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### Iowa County Health Department

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#### Case Count at 1,950; Dashboard and Vaccination Update

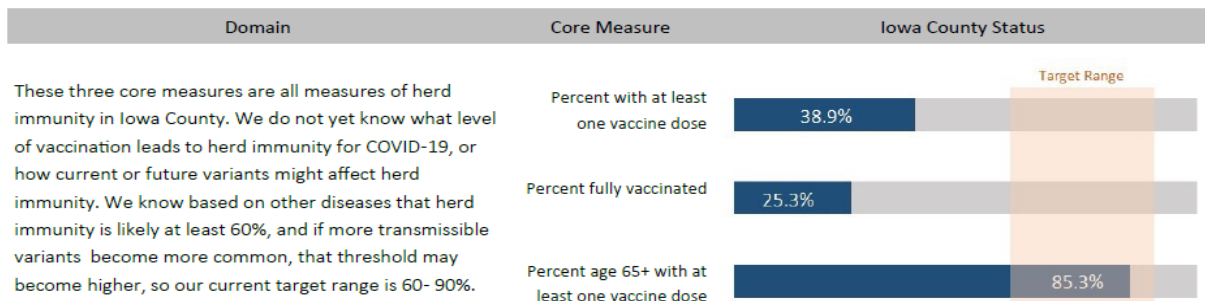
**Iowa County** – The Health Department reports an increase of 6 cases this past week bringing the total number of cases to 1,950. During the previous week, an increase of 13 cases was reported, the week prior, 24 cases were reported, and the week prior to that, 37 cases. The number of individuals that have recovered is 1,934, meaning 16 cases are active.

This week’s dashboard update saw the percentage of positive cases decrease again to 2.1 %. The average cases reported daily metric also continues in a downward trend to 1.6. “The metrics are going in a favorable direction,” states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. “This is terrific news but Wisconsin is experiencing a rise in new cases and additionally detected the P.1 variant last week. This means all three variants are currently present in Wisconsin”, Siegenthaler added.

“We must continue to remain careful and diligent in the prevention measures we know work, such as mask wearing, physical distancing, avoiding large gatherings and washing our hands... If we are, it is reasonable to be optimistic about the summer of 2021” added Siegenthaler. Individuals who are fully vaccinated should refer to DHS Post Vaccination Guidance at <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-after.htm>

Additionally, Iowa County continues to make good progress with vaccination. Several weeks ago we added a section to our dashboard helping to monitor progress with vaccination of Iowa County residents. As of April 5, 2021, 38.9% (9,221) of Iowa County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 25.3% (5,979) residents have completed the vaccine series. In addition, 85.3% of those age 65+ have received at least one dose of vaccine, and 78.5% are fully vaccinated. You can view the interactive DHS data dashboard on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#) page. See the graph below to visualize Iowa County’s progress.

## Vaccine Data



These data come from the Wisconsin Immunization Registry (WIR)  
Adapted from: Public Health Madison and Dane County

## Iowa County Dashboard Metrics

**Epidemiology:** Our percentage of positive cases decreased to 2.1%, remaining green. The average cases reported daily metric decreased to 1.6, changing this metric to yellow. The Outbreak metric remains yellow.

**Healthcare Status:** Testing rate remains green with an average of 79 tests performed daily. We encourage anyone with symptoms to contact his/her health care provider to be tested. Local health care partner's facility use status (represents med surge and ICU capacity) remains green. Staffing status indicates the number of available staff to care for the volume of patients and remains green. Critical supply status reflects at least fourteen days' worth of supplies. This metric remains green. Our regional health care infrastructure metric represents regional hospital bed use and remains green. Currently there are 77.3% of regional hospital beds in use, down slightly from last week. In addition, 74.9% of total regional ICU beds are in use, also down from last week.

**Public Health Status:** Community spread is at 35%. Our goal is that fewer than 20% of cases have no known source of transmission. This value is a reflection of current information, some data are missing, as not all cases have been in contact with the health department. Our contact tracing efforts are at 91%. This metric is dependent on individuals either answering the phone or returning our calls, which remains an issue. Our health department volume and staffing metric remains yellow.

**Emergency Management:** Our emergency management partners remains green.

## School Capacity Indicator Dashboard <https://www.iowacounty.org/COVID-19IowaCountySchoolGuidance>

This dashboard contains metrics from our Iowa County COVID-19 Dashboard along with new case rate metric (per 10,000) in the past two weeks. Today, the new case rate is 10 per 10,000, nearly half of the metric of 19.8 at last dashboard report and significantly lower than the prior week's value of 27.8.

