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COVID 19 Update: 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 50. 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.

“Things look solid this week, we are holding steady with a positivity rate of 1.45% a slight decrease from last week’s 1.98%”, says Debbie Siegenthaler, Director Iowa County Health Department. Iowa County is steady in averaging about a new case each day, having 13 new cases over the last 14 days. The outbreak metric also remains red with two active outbreaks in the county. “Our partners in health care remain green which is especially good news considering what states in the south are experiencing with hospital surge. Our metrics indicate we need to continue to make smart decisions. Diligence is as important now as ever in following recommendations to physically distance, wash hands often, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, stay home if ill, wear a face covering and avoid large groups”, added Siegenthaler.

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

Epidemiology: The metric remains green as our case positivity rate is 1.45% this week. Our case rate remains steady with an average of approximately a new case each day. The incidence rate is .92% with 13 positives over the past 14 days. The Outbreak metric remains red with two active outbreaks.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 42.8 tests being done each day. This remains a good bit above the goal of 35 tests per day. Our partners in health care remain in green status.

Public Health Status: Community spread metric remains red as 46% of recent cases have no known exposure. This is slightly better than last week (50%). Our contact tracing and lab reporting timeliness metric remains green, and improved slightly 92% vs. 86% last week.

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

- Check out this week’s COVID 19 Dashboard <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- Regional metrics <https://publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/data#metrics>
- Iowa County status remains at a HIGH activity level <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

Iowa County Data: *Updated graphs*

In addition to the weekly dashboard update, we updated the tab added last week to our website with specific Iowa County data <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19> One graph profiles age ranges of all cases, the second graph plots all cases, demonstrating the growth in cases over time.

The number of individuals that have recovered is 46, meaning 4 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 Wisconsin state vital records system data and have one or more of the following:

- Documentation of resolved symptoms
- Documentation of release from public health isolation
- 30 days since symptom onset or diagnosis

To date in Iowa County, a total of 3,508 tests have been performed. Fifty tests have been positive cases and 3,401 have been negative, which is a positivity rate of 1.45%.

New cases will continue to be reflected on our Iowa County Health Department Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday). The State of Wisconsin [DHS website](#), will continue to be updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. All positive cases will continue to be reported to the state and followed up on as they have been. We have developed, through our Iowa County COVID 19 Dashboard, a multi-level way to monitor the picture in our county. Be sure to check out the COVID 19 Dashboard on our website.

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)
 - Local Data graphs (updated each Monday)
- **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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