

Huron County Public Health

Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

March 24, 2023

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 3/17/2023 – 3/23/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 42 cases, an increase from 23 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 81+ years age group. Eight 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, www.coronavirus.ohio.gov and 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

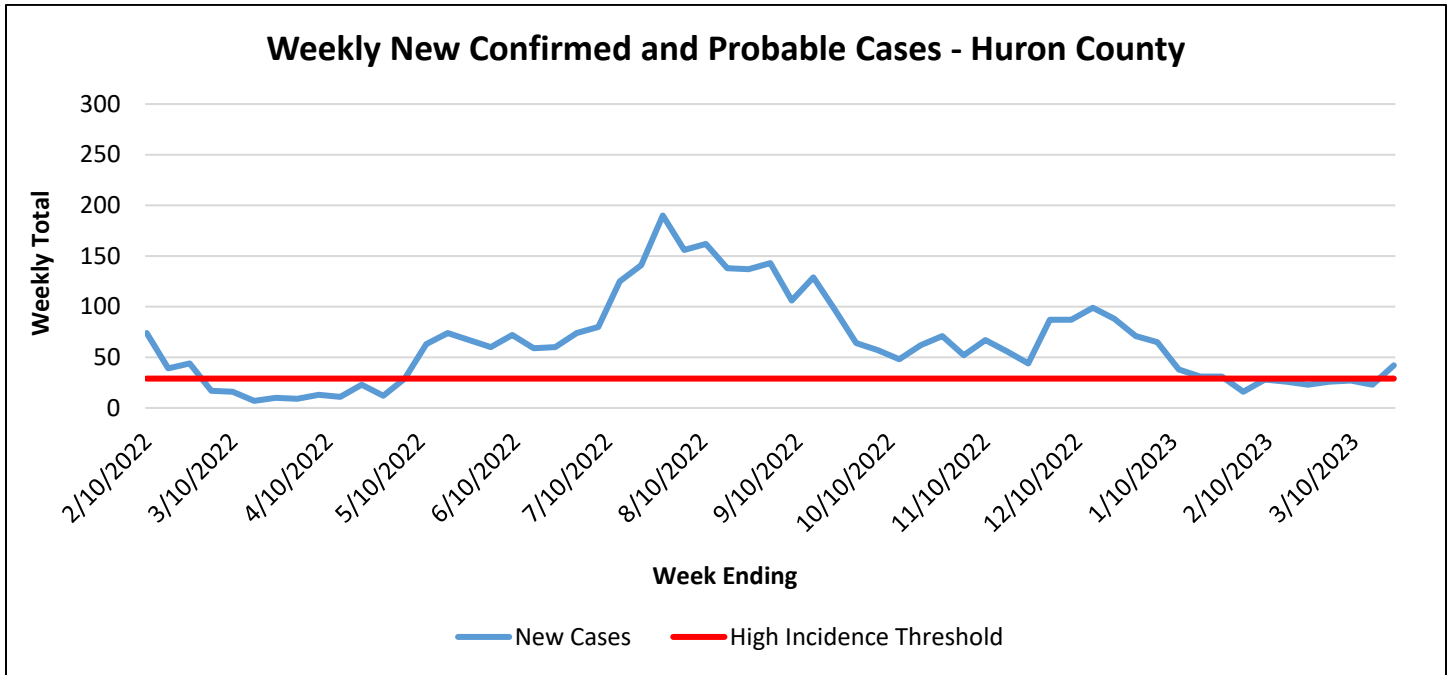
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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	COVID-19 Community Levels	COVID-19 Community Transmission
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"> • COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 population in the past 7 days • New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days • Percentage of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 (7-day average) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days • Percentage of positive Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) during the past 7 days
What are the possible categorizations?	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High (Orange), • Medium (Yellow), or • Low (Green) 	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High (Red), • Substantial (Orange), • Moderate (Yellow), or • Low (Blue)
What is our current categorization?	As of 3/23/2023, Medium (Last Week: Medium)	As of 3/22/2023, Moderate (Last week: Moderate)
What does this mean?	<p>A medium classification means that there is some impact of COVID-19 on the healthcare system and more people with severe illness.</p> <p>Based on a current level of “medium,” CDC recommends individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters • Maintain ventilation improvements • Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 • Follow CDC recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 • Follow CDC recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19 • If you are at high risk of getting very sick, wear a high-quality mask or respirator (e.g. N-95) when indoors in public. • If you have household or social contact with someone at high risk for getting very sick, consider self-testing to detect infection before contact, and consider wearing a high-quality mask when indoors with them. 	<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"> • Have suspected or confirmed COVID-19 or other respiratory infection (e.g. those with runny nose, cough, sneeze); or • Had close contact (patients and visitors) or a higher-risk exposure with someone with COVID-19, for 10 days after their exposure; or <p>Reside or work on a unit or area of a facility experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak.</p> <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, March 23, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,006 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 48th among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 76th. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 117.9 the previous reporting period to 106.7 for this reporting period.

