



Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

April 21, 2023

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 4/14/2023 – 4/20/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 12 cases, a slight decrease from 13 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 31-40 years age group. Five 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

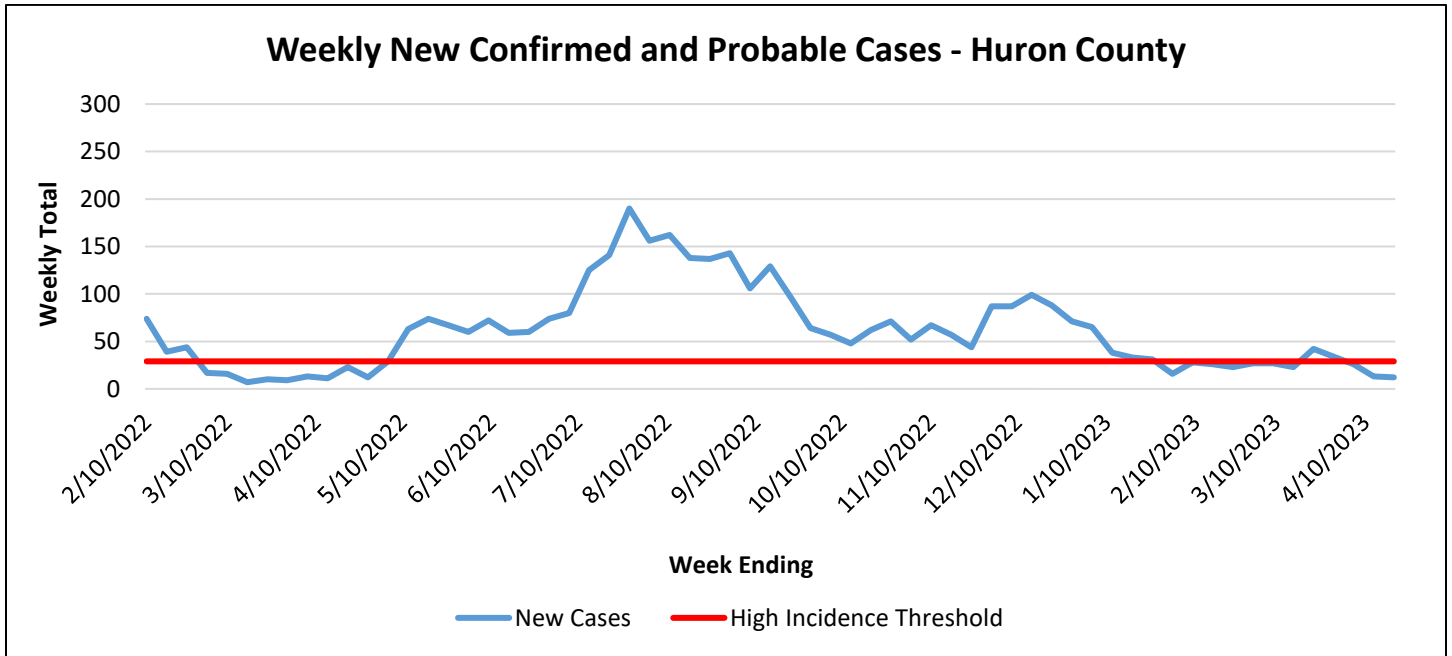
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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 4/20/2023, Low (Last Week: Low)	As of 4/19/2023, Moderate (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"> • 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 20, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,096 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 66th among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 51st. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 74.5 the previous reporting period to 57.9 for this reporting period.

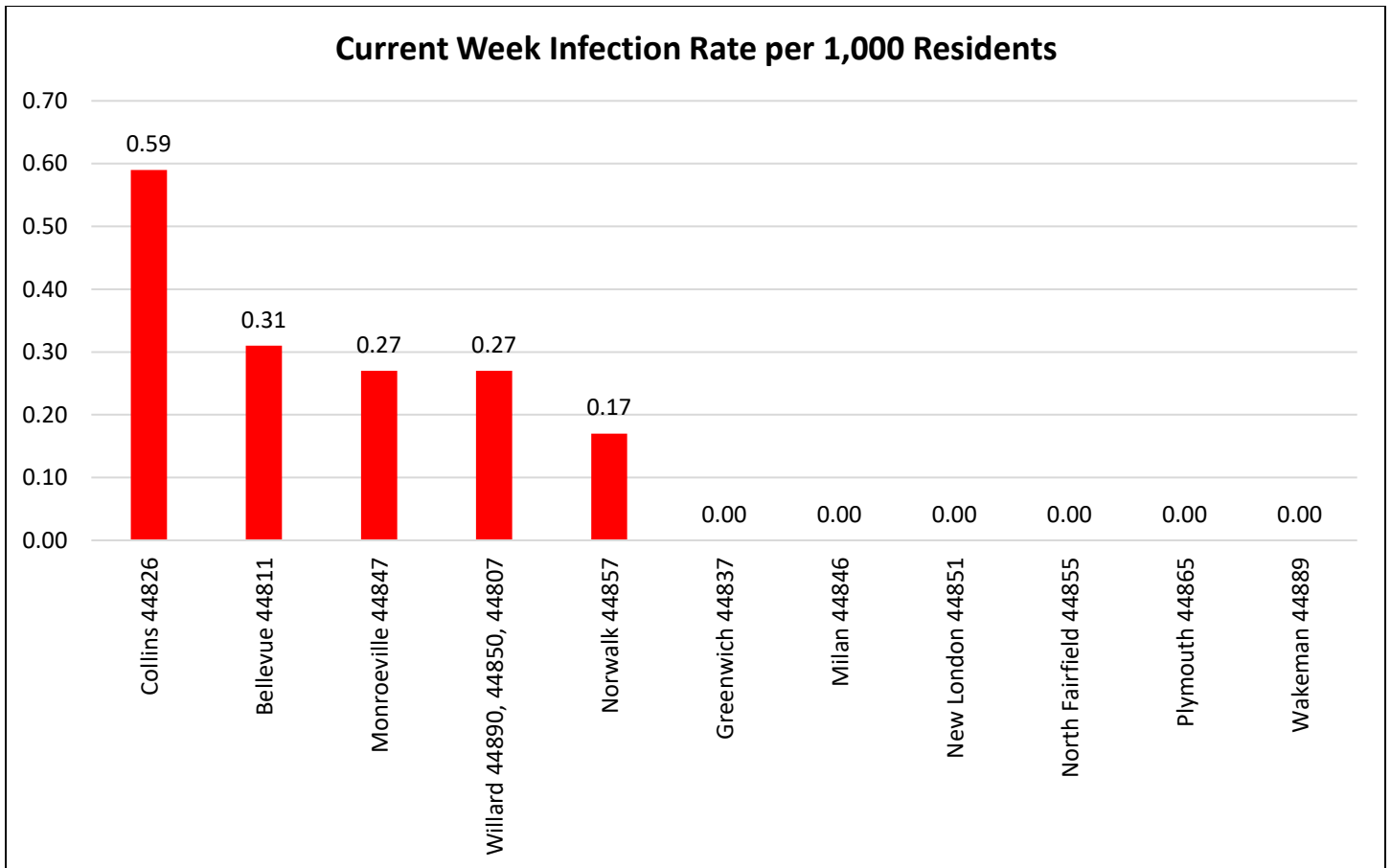
Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

