in Dodgeville due to low volumes. Testing sites in southwest Wisconsin continues. Visit the Iowa County COVID-19 website to see the 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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