

Huron County Public Health

Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

April 28, 2023

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 4/21/2023 – 4/27/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 14 cases, a slight increase from 12 cases for the previous week's reporting period. Five zip codes in Huron County reported cases this week, with the highest infection rate in the North Fairfield zip code (44855).

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

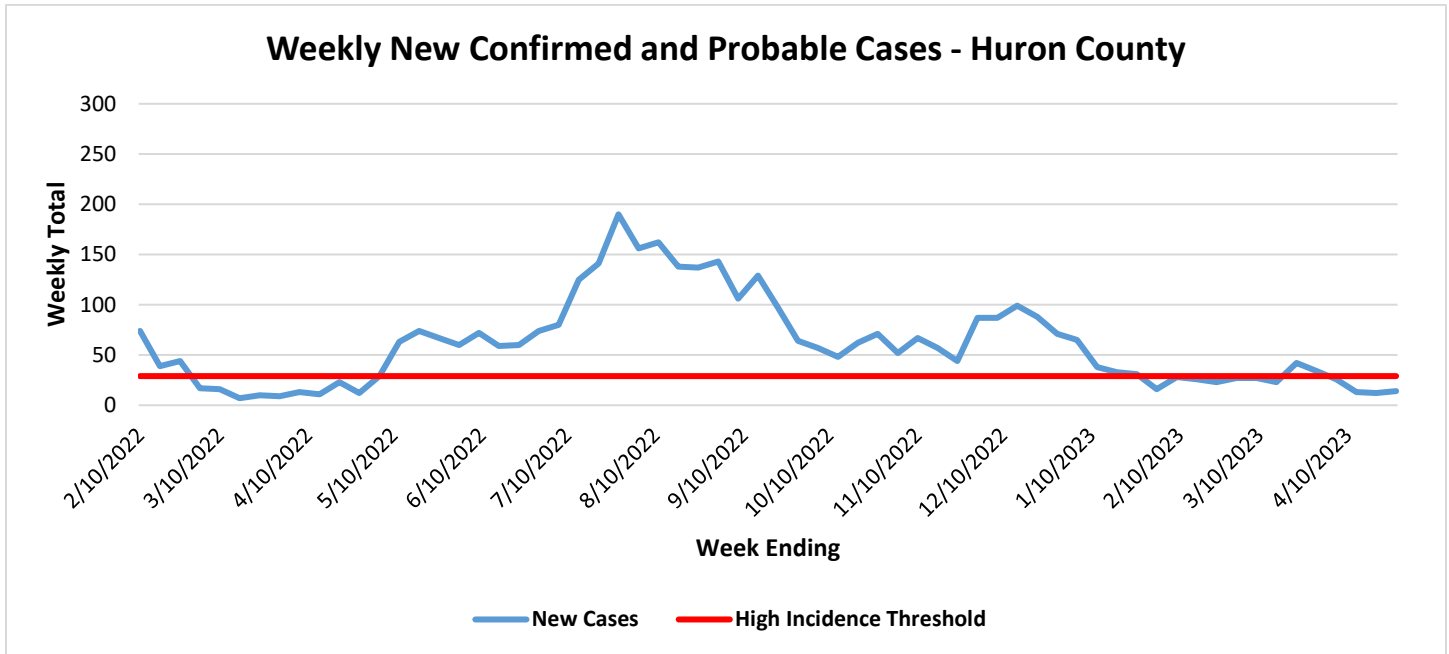
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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 4/28/2023, Low (Last Week: Low)	As of 4/28/2023, Moderate (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"> • 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, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions. 	<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 higher-risk exposure with someone with COVID-19, for 10 days after their exposure; or • Reside or work on a unit or area of a facility experiencing a COVID-19 outbreak. <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, April 27, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,096 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 53rd among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 66th. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 57.9 the previous reporting period to 47.1 for this reporting period.

Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

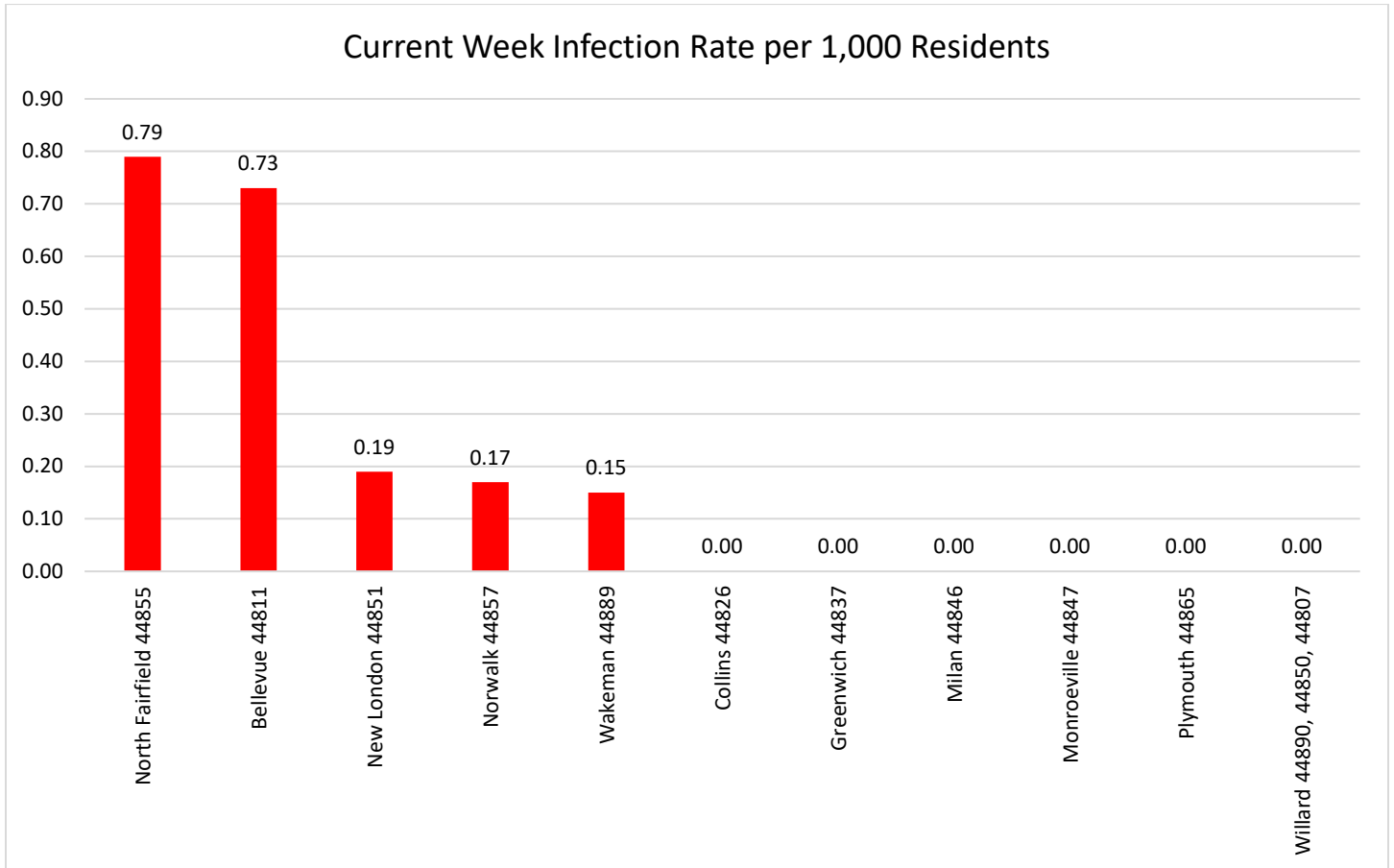
Statewide Average: 47.1

#	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	392.9	57	14,508	23	Tuscarawas	54.4	50	91,987	45	Fulton	45.1	19	42,126	67	Seneca	34.4	19	55,178
2	Jackson	132.7	43	32,413	24	Lake	54.3	125	230,149	46	Pickaway	44.5	26	58,457	68	Hancock	34.3	26	75,783
3	Ashtabula	101.8	99	97,241	25	Guernsey	51.4	20	38,875	47	Lucas	44.1	189	428,348	69	Madison	33.5	15	44,731
4	Morrow	96.2	34	35,328	26	Belmont	50.7	34	67,006	48	Hamilton	43.4	355	817,473	70	Vinton	30.6	4	13,085
5	Mercer	82.6	34	41,172	27	Lawrence	50.5	30	59,463	49	Licking	43.0	76	176,862	71	Union	30.5	18	58,988
6	Crawford	77.1	32	41,494	28	Montgomery	50.4	268	531,687	50	Van Wert	42.4	12	28,275	72	Wood	29.8	39	130,817
7	Fayette	70.1	20	28,525	29	Gallia	50.2	15	29,898	51	Clark	41.8	56	134,083	73	Wayne	29.4	34	115,710
8	Allen	68.4	70	102,351	30	Geauga	49.1	46	93,649	52	Perry	41.5	15	36,134	74	Hocking	28.3	8	28,264
9	Putnam	67.9	23	33,861	31	Muskingum	48.7	42	86,215	53	Huron	41.2	24	58,266	75	Wyandot	27.6	6	21,772
10	Monroe	65.9	9	13,654	32	Highland	48.7	21	43,161	54	Champaign	41.1	16	38,885	76	Ottawa	27.1	11	40,525
11	Meigs	65.5	15	22,907	33	Erie	48.5	36	74,266	55	Fairfield	40.0	63	157,574	77	Auglaize	26.3	12	45,656
12	Williams	65.4	24	36,692	34	Stark	48.0	178	370,606	56	Marion	39.9	26	65,093	78	Logan	24.1	11	45,672
