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## Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

*May 5, 2023*

### **Report Summary**

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 4/28/2023 – 5/4/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 9 cases, a decrease from 14 cases for the previous week's reporting period. Three zip codes in Huron County reported cases this week, with the highest infection rate in the Bellevue zip code (44811).

### **Important Notes About This Report**

COVID-19 case counts included in this report are estimates for the reporting period based on reports generated from the Ohio Department of Health (ODH)'s Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS). These data may be impacted by several factors, including but not limited to:

- Lack of reporting individual cases (for example, if a self-administered at-home test kit results positive but individual case information is not reported to HCPH or recorded in the ODRS, this case will not be counted by ODH or included in this report); and
- Reporting delays with the electronic reporting of cases, especially during surge periods.

For continued updates, HCPH reminds residents to continue to use **reputable** sources for information about COVID-19, including [www.huroncohealth.com](http://www.huroncohealth.com), [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) and [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov). Statewide COVID-19 case data can be found on the Ohio Department of Health's COVID-19 Dashboard at: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/dashboards>.

### **COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring Network**

Wastewater monitoring for COVID-19 is a real-time, leading indicator that provides trend information regarding what is occurring in a community. Wastewater monitoring data, along with the number of positive individuals that have been tested at medical facilities and hospitalization information, are data sources that can be used to help inform local communities about the level of COVID-19 in their communities. There are currently four active COVID-19 wastewater monitoring sites in Huron County including Norwalk, Monroeville, Wakeman, and New London.

Information about the COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring Program can be found at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/dashboards/other-resources/wastewater>.

## CDC COVID-19 Data Tracker

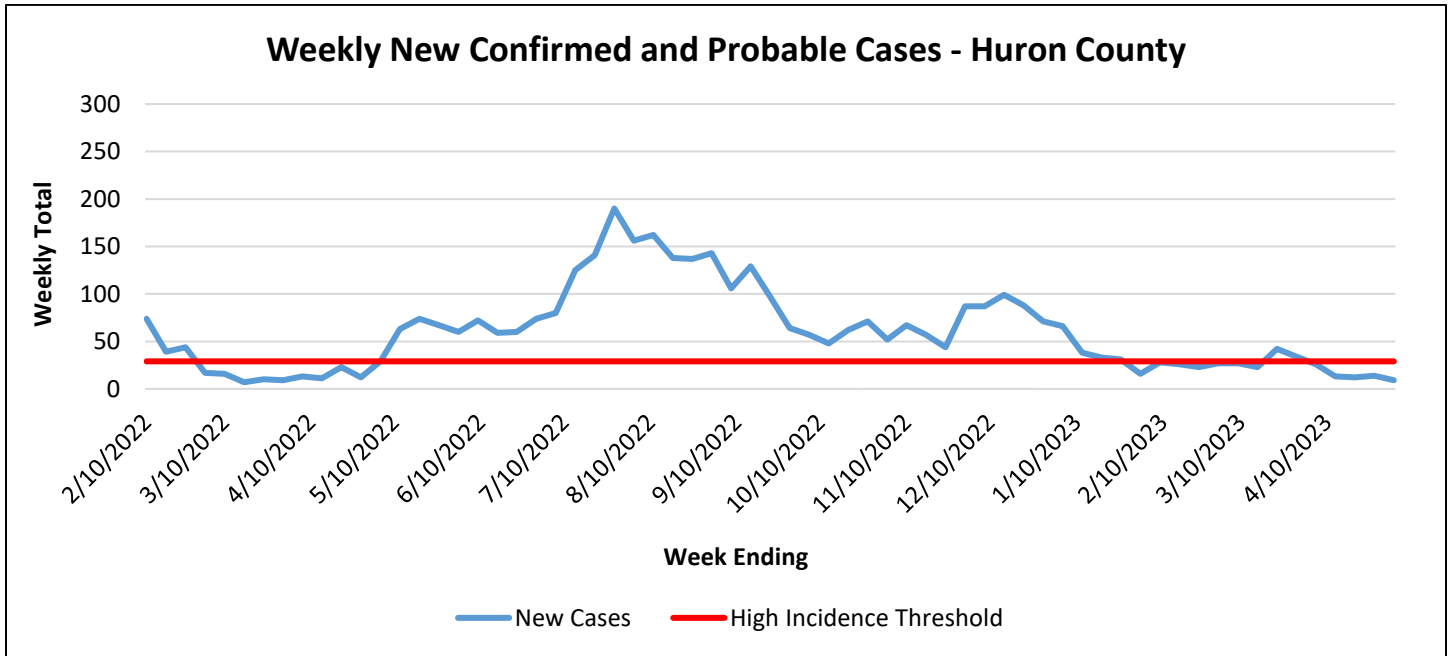
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's COVID-19 data tools, summarized in the table below. Both tools can be accessed by the public on the CDC's website at:

<https://covid.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker>.

