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COVID-19 Update: Case Count; Weekly Dashboard Check-in; Governor's Order

Iowa County – The Health Department announces three additional positive COVID cases since Friday bringing the current COVID 19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 65. Recent cases are in individuals between the ages of 18-25, 66-75 and 76-85 years of age, all are isolating at home. 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.

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

Epidemiology: The metric remains green but our percentage of positive cases has increased from 2.1% to 3.9%. We have had one new case per day in the past 14 days. This metric remains yellow, but this does reflect an increase from 0.71 new cases per day to 1.0 new cases per day. The Outbreak metric remains red. We continue to have two active, confirmed outbreaks in Iowa County and are monitoring another suspected outbreak.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains yellow with an average of 25.5 tests done each day in the past two weeks. Again, our numbers are fluctuating right now as we continue to clean up our data, based on recommendations from DHS. We continue to encourage anyone with symptoms to contact your health care provider to be tested. Our partners in health care remain in green status.

Public Health Status: Community spread remains above target with 42% of cases reporting no known source in the past two weeks. This represents an increase from 30%, reported two weeks ago. This metric remains red, as our goal is that fewer than 20% of cases have no known source of transmission. Our contact tracing efforts remain successful, as 93% of positive cases in the past two weeks have been successfully contacted within 48 hours of their positive tests.

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

- Get a free COVID-19 test here! <https://www.publichealthmdc.com/coronavirus/testing>
- 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 activity level <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

Governor's Announcement

On Friday, Governor Evers declared a Public Health Emergency and issued an Emergency Order requiring individuals to wear face coverings when indoors and not in a private residence, with some exceptions as clarified and defined in the order. The order was effective Saturday, August 1, 2020, and will expire on September 28, 2020 or by a subsequent superseding order. Executive Order #82 declaring a public health emergency is available [here](#) and Emergency Order #1 requiring face coverings statewide is available [here](#).

“We all want this pandemic to go away, but unfortunately we have seen both the persistence and efficiency of this virus”, said Debbie Siegenthaler, Director at the Iowa County Health Department. “Recent studies tell us that masks and face coverings will save lives. I echo the recent request of Iowa County Sheriff Michek; please embrace the idea of wearing a face mask as part of protecting your community”, added Siegenthaler. Please visit this [CDC link](#) for more information.

Iowa County Data: *Updated graphs*

In addition to the weekly dashboard update, we updated the tab 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 58, meaning seven 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

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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