

# Huron County Public Health

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## Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

*April 7, 2023*

### **Report Summary**

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 3/31/2023 – 4/6/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 26 cases, a decrease from 34 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 61-70 years age group. Seven zip codes in Huron County reported cases this week, with the highest infection rate in the Collins zip code (44826).

### **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

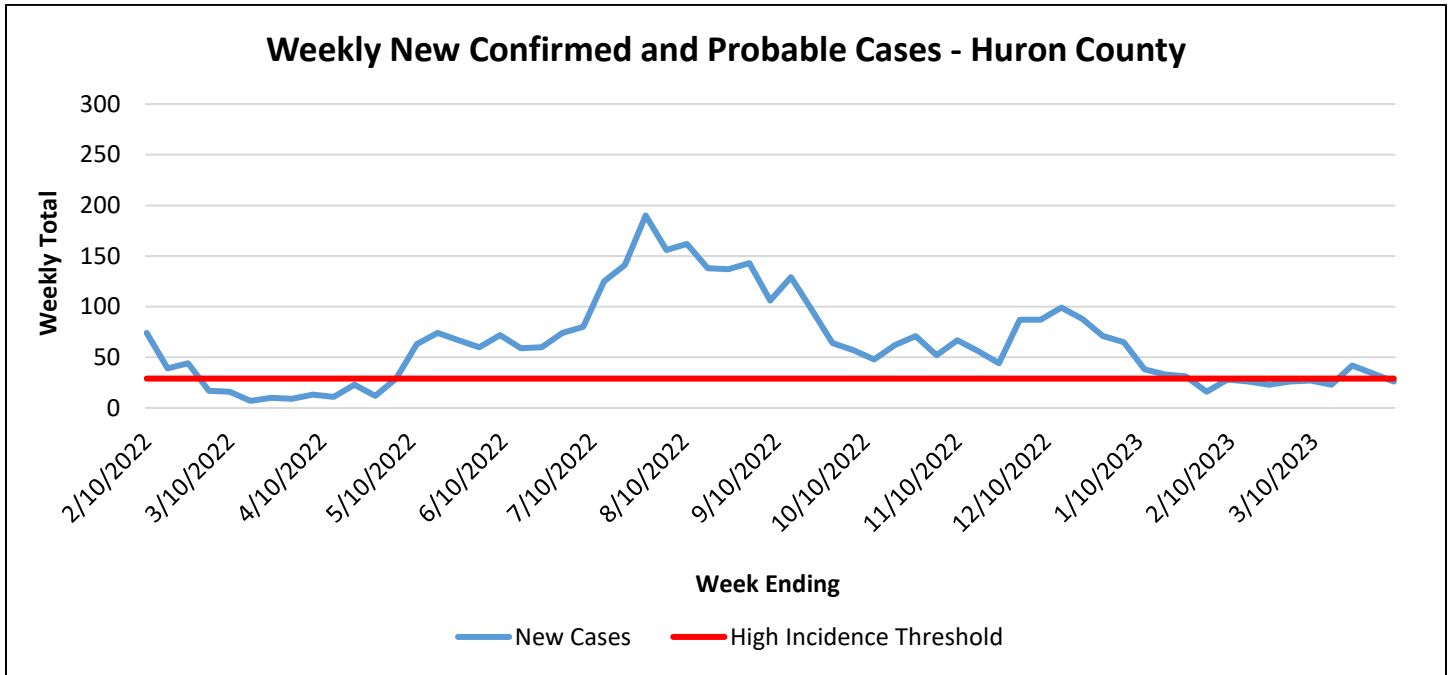
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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 4/6/2023, <b>Low</b> (Last Week: Low)	As of 4/5/2023, <b>High</b> (Last week: High)
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 “high,” CDC recommends the following for healthcare facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source control (masks) for everyone in a healthcare setting in areas of the healthcare facility where they could encounter patients.</li> <li>• For nursing homes, screening testing for COVID-19 upon admission to the facility.</li> </ul> <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. When Community Transmission level decreases, CDC recommends facilities consider monitoring for at least two weeks before relaxing any prevention efforts like masking or screening tests. 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, April 6, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,068 cases to date.



