

Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

March 10, 2023

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 3/3/2023 – 3/9/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 27 cases, a slight increase from 26 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 51-60 years age group. Five zip codes in Huron County reported cases this week, with the highest infection rate in the Willard area zip codes (44890, 44850, 44807).

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

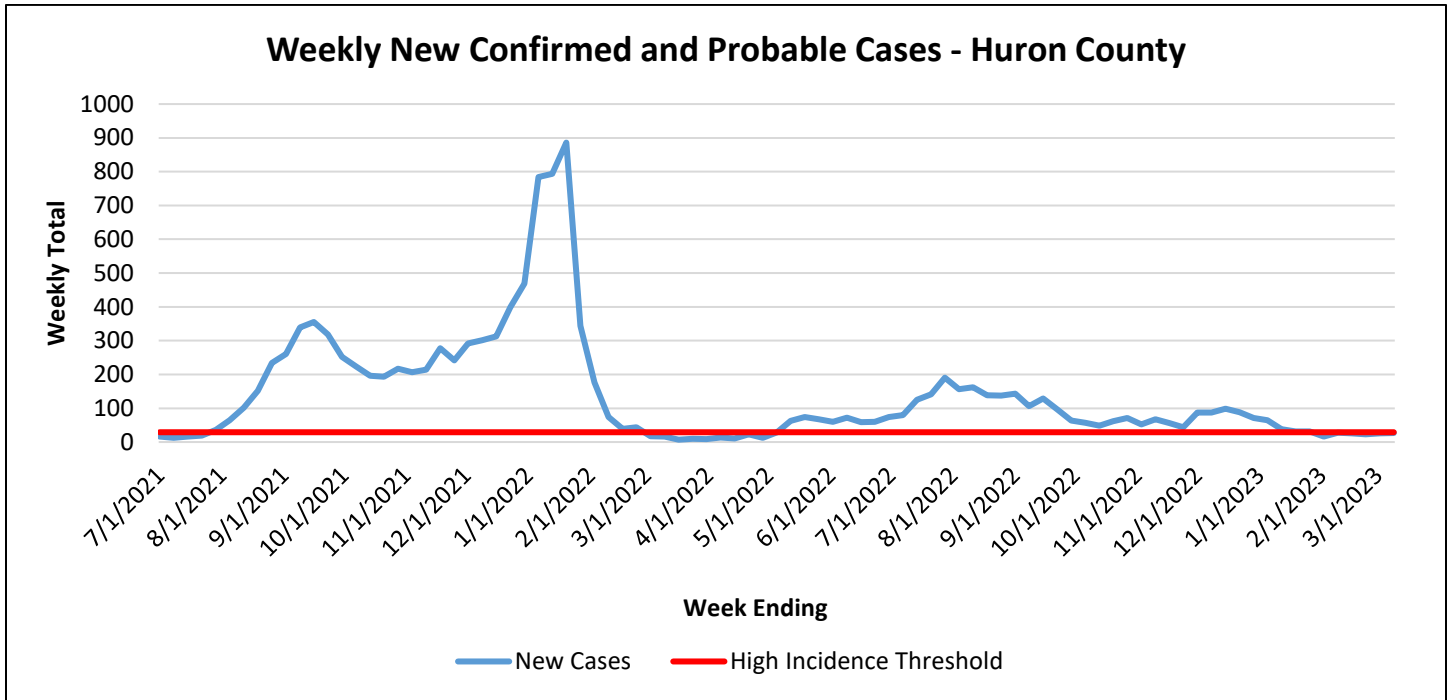
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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 3/9/2023, Medium (Last Week: Low)	As of 3/8/2023, Moderate (Last week: Substantial)
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 9, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 17,941 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 81st among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 84th. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 135.9 the previous reporting period to 129.5 for this reporting period.

