

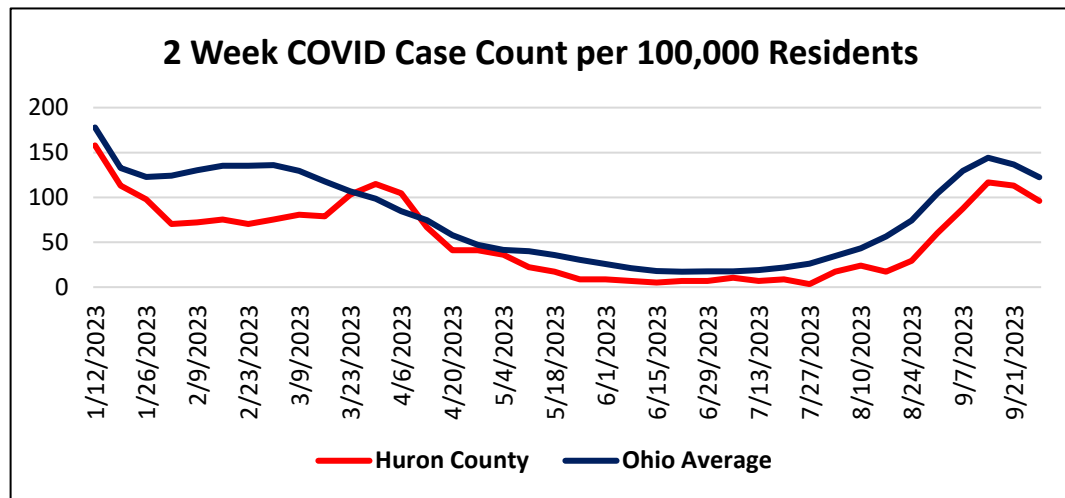
# Huron County Public Health

## COVID-19 Wastewater Report October 2, 2023

The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has continued to experience delays in receiving lab testing supplies for wastewater testing. Wastewater testing results have not been updated as of September 11, 2023, but are expected to be up-to-date for the next reporting period of October, 9, 2023. Since HCPH does not have any new wastewater results, HCPH will only be using data from the Ohio Disease Reporting System (ODRS) for our COVID-19 reporting at this time. ODRS is the system that reports positive COVID-19 tests from medical facilities for both Huron County and the state of Ohio.

Based on the ODRS data, Huron County is still at a moderately elevated level of COVID-19. Willard, Greenwich, and Wakeman are the areas in Huron County that are currently experiencing the highest incidences of COVID-19. The following are Huron County’s positive COVID-19 cases reported in the ODRS, by month:

Month	# of positive cases
June	10
July	14
August	61
September	134



HCPH continues to encourage the public to take preventative measures against COVID-19. People in the high-risk category for illness and/or hospitalization especially may want to start taking extra precautions when interacting with others. Steps you can take to prevent COVID-19 can be found at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>. COVID-19 at-home tests kits are available for free in the harm reduction vending machine in front of Huron County Public Health at 28 Executive Drive in Norwalk.

As of September 25, 2023, households are able to once again order four free COVID-19 tests through [www.covid.gov/tests](http://www.covid.gov/tests). These tests will detect the currently circulating COVID-19 variants. People are encouraged to use the free tests immediately as Americans prepare for travel and gatherings with friends and family throughout the 2023 holiday season. These test kits are coming out of a supply that will remain usable through December 31, 2023, under expiration date extensions greenlighted by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The most up-to-date expiration dates can be found at [Authorized At-Home OTC COVID-19 Diagnostic Tests and Expiration Dates](#).