**Two Week Incidence Rate**

Huron County is now ranked 17<sup>th</sup> among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 98.4 the previous reporting period to 84.7 for this reporting period.

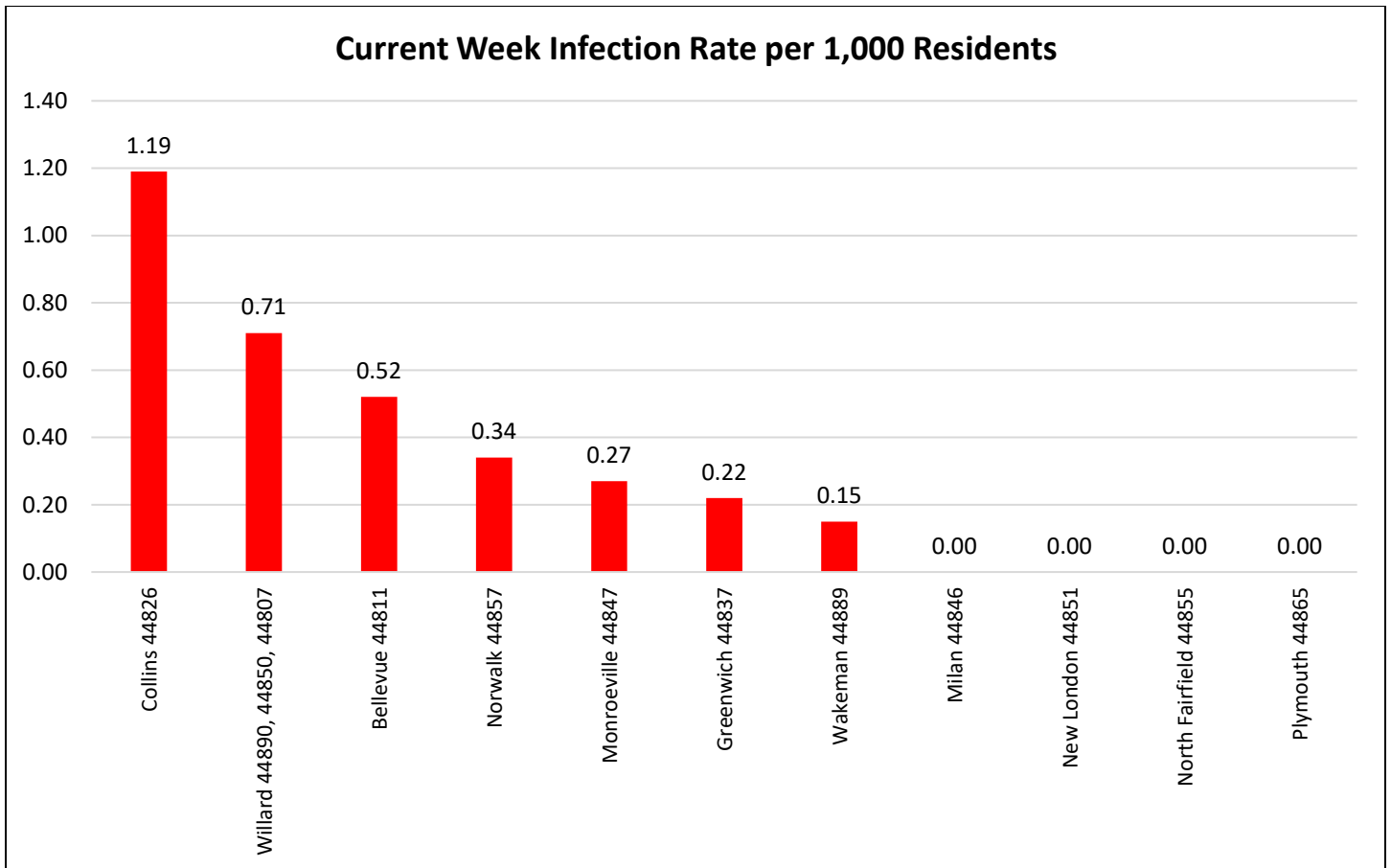
**Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks**

