

Community Spread	46%	30%	42%	38%	54%	46%	43%	38%
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“We must remember that widespread community transmission is still occurring and risk is everywhere. With the start of school, we must continue to be vigilant”, added Siegenthaler. “Surrounding counties are seeing record numbers which makes us very cautious. 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.

We have added several items to our COVID-19 website to include:

- Resources for Iowa County School Districts including a School Capacity Indicator Dashboard <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>
- Key areas of our local dashboard over the course of the past several weeks prompts an extraordinarily cautious move forward in the mass gathering recommendation. The Iowa County Health Department recommends you not engage in public or private gatherings of people indoors of more than 25 people and outdoors of more than 50 people. Paramount with this guidance are the basic principles of social distancing, face coverings, hand sanitizing/hand washing, and surface sanitizing and limiting contact with others (including large gatherings of large numbers of people). All gathering recommendations include maintaining physical distancing and protective measures such as cleaning, sanitizing, wearing masks and handwashing. As long as physical distancing recommendations remain in place, no event should take place in a venue that does not allow attendees to be spaced at least 6 feet apart, which likely means reducing the maximum capacity of a space. Since there are no local public health orders in place, this is a recommendation not a requirement. See the Iowa County COVID 19 website for the full [Mass Gathering Guidance](#).

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 thru Friday). The Wisconsin 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 are reported to the state and followed up on as they have been.
 - Local Data graphs
 - School Resources and Capacity Indicators (added 9.3.2020)

- Mass Gathering Guidance (updated 9.8.2020)
 - 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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