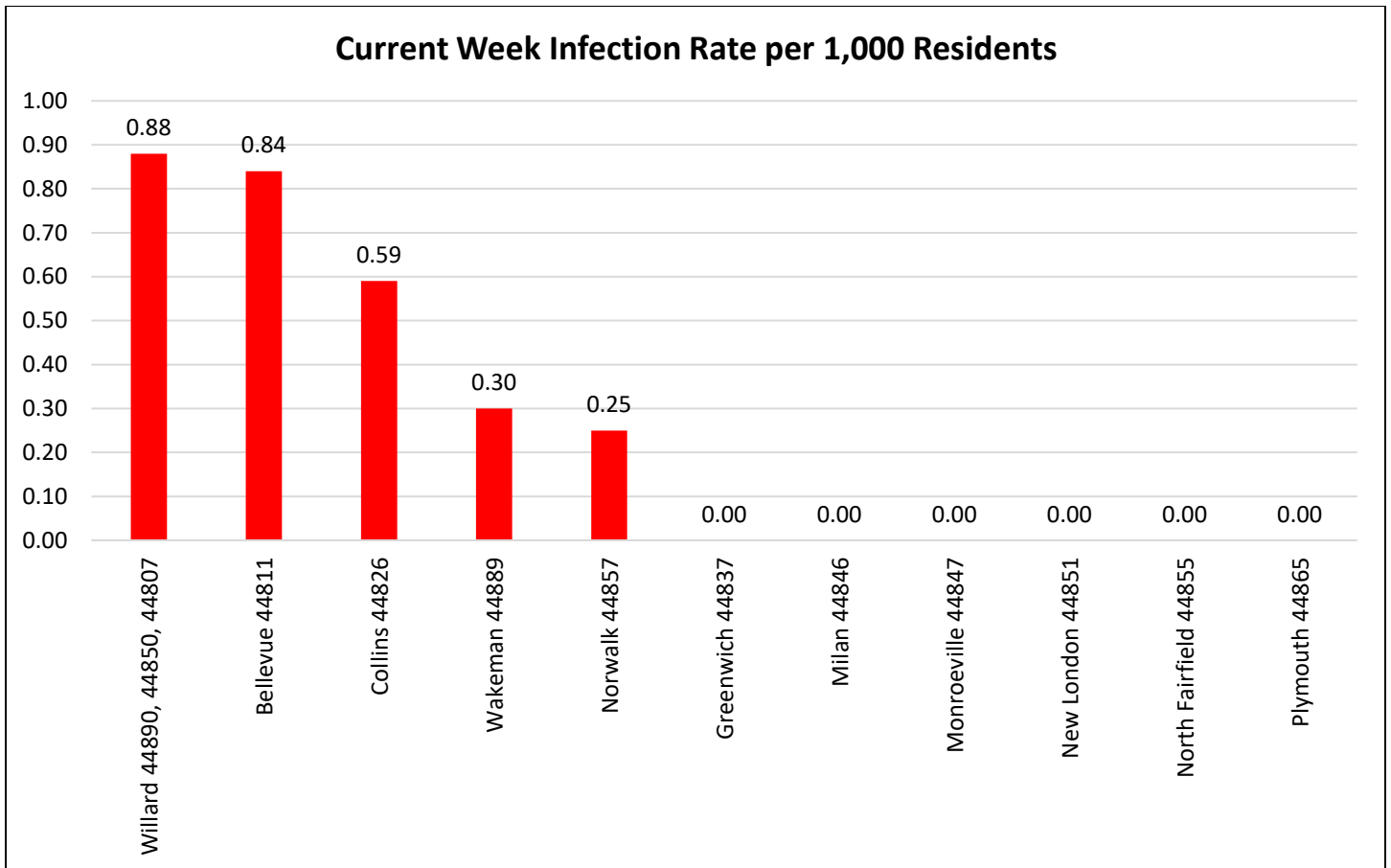
Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

