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COVID 19 Update: Case Count at 115

Iowa County – The Health Department announces one additional case today bringing the current COVID-19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 115. This additional case is an individual between the ages of 0-17 years. In the past 14 days, we have seen an uptick in the number of children under the age of 10 with most recently an infant who has tested positive for COVID-19. This is noteworthy as schools resume in-person instruction, it is imperative that we adhere to public health recommendations including physical distancing of 6 feet or more, hand hygiene and wearing a face covering.

The Health Department has contact with all 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.

The number of individuals that have recovered is 102, meaning 13 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: 1) Documentation of resolved symptoms 2) Documentation of release from public health isolation 3) 30 days since symptom onset or diagnosis.

“The growth in case numbers has slowed some and trends in the dashboard related to positivity rates, growth of cases and community spread is holding steady, all great news!”, says Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. Below you can see key metrics in our local dashboard over the past six weeks.

	<i>July 20, 2020</i>	<i>July 27, 2020</i>	<i>August 3, 2020</i>	<i>August 10, 2020</i>	<i>August 17, 2020</i>	<i>August 24, 2020</i>
Positivity Rate	1.45%	2.1%	2.6%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%
Average Cases reported each day	.92	.71	1.0	1.71	2.5	2.0
Testing: Daily average	42.8	33.1	37.7	43.6	60	53
Outbreaks	red	red	red	red	red	red
Community Spread	46%	30%	42%	38%	54%	46%

“We must remember, however, that widespread community transmission is still occurring and risk is everywhere. With the start of school, we must be vigilant in our efforts”, added Siegenthaler.

“The message today continues as it has for many months; urging everyone to keep social circles small and practice consistency and persistence with social distancing and hand hygiene. Our numbers are holding steady and this is due to the efforts of businesses and residents embracing important public health measures”, Siegenthaler added. “Our goal continues to be avoiding a large surge in our hospitals and our public health and

emergency response systems. We still need everyone assisting in this mission. An especially important message to residents who are high risk (60 years and older or have a chronic medical condition or compromised immune status)... please take extra precautions to reduce your exposure”, Siegenthaler stated.

Iowa County status remains classified as HIGH activity level along with the majority of Wisconsin counties. Visit the web link below to see definitions for case indicators, additional detailed data and a map of Wisconsin noting each county and their risk level <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

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>
 - Decision Tool for Individuals and Families <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/decision.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)
 - *NOTE:* New cases are reflected on the Iowa County Health Dept Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday). The Wisconsin DHS website is updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. We update case numbers that occur over the weekend on the Monday Case Count. All positive cases will continue to be reported to the state and followed up on as they have been.
 - Local Data graphs
 - Mass Gathering Guidance
 - Get a free COVID-19 test here! <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/testing>
- **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** is an easy and helpful resource for COVID 19 questions. Simply call 211 from your phone <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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