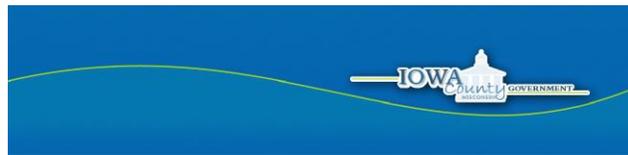


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## COVID 19 Update: Case Count at 128

**Iowa County** –The Health Department announces one additional case bringing the current COVID-19 confirmed case count in Iowa County to 128. The recent case is in a person between the ages of 18-25 years. 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

We are all aware that schools and colleges have resumed. This week a positive case was identified in the Mineral Point School District. Fortunately, the number of individuals identified as close contacts in the school was very small. “Our hats off to this School District and School Board. Their hard work planning for the safest possible start to school and being a stellar partner in the response is clearly demonstrated by this low number of close contacts”, stated Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. “We want any additional cases, no matter the setting, to yield small numbers of close contacts as well”, added Siegenthaler.

We ask that you continue to be part of the solution. Don’t go to crowds and don’t create crowds. Mask up, keep your small social circles outside, practice social distancing and wash your hands often. Every person and every practice is important and helps us in our goal”, Siegenthaler added.

The number of individuals that have recovered is 119, meaning 9 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.

Below are key areas of our local dashboard tracked since since mid-July.

	July 20, 2020	July 27, 2020	August 3, 2020	August 10, 2020	August 17, 2020	August 24, 2020	August 31, 2020	September 8, 2020
<b>% Positive Tests</b>	1.45%	2.1%	2.6%	3.9%	4.2%	3.8%	3.3%	2%
<b>Average Cases reported each day</b>	.92	.71	1.0	1.71	2.5	2.0	1.5	.93
<b>Testing: Daily average</b>	42.8	33.1	37.7	43.6	60	53	45	45
<b>Outbreaks</b>	red	red	red	red	red	red	red	red
<b>Community Spread</b>	46%	30%	42%	38%	54%	46%	43%	38%

“While numbers are level in Iowa County, we must remember that widespread community transmission is still occurring and risk is everywhere. “Surrounding counties are seeing record numbers especially in the 18-25 year old age range, 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.

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>

We are all too aware the coronavirus is still here and, unfortunately, flu season is also on its way. It's not possible to definitively predict what will happen in the weeks and months to come, but the [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) expects that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both be spreading in the fall and winter. It is more important than ever to plan on getting your flu shot this year.

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### Important Sources of Information

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- **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
  - 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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