Data Tool	<b>COVID-19 Community Levels</b>	<b>COVID-19 Community Transmission</b>
When To Use	CDC recommends use of COVID-19 <i>Community Levels</i> to determine the impact of COVID-19 on communities and make recommendations for prevention measures in non-healthcare settings.	CDC recommends use of COVID-19 <i>Community Transmission</i> for healthcare facilities <u>only</u> , to determine infection control interventions.
How Is It Calculated or Determined?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 population in the past 7 days</li> <li>• New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days</li> <li>• Percentage of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 (7-day average)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days</li> <li>• Percentage of positive Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) during the past 7 days</li> </ul>
What are the possible categorizations?	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High (Orange),</li> <li>• Medium (Yellow), or</li> <li>• Low (Green)</li> </ul>	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High (Red),</li> <li>• Substantial (Orange),</li> <li>• Moderate (Yellow), or</li> <li>• Low (Blue)</li> </ul>
What is our current categorization?	As of 5/04/2023, <b>Low</b> (Last Week: Low)	As of 5/03/2023, <b>Moderate</b> (Last week: Moderate)
What does this mean?	<p>A low classification means that there is limited impact of COVID-19 on the healthcare system and more people with severe illness.</p> <p>Based on a current level of “low,” CDC recommends individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters</li> <li>• Maintain ventilation improvements</li> <li>• Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19</li> <li>• If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.</li> </ul>	<p>When COVID-19 Community Transmission levels are not “high,” healthcare facilities could choose not to require universal source control (masks). However, source control remains recommended for individuals in healthcare settings who:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or other respiratory infection (e.g. those with runny nose, cough, sneeze); or</li> <li>• Had close contact (patients and visitors) or higher-risk exposure with someone with COVID-19, for 10 days after their exposure; or</li> <li>• Reside or work on a unit or area of a facility experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.</li> </ul> <p>For nursing homes, admission levels at Community Transmission levels lower than “high” is at the discretion of the facility.</p> <p>In general, CDC recommends healthcare facilities check their level weekly. When Community Transmission level increases to a “high” level, CDC recommends interventions are implemented as soon as possible. Procedures may vary by healthcare facility and are determined within.</p>

**Cumulative Data**

Cumulative data for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Huron County, Ohio as of Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,120 cases to date.



**Two Week Incidence Rate**

Huron County is now ranked 52<sup>nd</sup> among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 53<sup>rd</sup>. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 47.1 the previous reporting period to 41.4 for this reporting period.

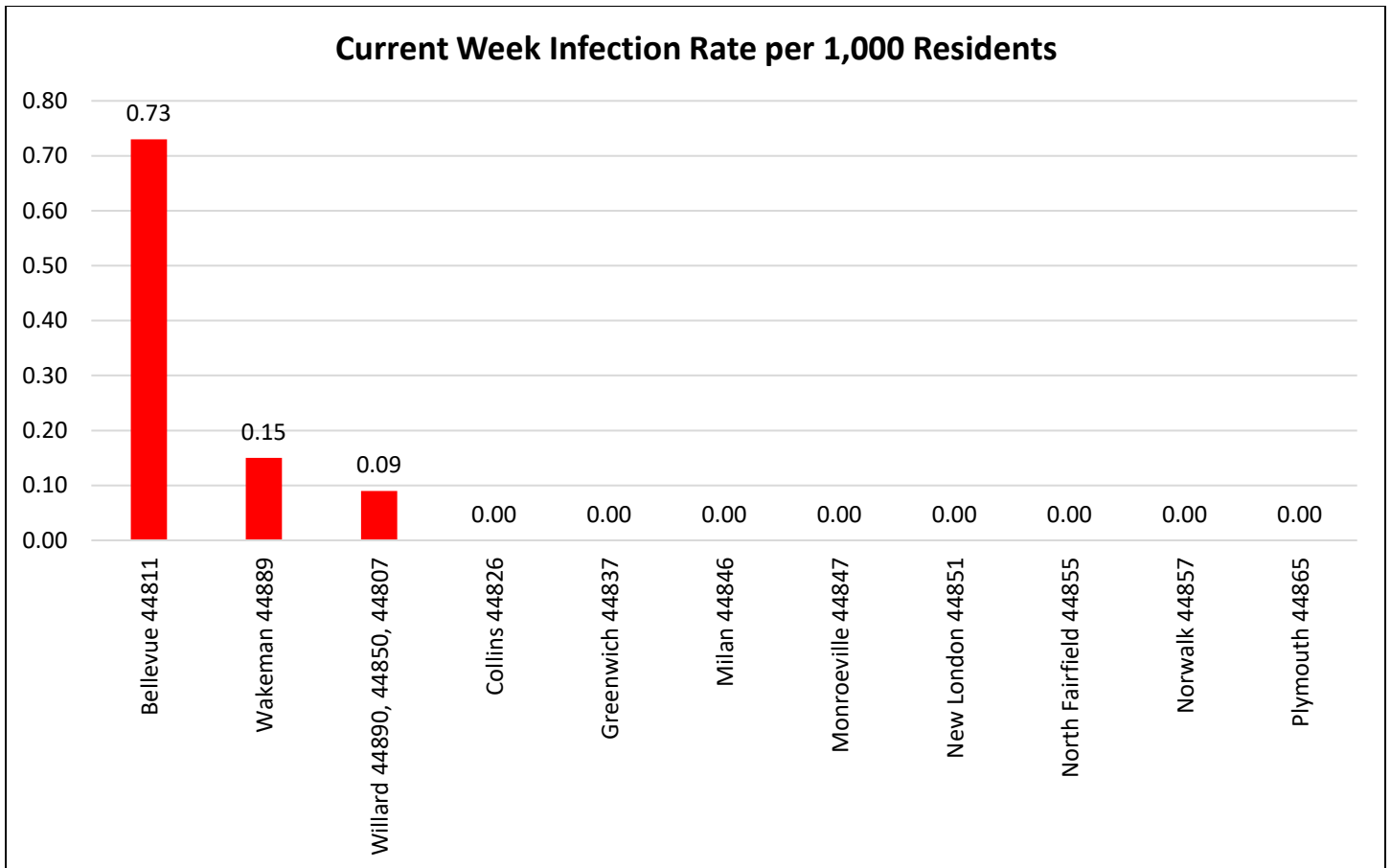
**Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks**