13	Scioto	65.1	49	75,314	35	Greene	47.9	81	168,937	57	Franklin	39.4	519	1,316,756	79	Knox	24.1	15	62,322
14	Adams	65.0	18	27,698	36	Summit	47.7	258	541,013	58	Defiance	39.4	15	38,087	80	Sandusky	22.2	13	58,518
15	Lorain	63.6	197	309,833	37	Jefferson	47.5	31	65,325	59	Butler	39.2	150	383,134	81	Noble	20.8	3	14,424
16	Ross	62.6	48	76,666	38	Richland	47.0	57	121,154	60	Brown	39.1	17	43,432	82	Coshocton	19.1	7	36,600
17	Clinton	62.0	26	41,968	39	Pike	46.8	13	27,772	61	Delaware	38.2	80	209,177	83	Henry	18.5	5	27,006
18	Washington	60.1	36	59,911	40	Harrison	46.5	7	15,040	62	Portage	38.2	62	162,466	84	Preble	17.1	7	40,882
19	Paulding	58.9	11	18,672	41	Clermont	46.5	96	206,428	63	Carroll	37.2	10	26,914	85	Hardin	15.9	5	31,365
20	Mahoning	57.3	131	228,683	42	Medina	46.2	83	179,746	64	Miami	36.5	39	106,987	86	Holmes	13.6	6	43,960
21	Cuyahoga	56.4	696	1,235,072	43	Warren	46.0	108	234,602	65	Ashland	35.5	19	53,484	87	Shelby	10.3	5	48,590
22	Trumbull	55.6	110	197,974	44	Athens	45.9	30	65,327	66	Columbiana	35.3	36	101,883	88	Darke	7.8	4	51,113

Cases per capita values pulled on 04/27/23 for case onset dates of 04/13/23 through 04/26/23. Excludes incarcerated individuals.

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 4/21/2023 – 4/27/2023, there were **14 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 4/21/2023 – 4/27/2023, shown by zip code.



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