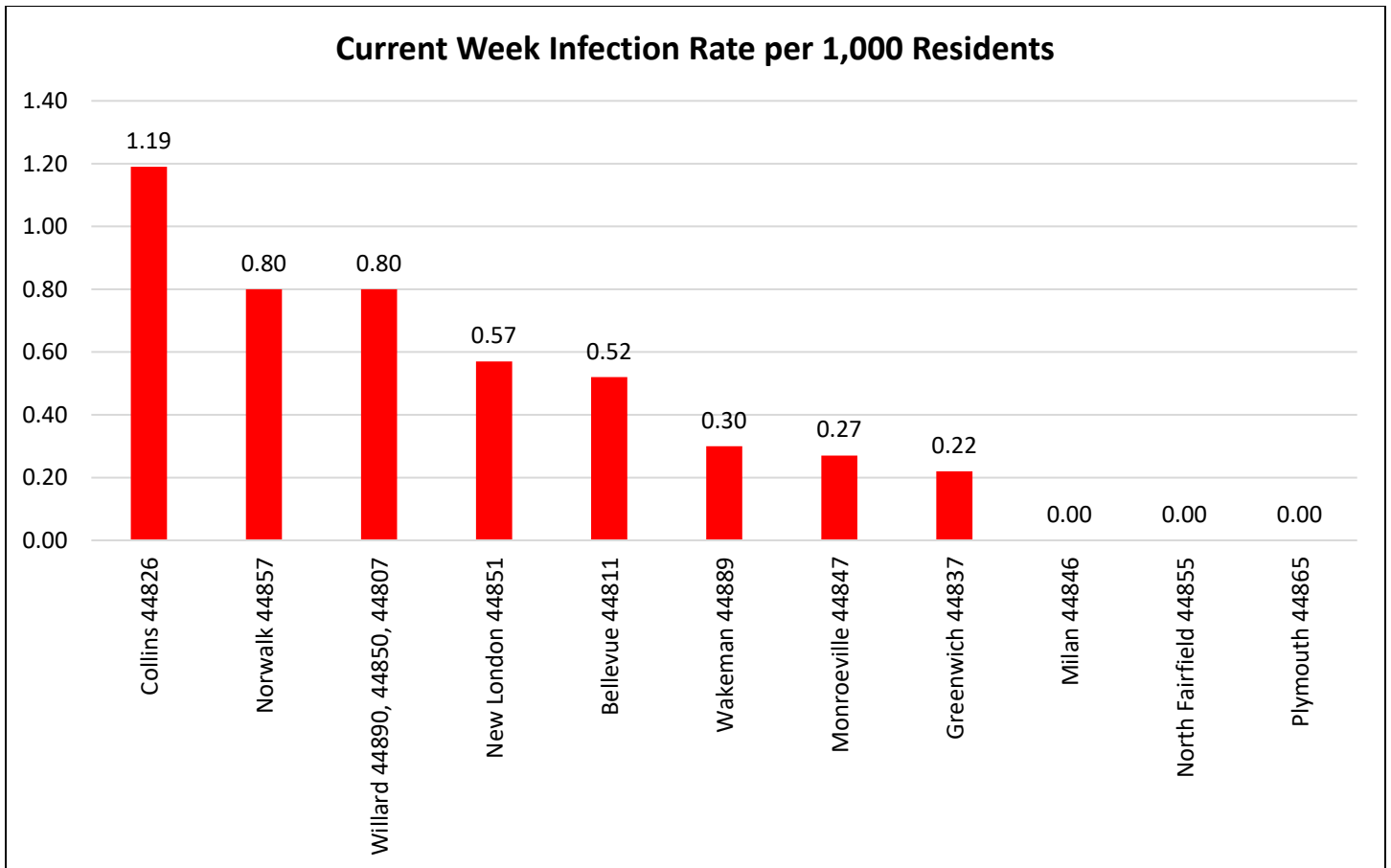
Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

