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Case Count at 2,049; Dashboard and Vaccination Updates; Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Persons Replaces Mass Gathering Guidance

Iowa County – The Health Department reports an increase of 9 cases this past week bringing the total number of cases to 2,049. During the previous week, an increase of 10 cases was reported, the week prior, 15 cases were reported, and the week prior to that, 12 cases. The number of individuals that have recovered is 2,027, meaning 22 cases are active.

Today's dashboard update continues to see metrics remain steady including the percentage of positive cases, at 2.7%; and the average cases reported daily metric, steady at 1.3. A summary of this week's metrics, can be found at <https://www.iowacounty.org/departments/COVID-19>. See page four of this press release for school metrics and key data summary since September 2020.

Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals

The Iowa County Health Department is replacing the mass gathering guidance with [Mask Guidance for Fully Vaccinated Individuals](#) located on the Iowa County COVID-19 website.

A shift away from mass gathering guidance, which has included recommendations on maximum gathering numbers and occupancy limits, to the approach of personal risk assessment based on vaccination status, personal health makes sense. Additional measures of physical distancing, handwashing, sanitation, etc remain important ways to reduce disease transmission.

Key points of the guidance include endorsement of the [CDC released updated guidance](#) stating that **fully vaccinated people can resume activities they did before the pandemic, including participating in indoor and outdoor activities – large or small – without wearing a mask or physically distancing**. Fully vaccinated people can also refrain from testing following a known exposure unless they are residents or employees of a correctional or detention facility or a homeless shelter.

A person is considered fully vaccinated against COVID-19 if it has been two or more weeks since they got the second dose in a two-dose series (Pfizer or Moderna), or one dose of a single-dose vaccine (J&J).

Important Exceptions to Updated Mask Guidance:

- [Health care settings](#)
- [K-12 Schools](#)
 - **CDC's school guidance remains unchanged.** Most students will still be unvaccinated and schools should follow [CDC's guidance for schools](#). Teachers, school administrators, and staff should continue to follow CDC's school guidance until more people and children are

vaccinated. Students and staff on buses should continue to follow all masking and physical distancing guidelines.

- Places where masks are required by local, tribal, or territorial laws, rules, and regulations, including: local businesses and workplaces
- Residents and employees of correctional and detention facilities and homeless shelters
- Travelers on all planes, buses, trains, and other forms of public transportation traveling into, within, or out of the United States and in U.S. transportation hubs such as airports and stations. This includes [wearing a mask when traveling](#) into, within, or out of the United States.

This updated guidance reflects scientific consensus on the effectiveness of COVID-19 vaccines against circulating strains of the SARS-CoV-2 virus. Studies show that COVID-19 vaccines are more than 90% effective in real-world settings in preventing mild and severe disease, hospitalization, and death.

[Get vaccinated against COVID-19](#)

This CDC recommendation helps us get closer to our pre-pandemic activities. Evidence shows that the COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective and risk of transmission is low. In addition, in the rare occurrence that you get COVID-19 when you've been fully vaccinated, data shows that those infections tend to be milder, shorter and harder to spread to others. "We strongly encourage everyone who can get the vaccine to get vaccinated", states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department.

COVID-19 Vaccine Administration

The Iowa County Health Department has shifted to a vaccine delivery model to meet people where they are, offering pop-up clinics around the county. These are a drive up, walk-in (no appointment needed) clinics offering Moderna and J&J vaccines. COVID-19 vaccine clinics continue at Lands' End Comer Center, in Dodgeville.

In addition, Iowa school districts have assisted us in school based clinics administering the Pfizer vaccine to adolescent children age 12 years and above. If you have an adolescent who would like to get vaccinated, please reach out to us by emailing healthinfo@iowacounty.org or calling 608.930.9870.