Statewide Average: 57.9

#	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	227.5	33	14,508	23	Montgomery	66.4	353	531,687	45	Champaign	54.0	21	38,885	67	Crawford	41.0	17	41,494
2	Mercer	172.4	71	41,172	24	Guernsey	64.3	25	38,875	46	Washington	53.4	32	59,911	68	Henry	40.7	11	27,006
3	Williams	111.7	41	36,692	25	Belmont	64.2	43	67,006	47	Hocking	53.1	15	28,264	69	Richland	40.4	49	121,154
4	Highland	108.9	47	43,161	26	Pickaway	61.6	36	58,457	48	Portage	52.3	85	162,466	70	Geauga	38.4	36	93,649
5	Jackson	101.8	33	32,413	27	Warren	61.4	144	234,602	49	Butler	51.9	199	383,134	71	Seneca	38.1	21	55,178
6	Ashtabula	101.8	99	97,241	28	Mahoning	61.2	140	228,683	50	Union	50.9	30	58,988	72	Wayne	38.0	44	115,710
7	Athens	98.0	64	65,327	29	Summit	61.2	331	541,013	51	Hancock	50.1	38	75,783	73	Columbiana	37.3	38	101,883
8	Pike	97.2	27	27,772	30	Meigs	61.1	14	22,907	52	Licking	49.8	88	176,862	74	Erie	36.4	27	74,266
9	Fayette	91.1	26	28,525	31	Stark	60.7	225	370,606	53	Van Wert	49.5	14	28,275	75	Perry	36.0	13	36,134
10	Ross	87.4	67	76,666	32	Brown	59.9	26	43,432	54	Franklin	48.4	637	1,316,756	76	Preble	34.2	14	40,882
11	Adams	83.0	23	27,698	33	Paulding	58.9	11	18,672	55	Delaware	48.3	101	209,177	77	Lawrence	33.6	20	59,463
12	Jefferson	81.1	53	65,325	34	Monroe	58.6	8	13,654	56	Hardin	47.8	15	31,365	78	Sandusky	32.5	19	58,518
13	Scioto	81.0	61	75,314	35	Marion	58.4	38	65,093	57	Fulton	47.5	20	42,126	79	Darke	31.3	16	51,113
14	Lake	78.2	180	230,149	36	Clark	58.2	78	134,083	58	Harrison	46.5	7	15,040	80	Vinton	30.6	4	13,085
15	Lorain	77.5	240	309,833	37	Lucas	57.4	246	428,348	59	Clermont	46.5	96	206,428	81	Knox	30.5	19	62,322
16	Gallia	76.9	23	29,898	38	Clinton	57.2	24	41,968	60	Hamilton	46.4	379	817,473	82	Coshocton	30.1	11	36,600
17	Tuscarawas	75.0	69	91,987	39	Fairfield	56.5	89	157,574	61	Ashland	44.9	24	53,484	83	Carroll	29.7	8	26,914
18	Trumbull	74.3	147	197,974	40	Putnam	56.1	19	33,861	62	Madison	44.7	20	44,731	84	Holmes	29.6	13	43,960
19	Allen	72.3	74	102,351	41	Wood	55.8	73	130,817	63	Greene	43.2	73	168,937	85	Logan	24.1	11	45,672
20	Morrow	70.8	25	35,328	42	Muskingum	55.7	48	86,215	64	Miami	42.1	45	106,987	86	Noble	20.8	3	14,424
21	Cuyahoga	69.6	860	1,235,072	43	Medina	55.6	100	179,746	65	Defiance	42.0	16	38,087	87	Shelby	16.5	8	48,590
22	Ottawa	69.1	28	40,525	44	Auglaize	54.8	25	45,656	66	Huron	41.2	24	58,266		Wyandot	9.2	2	21,772

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 4/14/2023 – 4/20/2023, there were **12 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 4/14/2023 – 4/20/2023, shown by zip code.



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