<i>Date dashboard was updated</i>	<i>Percent of tests that are positive</i>	<i>Average number of cases reported per day</i>	<i>Average number of tests per day</i>	<i>Outbreaks metric</i>	<i>Percentage of cases contracted by community spread</i>	<i>School Capacity metric: new case rate per 10,000</i>
September 8	2.0%	0.93	45.4	Red	38%	5
September 14	1.3%	0.64	49.7	Red	40%	4
September 21	2.6%	1.79	70	Red	64%	11
September 28	3.5%	3.79	107.5	Red	60%	22
October 5	4.8%	5.57	116.5	Red	51%	33
October 12	6.8%	8.21	121	Red	43%	49
October 19	7.5%	11.58	153.8	Red	41%	59
October 23*	7.9%	11.35	142.9	Red	43%	67
October 30	8.4%	11.29	133.7	Red	42%	67
November 6	11.4%	16.86	148.3	Red	42%	99
November 13	14.5%	26.36	181.8	Red	41%	155
November 20	14.7%	30.14	205.7	Red	43%	178
November 27	12.5%	26.86	215.1	Red	44%	158
December 4	9.8%	16.64	169.4	Red	43%	98
December 11	8.1%	11.9	147	Red	46%	70
December 18	9.6%	14.43	150	Red	46%	85
December 28	9.3%	14.64	156.8	Red	40%	86
January 4	8.6%	11.14	129.8	Red	44%	66
January 8	8.5%	7.5	89	Red	53%	44
January 15	5.6%	5.5	97	Red	49%	32
January 22	3.8%	4.2	112	Red	36%	25
January 29	3.3%	3.4	102	Red	31%	20

<b>February 5</b>	2.1%	2.3	111	Red	30%	13.5
<b>February 12</b>	2.8%	2.9	104	Green	34%	16.8
<b>February 19</b>	2.8%	2.6	96	Green	44%	15.6
<b>February 26</b>	2%	1.7	85	Green	57%	10.1
<b>March 5</b>	2.4%	2.1	87	Green	77%	12.2
<b>March 12</b>	3.8%	3.4	90	Green	57%	20.2
<b>March 19</b>	5.9%	4.7	80	Green	39%	27.8
<b>March 26</b>	4.2%	3.4	79	Yellow	39%	19.8
<b>April 2</b>	2.1%	1.6	79	Yellow	39%	10

\*Shift in day of dashboard update due to data availability.

### COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

Iowa County Health Department COVID-19 vaccine clinics continue, by appointment, at Lands' End Comer Center, in Dodgeville. Vaccine supply is still not sufficient to meet demand, resulting in a waiting list. We appreciate the community's patience as we continue vaccinating people with the doses we receive.

On March 30, the Governor and the Department of Health Services (DHS) announced everyone 16 years and older will be eligible for Covid-19 vaccine today, April 5, 2021. While everyone is now eligible starting April 5, many areas, including the Iowa County Health Department, are working through waitlists. Being eligible does not mean there is necessarily a vaccine available for you. The Health Department will prioritize anyone previously eligible such as public-facing essential workers and people with medical conditions.

It continues to be important that fully vaccinated people follow public health best practices in public spaces. This includes wearing a mask and physically distancing. Fully vaccinated people should also continue these practices when visiting unvaccinated people who are at an increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease. You can find more information at the DHS's [After You Get the Vaccine webpage](#)

If you live or work in Iowa County, you can visit <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19/VaccineInformation> to find instructions for signing up for our waiting list. If you are unable to access the internet, you can call the Iowa County Health Department at 608.930.9870.

### Community Testing

Testing is not currently offered at the Health and Human Services Center in Dodgeville. Testing sites in southwest Wisconsin continues. Visit the Iowa County COVID-19 website to see the regional schedule and/or follow our Facebook page for a list of weekly testing opportunities in southwest Wisconsin.

Upland Hills Hospital continues to provide COVID testing. Please see the Upland Hills website for information on getting tested at their facility.

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### Important Sources of Information

- Wisconsin Department of Health Services <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>
- Iowa County website. <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>
- Upland Hills Health <https://www.uplandhillshealth.org/patient-visitors/covid-19/>
- CDC <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>
- 211 Wisconsin Simply call 211 from your phone <https://211wisconsin.communityos.org/>
- DHS Vaccine Data <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/vaccine-data.htm#summary>
- CDC: [Facts about COVID-19 Vaccines](#)

### 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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