



Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

May 12, 2023

Notice of Discontinuation

Huron County Public Health (HCPH) has been issuing the Huron County Weekly COVID-19 Report since May 2020. Over the past few years, this report has captured a lot of different COVID-19-related data in a variety of formats. After three years of weekly reporting, HCPH has decided that this report will be the final COVID-19 weekly report issued in this format. This decision has been made for a few reasons:

- The federal government ended the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (PHE) yesterday, May 11, 2023.
- With the continuously increasing availability and use of at-home test kits, case data that comprises the majority of HCPH's COVID-19 Weekly Report is becoming a less and less-reliable indicator of the true impact of COVID-19 in our community.
- It is time that we shift our strategy from an emergency response to COVID-19, to a sustainable response to COVID-19, similar to what we do for other illnesses, as HCPH recognizes that COVID-19 will continue to remain a part of our world long-term.

Although the Huron County COVID-19 Weekly Report is ending:

- It is very important for our residents to understand that COVID-19 is not going away. HCPH still recognizes the impact that COVID-19 has and will continue to have on our community. We encourage residents to continue to implement everyday preventative actions that protect them from COVID-19 and other illnesses such as handwashing, following CDC recommendations for what to do if you have been exposed, staying home if you are sick, etc. (Read more about how to protect yourself and others at: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>).
- HCPH will continue to monitor the impact of COVID-19 on Huron County and will continue to evaluate what data and information we can provide to residents to help them make informed decisions regarding COVID-19.
- In the meantime, COVID-19 data for Huron County, including wastewater monitoring for the Villages of Monroeville, New London, and Wakeman and the City of Norwalk will continue to be available on the Ohio Department of Health's Dashboards at <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/dashboards>.
- While federal/state supplies last, HCPH will continue to offer free at-home COVID-19 test kits and COVID-19 vaccines (by appointment).

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 5/5/2023 – 5/11/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 5 cases, a decrease from 9 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 Wakeman zip code (44889).

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>.