Statewide Average: 129.5

#	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	Henry	314.7	85	27,006	23	Clark	152.1	204	134,083	45	Portage	125.6	204	162,466	67	Franklin	101.1	1,331	1,316,756
2	Monroe	249.0	34	13,654	24	Morgan	151.6	22	14,508	46	Union	125.4	74	58,988	68	Ashland	101.0	54	53,484
3	Hancock	241.5	183	75,783	25	Wyandot	151.6	33	21,772	47	Paulding	123.2	23	18,672	69	Butler	100.2	384	383,134
4	Meigs	227.0	52	22,907	26	Cuyahoga	150.8	1,863	1,235,072	48	Fayette	122.7	35	28,525	70	Wood	98.6	129	130,817
5	Auglaize	214.6	98	45,656	27	Erie	150.8	112	74,266	49	Clermont	119.7	247	206,428	71	Belmont	98.5	66	67,006
6	Lawrence	213.6	127	59,463	28	Scioto	146.1	110	75,314	50	Geauga	118.5	111	93,649	72	Delaware	98.5	206	209,177
7	Williams	212.6	78	36,692	29	Columbiana	143.3	146	101,883	51	Logan	118.2	54	45,672	73	Warren	98.5	231	234,602
8	Muskingum	208.8	180	86,215	30	Hocking	141.5	40	28,264	52	Jefferson	117.9	77	65,325	74	Hamilton	98.2	803	817,473
9	Sandusky	206.8	121	58,518	31	Champaign	138.9	54	38,885	53	Wayne	117.5	136	115,710	75	Preble	97.8	40	40,882
10	Mahoning	206.0	471	228,683	32	Marion	138.3	90	65,093	54	Pickaway	116.3	68	58,457	76	Carroll	92.9	25	26,914
11	Fulton	201.8	85	42,126	33	Medina	136.3	245	179,746	55	Licking	115.9	205	176,862	77	Richland	90.0	109	121,154
12	Lorain	200.4	621	309,833	34	Athens	136.2	89	65,327	56	Crawford	115.7	48	41,494	78	Coshocton	87.4	32	36,600
13	Harrison	192.8	29	15,040	35	Putnam	135.8	46	33,861	57	Trumbull	114.7	227	197,974	79	Washington	86.8	52	59,911
14	Allen	176.8	181	102,351	36	Lucas	135.6	581	428,348	58	Defiance	112.9	43	38,087	80	Fairfield	83.1	131	157,574
15	Gallia	173.9	52	29,898	37	Perry	135.6	49	36,134	59	Ross	112.2	86	76,661	81	Huron	80.7	47	58,266
16	Jackson	172.8	56	32,413	38	Lake	134.3	309	230,149	60	Stark	112.0	415	370,606	82	Madison	76.0	34	44,731
17	Tuscarawas	166.3	153	91,987	39	Hardin	133.9	42	31,365	61	Shelby	111.1	54	48,590	83	Vinton	68.8	9	13,085
18	Montgomery	162.7	865	531,687	40	Miami	130.9	140	106,987	62	Guernsey	110.6	43	38,875	84	Pike	68.4	19	27,772
19	Ottawa	160.4	65	40,525	41	Clinton	128.7	54	41,968	63	Highland	106.6	46	43,161	85	Knox	67.4	42	62,322
20	Seneca	159.5	88	55,178	42	Summit	127.4	689	541,013	64	Darke	105.6	54	51,113	86	Morrow	59.4	21	35,328
21	Brown	156.6	68	43,432	43	Greene	127.3	215	168,937	65	Adams	104.7	29	27,698	87	Noble	55.5	8	14,424
22	Ashtabula	155.3	151	97,241	44	Mercer	126.3	52	41,172	66	Holmes	104.6	46	43,960	88	Van Wert	53.1	15	28,275

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 3/3/2023 – 3/9/2023, there were **27 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 3/3/2023 – 3/9/2023, shown by zip code.



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