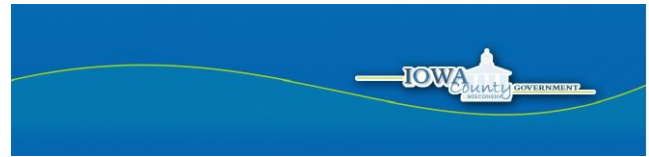


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Iowa County Health Department

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Iowa County COVID-19 Update

Iowa County – The current number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Iowa County remains at (3). All three cases are young people in their 20s self-isolating at home.

We expect a continued increase in cases in the coming days and weeks. Residents should assume there are undiagnosed cases of COVID-19 in our community and that we have community transmission which means that people may be unknowingly transmitting the virus to others even if they are not exhibiting symptoms. Since we are experiencing community spread, we expect every county resident do their part in complying with the **#Safer at Home** Order issued by Governor Evers.

Current Status

- Iowa County positive cases: 3
- Iowa County samples submitted for testing: Approximately 72 county-wide
- Iowa County percent of tests completed: Approximately 80%
- Wisconsin positive cases: 585 (33 counties)
- Wisconsin deaths: 6

#SaferAtHome – What does it mean?

All non-essential business must be closed.

Essential business that are open must be practicing social distancing.

See the [Safer at Home Order](#) for more information.

Staying home as much as possible means not leaving your home unless absolutely necessary.

It is critical that residents continue strong everyday prevention measures. Wash your hands often and cover your sneezes and coughs with a tissue or your elbow.

FAQs re: Safer at Home order

<https://evers.wi.gov/Documents/COVID19/Safer%20at%20Home%20FAQ%203.24.20.pdf>

Announcements

- **Self-Care:** [residents who are not critically ill, should stay home and manage their symptoms.](#)

- **Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:**
 - **Effective 3/30**-UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Highland will be open 9 am -3 pm Monday-Friday. These hours will remain in effect until further notice.
 - [No Visitor Policy at Hospital and Nursing & Rehabilitation Center](#)
 - For the safety of our patients, healthcare workers and the community visitors are not allowed on the Upland Hills Health campus at 800 Compassion Way in Dodgeville. Visitors over the age of 16 years of age may be allowed in following circumstances with permission of the nurse lead or house supervisor:
 - Birth Center, labor and delivery
 - End of life
 - Pediatric patients requiring a parent
 - Visitors must undergo a health screening and will not be allowed entry with an elevated temperature, symptoms or exposure to COVID-19.
- **Community Donations:** We are still happy to accept your donations. Please bring your new, unused PPE to the Iowa County Health & Human Services building between the hours of 8am and 8pm. These items will be used to keep our frontline health care workers safe!
- Iowa County Public Health will post updated COVID-19 test counts daily at approximately 4:00 pm on its website (<https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>)

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