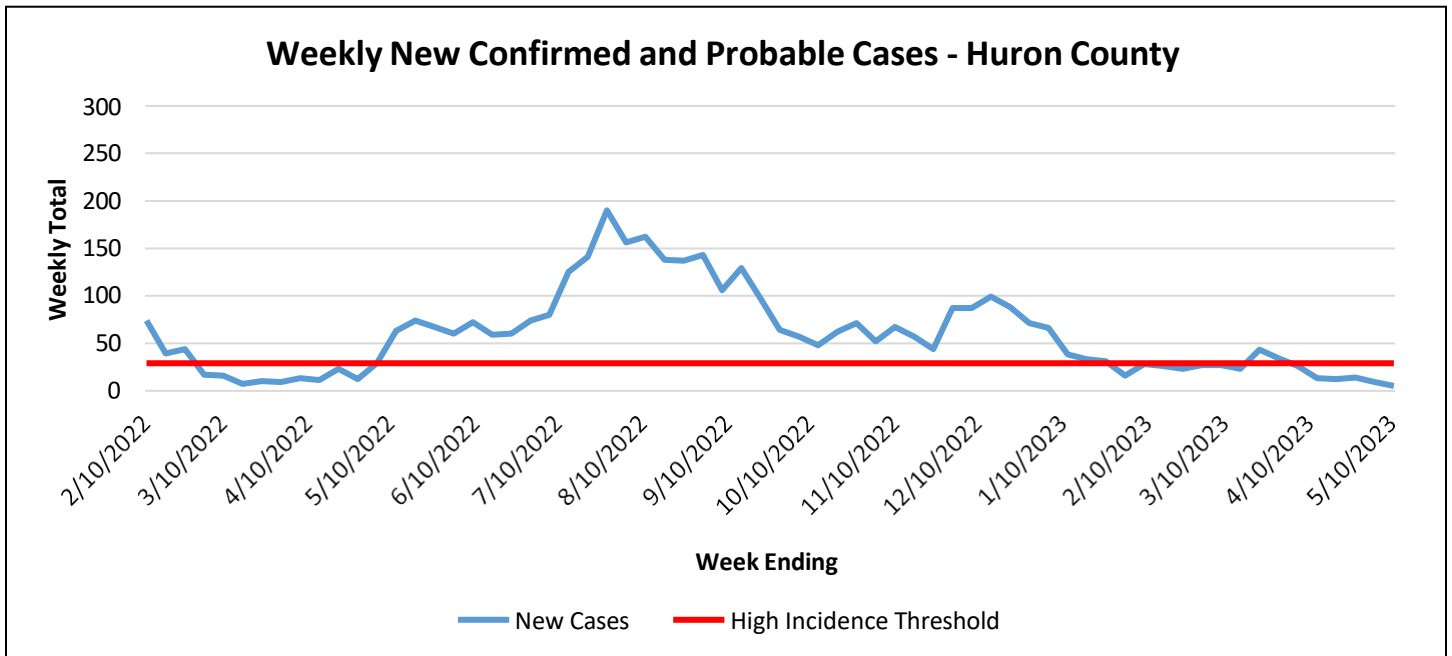
COVID-19 Wastewater Monitoring Network

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>.

Cumulative Data

Cumulative data for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Huron County, Ohio as of Thursday, May 11, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,126 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 71st among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 52nd. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 41.4 the previous reporting period to 40.0 for this reporting period.

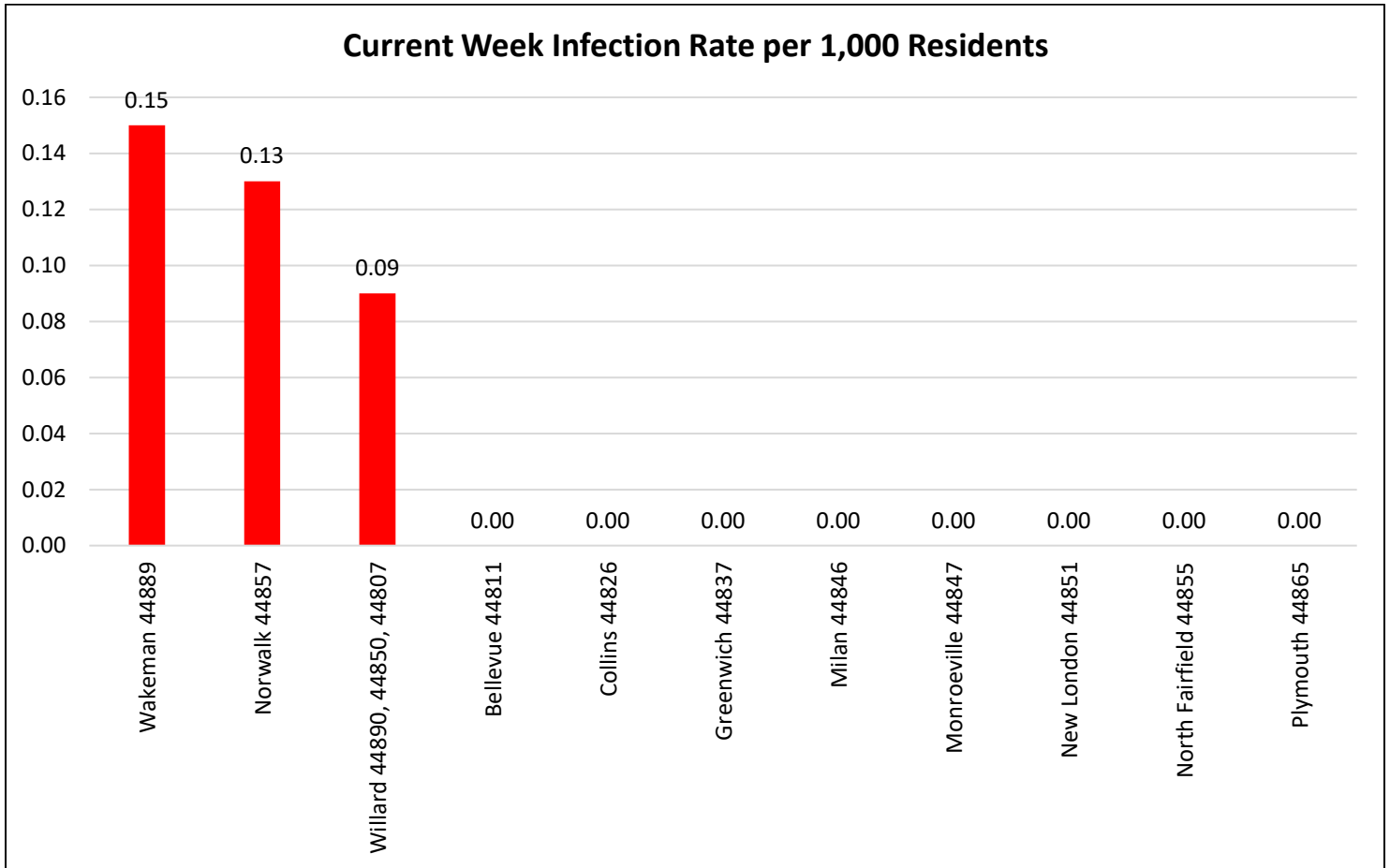
Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

