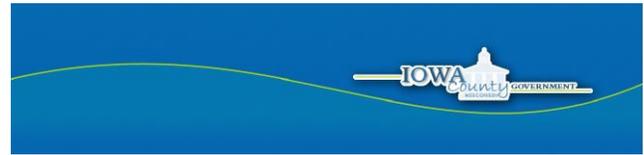


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### Iowa County Health Department

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#### Safer at Home is Working

Iowa County – People across the state of Wisconsin have risen to the challenge of COVID-19 by changing the way they work, play, and interact with friends and family. By staying [Safer at Home](#), practicing physical distancing, and continuing to wash hands and cover coughs, Wisconsinites are making a difference and beginning to flatten the curve.

According to the model created by DHS, Wisconsin was projected to have 22,000 infections by April 8, which would have ultimately resulted in somewhere between 440 and 1,500 deaths. These numbers were based on projected significant exponential growth in positive cases; however, since the Safer at Home order, there has been a decrease in exponential growth in the number of cases. Wisconsin's rate of doubling of infections was 3.4 days in early March and, over the past two weeks, the rate of doubling is now approximately 12 days.

“Without effective treatments or a vaccine, the only way to slow the spread of COVID-19 is through non-pharmaceutical interventions that help us maintain physical distancing,” said Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist Dr. Ryan Westergaard. “The Safer at Home order has been our main intervention in Wisconsin, and we are beginning to see the results.”

“Limiting physical contact between people is our only tool at slowing the spread of this virus,” explained Secretary-Designee Andrea Palm. “We will continue to work through our statewide response to develop capacity to implement effective containment strategies across the state. These are critical next steps to prevent a future surge of cases.”

By staying Safer at Home, the people of Wisconsin are taking the steps needed to make a difference during this pandemic. Safer at Home is working, and it is saving lives.

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#### Case Update

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5 Positive Test Results in Iowa County  
159 Negative Test Results in Iowa County  
3,555 Positive Test Results in Wisconsin  
37,997 Negative Test Results in Wisconsin  
1049 (30%) Hospitalizations  
170 Deaths\* in Wisconsin \*Data has been corrected, you may notice the numbers do not match what was provided yesterday due to those corrections

For a broader picture of the number of cases and additional details see

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm>

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#### Announcements

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- [Upland Hills Health Hospital and Clinics:](#)
  - 4/6/2020: UHH is not accepting delivery of food, flowers or gifts. Donations to the COVID-19 Relief Fund will help fund new food service supplies and protocols for feeding staff and patients safely. Donate by calling 608.930.7169 or at [www.uplandhillshealth.org/relief](http://www.uplandhillshealth.org/relief)
  - Effective 3/30 - UHH Clinics in Dodgeville, Mineral Point and Mt. Horeb are open 9 AM-3 PM Monday-Friday.
- **Wisconsin's Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week: April 13-17**
  - Governor Tony Evers has declared April 13-17 Tornado and Severe Weather Awareness Week in Wisconsin, and ReadyWisconsin is encouraging everyone to take time this spring to talk about weather safety with their families. ReadyWisconsin, the National Weather Service and Wisconsin Broadcasters Association also encourage everyone in the state to participate in a Virtual Tornado Drill at 1:45 p.m. on April 16. For more info visit [ReadyWisconsin.gov](http://ReadyWisconsin.gov)
- **The Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry (WEAVR)**, is a secure, password-protected, web-based volunteer registration system for health care and behavioral health professionals. Volunteers interested in filling critical response and recovery roles following a major public health emergency self-register and are the only ones that can update their information. Based on the information collected from each volunteer, public health officials identify those professionals willing to fill the specific volunteer roles needed in an emergency. Public health officials use the WEAVR registry to generate a list of volunteers to be contacted. Those contacted will be given information on where to report and the role that is needed, as well as the option to accept or decline the opportunity. Training will be provided at the reporting site. More questions about WEAVR? See a list of [Frequently Asked Questions](#).

#### Important Sources of Information

- **211 Wisconsin** is an easy and helpful resource for COVID 19 questions. Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- **For localized information:**

**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>

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**Monitor the following websites:**

Iowa 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.html>

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