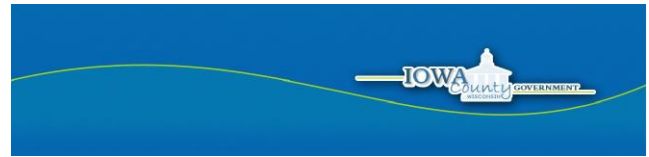


## IOWA COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

303 W. Chapel Street  
Suite 2200  
Dodgeville, WI 53533-1314

Phone: (608) 930-9870  
Fax: (608) 937-0501



[www.iowacounty.org](http://www.iowacounty.org)

---

July 18, 2020

---

*For Immediate Release*

### Iowa County Health Department

*Director/Health Officer*

*Debbie Siegenthaler RN, MSN*

### COVID 19 Update: Cases Continue to Increase

**Iowa County** – The Health Department announces three additional cases of COVID 19 bringing the case count in Iowa County to 50. Our three recent cases include two individuals between the ages of 26-35 and one person between the ages of 36-45 years. Health Department has contact with all 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 numbers of individuals testing negative to date is 3,374 and of the fifty positive cases, forty-one are recovered, meaning there are nine active cases. Cases have occurred in multiple zip codes across the county. To see mapped cases by county, visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/cases-map.htm>. Keep in mind that if cases are less than five in a zip code, they are not mapped in order to protect confidentiality.

Iowa County status remains at a HIGH activity level along with 59 other Wisconsin counties. Regions and counties are classified as high, medium, or low activity levels for disease spread by combining case burden and trajectory indicators. 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>

“Diligence is as important now as ever in following recommendations to physically distance, wash hands often, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, stay home if ill, wear a face covering and avoid large groups”, reminds Debbie Siegenthaler, Director, Iowa County Health Department. We continue to urge everyone to keep your social circles small and practice consistency and persistence with social distancing and hand hygiene. Please do not host large parties or gatherings as it adds to this virus’s opportunity to spread. Likewise, limit exposure to large groups of people for a sustained duration and please stay home if you are sick. While most of us will do fine and recover, keep in mind those who are vulnerable as they are at increased risk of a bad outcome if they get COVID 19. We all play a critical role in keeping friends, neighbors, loved ones and vulnerable residents safe and healthy. If you 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.

The Health Department strongly recommends residents wear a cloth face covering when out among people. Wearing a cloth face covering is an important step we can all take to protect others from our germs. It is an act of kindness to your neighbors and is strongly recommended. Consider your personal responsibility to not unknowingly spread infection to someone else.

---

### Important Sources of Information

---

- Wisconsin Statewide and Regional metrics [DHS website](https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/outbreaks/index.htm)
  - 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)
  - Local Data graphs
  - Mass Gathering Guidance
- **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>

Iowa County Emergency Management on Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/icemwi/>

-end-