Statewide Average: 40.0

#	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	Ashland	129.0	69	53,484	23	Fayette	45.6	13	28,525	45	Licking	35.1	62	176,862	67	Adams	25.3	7	27,698
2	Morgan	103.4	15	14,508	24	Montgomery	45.0	239	531,687	46	Tuscarawas	34.8	32	91,987	68	Trumbull	24.8	49	197,974
3	Carroll	100.3	27	26,914	25	Warren	43.9	103	234,602	47	Lucas	34.8	149	428,348	69	Columbiana	22.6	23	101,883
4	Ashtabula	80.2	78	97,241	26	Hamilton	43.7	357	817,473	48	Stark	34.5	128	370,606	70	Allen	22.5	23	102,351
5	Jackson	77.1	25	32,413	27	Butler	43.1	165	383,134	49	Wayne	33.7	39	115,710	71	Huron	22.3	13	58,266
6	Defiance	73.5	28	38,087	28	Van Wert	42.4	12	28,275	50	Jefferson	33.7	22	65,325	72	Henry	22.3	0	27,006
7	Hancock	71.3	54	75,783	29	Ross	41.7	32	76,666	51	Pike	32.4	9	27,772	73	Monroe	22.0	3	13,654
8	Williams	62.7	23	36,692	30	Brown	41.4	18	43,432	52	Ottawa	32.1	13	40,525	74	Meigs	21.8	5	22,907
9	Muskingum	59.2	51	86,215	31	Scioto	41.2	31	75,314	53	Fairfield	31.7	50	157,574	75	Paulding	21.4	4	18,672
10	Richland	58.6	71	121,154	32	Franklin	40.3	531	1,316,756	54	Sandusky	30.8	18	58,518	76	Noble	20.8	3	14,424
11	Lawrence	55.5	33	59,463	33	Preble	39.1	16	40,882	55	Athens	30.6	20	65,327	77	Harrison	19.9	3	15,040
12	Clinton	52.4	22	41,968	34	Mercer	38.9	16	41,172	56	Mahoning	29.7	68	228,683	78	Champaign	18.0	7	38,885
13	Medina	52.3	94	179,746	35	Greene	38.5	65	168,937	57	Erie	29.6	22	74,266	79	Belmont	17.9	12	67,006
14	Geauga	51.3	48	93,649	36	Washington	38.4	23	59,911	58	Delaware	29.2	61	209,177	80	Madison	17.9	8	44,731
15	Seneca	50.7	28	55,178	37	Portage	37.5	61	162,466	59	Wood	27.5	36	130,817	81	Hocking	17.7	5	28,264
16	Clermont	48.9	101	206,428	38	Gallia	36.8	11	106,987	60	Miami	27.1	29	106,987	82	Knox	17.7	11	62,322
17	Union	47.5	28	58,988	39	Wyandot	36.7	8	21,772	61	Crawford	26.5	11	41,494	83	Darke	17.6	9	51,113
18	Lorain	47.1	146	309,833	40	Summit	36.4	197	541,013	62	Marion	26.1	17	65,093	84	Coshocton	16.4	6	36,600
19	Lake	46.9	108	230,149	41	Guernsey	36.0	14	38,875	63	Clark	26.1	35	134,083	85	Logan	13.1	6	45,672
20	Highland	46.3	20	43,161	42	Perry	36.0	13	36,134	64	Pickaway	25.7	15	58,457	86	Holmes	11.4	5	43,960
21	Auglaize	46.0	21	45,656	43	Fulton	35.6	15	42,126	65	Hardin	25.5	8	31,365	87	Shelby	10.3	5	48,590
22	Cuyahoga	45.7	564	1,235,072	44	Putnam	35.4	12	33,861	66	Morrow	25.5	9	35,328	88	Vinton	7.6	1	13,085

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 5/5/2023 – 5/11/2023, there were **5 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 5/5/2023 – 5/11/2023, shown by zip code.



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