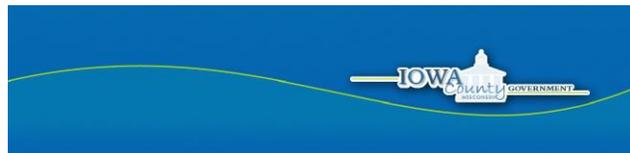


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COVID-19 Update: Case Count at 121; Weekly Dashboard Check-in

Iowa County – The Health Department confirms that over the weekend we added six additional cases bringing the current COVID-19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 121. The weekend cases are in individuals in the following age ranges: two persons 0-17 years, one between the ages of 56-65 years, two in the age range 66-75 years and one person over the age of 86 years. As a reminder, new cases are announced on our Iowa County Health Department Facebook page each day (Monday through Friday). We update case numbers that occur over the weekend on our Monday Case Count. The Wisconsin [DHS website](#), is updated each afternoon with county specific numbers. 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

The number of individuals that have recovered is 106, meaning 15 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 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.

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

Epidemiology: The metric remains green; our percentage of positive cases is holding steady, now at 3.3%. The average cases reported daily metric decreased slightly but remains yellow. The Outbreak metric remains red with two active outbreaks in Iowa County.

Healthcare Status: Testing rate remains green with an average of 45 tests done each day in the past two weeks. 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 43% of cases reporting no known source in the past two weeks. 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 100% of positives cases in the past two weeks have been successfully contacted within 48 hours of their positive tests.

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

“The growth in case numbers has slowed and trends in the dashboard related to positivity rates, growth of cases and community spread continues to hold steady this week”, says Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. We still continue to experience widespread community transmission which means risk is everywhere, but efforts are resulting in a slowdown and leveling off”, added Siegenthaler. Below are changes in key areas of our local dashboard since mid-July.

	July 20, 2020	July 27, 2020	August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020	August 17, 2020	August 24, 2020	August 31, 2020
Positivity Rate	1.45%	2.1%	2.6%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%
Average Cases reported each day	.92	.71	1.0	1.71	2.5	2.0	1.5
Testing: Daily average	42.8	33.1	37.7	43.6	60	53	45
Outbreaks	red	red	red	red	red	red	red
Community Spread	46%	30%	42%	38%	54%	46%	43%

“We are all aware that school has begun for most. We know how important it is to keep our kids in school. The entire community continues to be critical in efforts 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, schools and residents embracing important public health measures”, Siegenthaler added. “The goal continues to be avoiding a large surge in our hospitals and our public health and emergency response systems. We also want to avoid large outbreaks in our school settings, which could mean the potential for many close contacts who would need to quarantine which could interrupt school operations. We still need everyone assisting in this mission”, Siegenthaler stated.

Over the last several months, the Iowa County Health Department and the school districts in Iowa County have been meeting and planning. Last week, this work continued and as a result, several resources for our local schools were developed <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>

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>
- **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 [DHS website](#) updates each afternoon with county 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 (updated each Monday)
 - School Related Indicators and Resources <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>
 - 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** 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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