"We are working hard to reach everyone who wants a vaccine to provide convenience and ease in taking this step for your health and the health of your community, states Debbie Siegenthaler, Director/Health Officer, Iowa County Health Department. "Increasing the percent of persons vaccinated brings us closer to returning to the life we want and are all looking forward to. We all can play a role in reaching vaccine uptake goals and the overall health of our communities", added Siegenthaler.

Iowa County continues to make steady progress with vaccination. As of May 28, 2021, 55.2% (13,063) of Iowa County residents have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 48.7% (11,530) residents have completed the vaccine series. You can view the interactive DHS data dashboard on the [COVID-19 Vaccine Data](#) page.

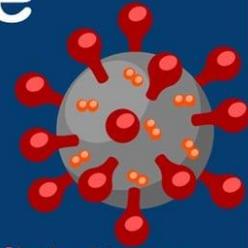
Iowa County is 5th in the state in percentage of residents who've received their first dose (5/28/21).

- 1) Dane County 65.9%
- 2) Door County 63.3%
- 3) Bayfield County 60%
- 4) Ozaukee County 55.4%
- 5) **Iowa County** 55.2%
- 6) Lacrosse County 53.9%

Upcoming COVID-19 Vaccine Community Outreach Clinics. All clinics will have Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines (you have the choice when you arrive at the clinic) unless otherwise specified with an * (in these cases, only the Johnson & Johnson vaccine will be available). If you are interested in receiving the Pfizer vaccine, please contact the Health Department at 608.930.9870. See schedule on the next page; additional dates and locations TBD.



COVID-19 Vaccine Community Clinics



No Appointment Needed-Walk-In During Clinic Hours

DATE	TOWN	LOCATION	ADDRESS	TIME
June 1st*	Dodgeville	Lands End	1 Lands End Way	2PM-7PM
June 2nd*	Dodgeville	Lands End	1 Lands End Way	4:30PM-6PM
June 3rd*	Arena	Arena Fire & EMS	111 David Cir	4:30PM-6PM
June 8th	Highland	Highland School	1030 Cardinal Dr	4:30PM-6PM
June 9th	Dodgeville	Health and Human Services	303 W Chapel St	3PM-4:30PM
June 10th*	Cobb	Cobb Community Bldg	106 Motel St	4:00PM-7PM
June 15th	Hollandale	Village Office	200 5th Ave	4:30PM-6PM
June 16th	Dodgeville	Health and Human Services	303 W Chapel St	3PM-4:30PM
June 17th*	Mineral Point	Faith Lutheran Church	400 Ridge St	3PM-5:30PM
June 22nd	Avoca	Village Utilities	401 Wisconsin St	4:30PM-6PM

All clinics will have Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines available unless otherwise noted

* Johnson and Johnson only clinics

Must be 18 years or older to receive these vaccines

If you are 12+ and in need of a Pfizer vaccine, please call the Health Department



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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. The new case rate is 7.6 per 10,000, which places this metric into green status. This is down from where this metric has been in recent weeks, around a rate of 10.

<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
February 5	2.1%	2.3	111	Red	30%	13.5
February 12	2.8%	2.9	104	Green	34%	16.8
February 19	2.8%	2.6	96	Green	44%	15.6
February 26	2%	1.7	85	Green	57%	10.1
March 5	2.4%	2.1	87	Green	77%	12.2
March 12	3.8%	3.4	90	Green	57%	20.2
March 19	5.9%	4.7	80	Green	39%	27.8
March 26	4.2%	3.4	79	Yellow	39%	19.8
April 2	2.1%	1.6	79	Yellow	39%	10
April 9	2.1%	1.6	77	Yellow	43%	10
April 16	2.6%	1.9	70	Green	48%	11
April 23	3%	2.1	72	Green	52%	12.6
April 30	3%	2.1	69	Green	41%	12.2
May 7	2.8%	1.7	62	Green	42%	10.1
May 14	3.2%	1.8	56	Green	52%	10.5
May 21	3.5%	1.8	52	Green	46%	10.5
May 28	2.7%	1.3	47	Green	38%	7.6

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.

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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