**Statewide Average: 41.4**

#	County	Cases Per 100K	Case Count	Population	#	County	Cases Per 100K	Case Count	Population	#	County	Cases Per 100K	Case Count	Population	#	County	Cases Per 100K	Case Count	Population
1	Morgan	261.9	38	14,508	23	Marion	46.1	30	65,093	45	Vinton	38.2	5	13,085	67	Pickaway	29.1	17	58,457
2	Jackson	169.7	55	32,413	24	Van Wert	46.0	13	28,275	46	Portage	38.2	62	162,466	68	Wood	29.0	38	130,817
3	Ashtabula	122.4	119	97,241	25	Crawford	45.8	19	41,494	47	Mahoning	38.0	87	228,683	69	Champaign	28.3	11	38,885
4	Carroll	115.2	31	26,914	26	Erie	45.8	34	74,266	48	Wayne	38.0	44	115,710	70	Harrison	26.6	4	15,040
5	Ashland	87.9	47	53,484	27	Fayette	45.6	13	28,525	49	Butler	36.3	139	383,134	71	Auglaize	26.3	12	45,656
6	Mercer	70.4	29	41,172	28	Clermont	45.5	94	206,428	50	Stark	36.2	134	370,606	72	Clark	25.4	34	134,083
7	Seneca	65.2	36	55,178	29	Montgomery	44.0	234	531,687	51	Adams	36.1	10	27,698	73	Pike	25.2	7	27,772
8	Muskingum	62.6	54	86,215	30	Greene	43.2	73	168,931	52	Huron	36.0	21	58,266	74	Athens	23.0	15	65,327
9	Williams	60.0	22	36,692	31	Warren	43.1	101	234,602	53	Lucas	36.0	154	428,348	75	Madison	22.4	10	44,731
10	Richland	57.0	69	121,154	32	Ross	43.0	33	76,666	54	Union	35.6	21	58,988	76	Hardin	22.3	7	31,365
11	Wyandot	55.1	12	21,772	33	Allen	43.0	44	102,351	55	Meigs	34.9	8	22,907	77	Brown	20.7	9	43,432
12	Washington	55.1	33	59,911	34	Jefferson	42.9	28	65,325	56	Licking	33.9	60	176,862	78	Sandusky	20.5	12	58,518
13	Geauga	54.5	51	93,649	35	Hancock	42.2	32	75,783	57	Trumbull	33.3	66	197,974	79	Coshocton	19.1	7	36,600
14	Clinton	52.4	22	41,968	36	Highland	41.7	18	43,161	58	Belmont	32.8	22	67,006	80	Logan	17.5	8	45,672
15	Lawrence	50.5	30	59,463	37	Noble	41.6	6	14,424	59	Paulding	32.1	6	18,672	81	Ottawa	17.3	7	40,525
16	Putnam	50.2	17	33,861	38	Lake	41.3	95	230,149	60	Defiance	31.5	12	38,087	82	Darke	15.7	8	51,113
17	Guernsey	48.9	19	38,875	39	Fulton	40.4	17	42,126	61	Miami	30.8	33	106,987	83	Preble	14.7	6	40,882
18	Morrow	48.1	17	35,328	40	Tuscarawas	39.1	36	91,987	62	Gallia	30.1	9	29,898	84	Shelby	14.4	7	48,590
19	Lorain	47.1	146	309,833	41	Summit	39.0	211	541,013	63	Columbiana	29.4	30	101,883	85	Henry	11.1	3	27,006
20	Hamilton	47.0	384	817,473	42	Medina	38.9	70	179,746	64	Monroe	29.3	4	13,654	86	Hocking	10.6	3	28,264
21	Cuyahoga	46.6	575	1,235,072	43	Perry	38.7	14	36,134	65	Fairfield	29.2	46	157,574	87	Knox	9.6	6	62,322
22	Scioto	46.5	35	75,314	44	Franklin	38.7	509	1,316,756	66	Delaware	29.2	61	209,177	88	Holmes	9.1	4	43,960

### Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 4/28/2023 – 5/4/2023, there were **9 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 4/28/2023 – 5/4/2023, shown by zip code.



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