**Statewide Average: 84.7**

#	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	Van Wert	205.1	58	28,275	23	Trumbull	96.5	191	197,974	45	Gallia	83.6	25	29,898	67	Licking	66.2	117	176,862
2	Scioto	181.9	137	75,314	24	Lucas	95.2	408	428,348	46	Warren	83.5	196	234,602	68	Logan	65.7	30	45,672
3	Williams	169.0	62	36,692	25	Cuyahoga	95.0	1,173	1,235,072	47	Muskingum	83.5	72	86,215	69	Portage	65.2	106	162,466
4	Marion	152.1	99	65,093	26	Auglaize	94.2	43	45,656	48	Erie	83.5	62	74,266	70	Henry	62.9	17	27,006
5	Meigs	148.4	34	22,907	27	Stark	93.9	348	370,606	49	Miami	81.3	87	106,987	71	Hamilton	61.4	502	817,473
6	Highland	148.3	64	43,161	28	Pike	93.6	26	27,772	50	Washington	78.4	47	59,911	72	Adams	61.4	17	27,698
7	Ottawa	148.1	60	40,525	29	Coshocton	92.9	34	36,600	51	Montgomery	77.9	414	531,687	73	Sandusky	58.1	34	58,518
8	Ashtabula	146.0	142	97,241	30	Lake	92.5	213	230,149	52	Richland	77.6	94	121,154	74	Butler	57.9	222	383,134
9	Athens	145.4	95	65,327	31	Hocking	92.0	26	28,264	53	Champaign	77.2	30	38,885	75	Fairfield	57.8	91	157,574
10	Mercer	136.0	56	41,172	32	Jefferson	91.8	60	65,325	54	Ashland	76.7	41	53,484	76	Hardin	57.4	18	31,365
11	Ross	125.2	96	76,666	33	Clark	91.7	123	134,083	55	Delaware	76.5	160	209,177	77	Clinton	57.2	24	41,968
12	Defiance	118.2	45	38,087	34	Holmes	91.0	40	43,960	56	Franklin	75.7	997	1,316,756	78	Union	55.9	33	58,988
13	Mahoning	113.3	259	228,683	35	Wood	90.2	118	130,817	57	Hancock	75.2	57	75,783	79	Jackson	52.4	17	32,413
14	Fulton	111.6	47	42,126	36	Summit	90.2	488	541,013	58	Greene	75.2	127	168,937	80	Geauga	52.3	49	93,649
15	Lorain	109.7	340	309,833	37	Morgan	89.6	13	14,508	59	Paulding	75.0	14	18,672	81	Carroll	48.3	13	26,914
16	Guernsey	109.0	42	38,875	38	Lawrence	89.1	53	59,463	60	Harrison	73.1	11	15,040	82	Seneca	45.3	25	55,178
17	Huron	104.7	61	58,266	39	Crawford	86.8	36	41,494	61	Preble	70.9	29	40,882	83	Madison	44.7	20	44,731
18	Perry	102.4	37	36,134	40	Putnam	85.6	29	33,861	62	Fayette	70.1	20	28,525	84	Belmont	37.3	25	67,006
19	Tuscarawas	101.1	93	91,987	41	Shelby	84.4	41	48,590	63	Medina	70.1	126	179,746	85	Monroe	36.6	5	13,654
20	Darke	99.8	51	51,113	42	Clermont	84.3	174	206,428	64	Wayne	70.0	81	115,710	86	Knox	35.3	22	62,322
21	Morrow	99.1	35	35,328	43	Vinton	84.1	11	13,085	65	Brown	69.1	30	43,432	87	Noble	27.7	4	14,424
22	Allen	98.7	101	102,351	44	Pickaway	83.8	49	58,457	66	Columbiana	67.7	69	101,883	88	Wyandot	23.0	5	21,772

### Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 3/31/2023 – 4/06/2023, there were **26 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 3/31/2023 – 4/06/2023, shown by zip code.



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