Statewide Average: 106.7

#	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	Harrison	199.5	30	15,040	23	Ross	123.9	95	76,666	45	Licking	103.5	183	176,862	67	Madison	82.7	37	44,731
2	Tuscarawas	193.5	178	91,987	24	Guernsey	123.5	48	38,875	46	Lake	103.4	238	230,149	68	Jefferson	81.1	53	65,325
3	Lawrence	193.4	115	59,463	25	Hancock	122.7	93	75,783	47	Montgomery	103.2	549	531,687	69	Monroe	80.6	11	13,654
4	Fulton	192.3	81	42,126	26	Carroll	122.6	33	26,914	48	Huron	103.0	60	58,266	70	Hamilton	80.1	655	817,473
5	Hocking	191.1	54	28,264	27	Perry	121.8	44	36,134	49	Hardin	102.9	52	31,365	71	Logan	78.8	36	45,672
6	Mahoning	190.7	436	228,683	28	Ashland	121.5	65	53,484	50	Adams	101.1	28	27,698	72	Brown	78.3	34	43,432
7	Williams	182.6	67	36,692	29	Trumbull	120.7	239	197,974	51	Delaware	100.9	211	209,177	73	Mercer	77.7	32	41,172
8	Ashtabula	182.0	177	97,241	30	Fayette	119.2	34	28,525	52	Columbiana	100.1	102	101,883	74	Butler	74.9	287	383,134
9	Allen	180.8	185	102,351	31	Vinton	114.6	15	13,085	53	Wayne	96.8	112	115,710	75	Darke	74.3	38	51,113
10	Sandusky	174.3	102	58,518	32	Wood	113.1	148	130,817	54	Pickaway	95.8	56	58,457	76	Champaign	72.0	28	38,885
11	Scioto	171.3	129	75,314	33	Medina	112.9	203	179,746	55	Greene	95.3	161	168,937	77	Clinton	71.5	30	41,968
12	Marion	153.6	100	65,093	34	Union	111.9	66	58,988	56	Putnam	94.5	32	33,861	78	Fairfield	66.6	105	157,574
13	Clark	146.2	196	134,083	35	Summit	111.3	602	541,013	57	Muskingum	94.0	81	86,215	79	Highland	64.9	28	43,161
14	Van Wert	145.0	41	28,275	36	Cuyahoga	111.0	1,371	1,235,072	58	Athens	93.4	61	65,327	80	Wyandot	64.3	14	21,772
15	Paulding	144.6	27	18,672	37	Meigs	109.1	25	22,907	59	Seneca	92.4	51	55,178	81	Belmont	64.2	43	67,006
16	Auglaize	144.6	66	45,656	38	Stark	109.0	404	370,606	60	Warren	92.1	216	234,602	82	Gallia	63.5	19	29,898
17	Lorain	143.6	445	309,833	39	Jackson	108.0	35	32,413	61	Pleble	90.5	37	40,882	83	Coshocton	60.1	22	36,600
18	Defiance	136.5	52	38,087	40	Henry	107.4	29	27,006	62	Clermont	89.6	185	206,428	84	Morrow	59.4	21	35,328
19	Ottawa	135.7	55	40,525	41	Miami	106.6	114	106,987	63	Richland	89.1	108	121,154	85	Holmes	52.3	23	43,960
20	Crawford	135.0	56	41,494	42	Portage	104.0	169	162,466	64	Franklin	87.2	1,148	1,316,756	86	Knox	41.7	26	62,322
21	Morgan	131.0	19	14,508	43	Erie	103.7	77	74,266	65	Shelby	84.4	41	48,590	87	Noble	41.6	6	14,424
22	Lucas	129.8	556	428,348	44	Geauga	103.6	97	93,649	66	Washington	83.5	50	59,911	88	Pike	25.2	7	27,772

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 3/17/2023 – 3/23/2023, there were **42 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 3/17/2023 – 3/23/2023, shown by zip code.



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