

## Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

*March 3, 2023*

### **Report Summary**

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 2/24/2023 – 3/2/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 26 cases, a slight increase from 23 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 71-80 and 81+ age groups. Six 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](http://www.huroncohealth.com), [www.coronavirus.ohio.gov](http://www.coronavirus.ohio.gov) and [www.cdc.gov](http://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

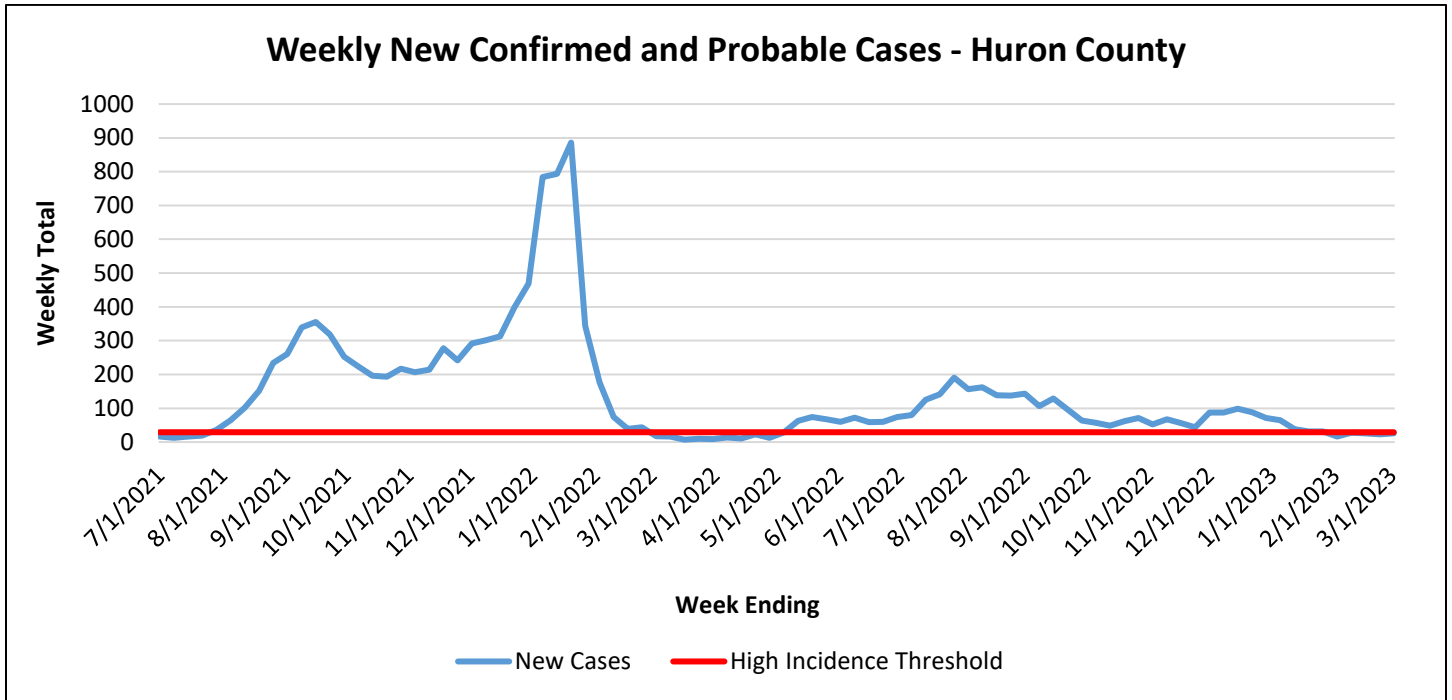
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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"> <li>• COVID-19 case rate per 100,000 population in the past 7 days</li> <li>• New COVID-19 admissions per 100,000 population in the past 7 days</li> <li>• Percentage of staffed inpatient beds in use by patients with confirmed COVID-19 (7-day average)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• New cases per 100,000 persons in the past 7 days</li> <li>• Percentage of positive Nucleic Acid Amplification Tests (NAATs) during the past 7 days</li> </ul>
What are the possible categorizations?	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High (Orange),</li> <li>• Medium (Yellow), or</li> <li>• Low (Green)</li> </ul>	Every community in the United States is either classified as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• High (Red),</li> <li>• Substantial (Orange),</li> <li>• Moderate (Yellow), or</li> <li>• Low (Blue)</li> </ul>
What is our current categorization?	As of 3/3/2023, <b>Low</b> (Last Week: Low)	As of 3/3/2023, <b>Substantial</b> (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 low levels of severe illness in the community.</p> <p>Based on a current level of "low," CDC recommends individuals:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stay up to date with COVID-19 vaccinations, including boosters</li> <li>• Maintain ventilation improvements</li> <li>• Avoid contact with people who have suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for isolation if you have suspected or confirmed COVID-19</li> <li>• Follow CDC recommendations for what to do if you are exposed to someone with COVID-19</li> <li>• If you are at high risk of getting very sick, talk with a healthcare provider about additional prevention actions.</li> </ul>	<p>When COVID-19 Community Transmission levels are "high," CDC recommends the following for healthcare facilities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Source control (masks) for everyone in a healthcare setting in areas of the healthcare facility where they could encounter patients.</li> <li>• For nursing homes, screening testing for COVID-19 upon admission to the facility.</li> </ul> <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. <b>When Community Transmission level decreases, CDC recommends facilities consider monitoring for at least two weeks before relaxing any prevention efforts like masking or screening tests.</b> 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 2, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 17,914 cases to date.



**Two Week Incidence Rate**

Huron County is now ranked 84<sup>th</sup> among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 82<sup>nd</sup>. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has slightly increased from 135.4 the previous reporting period to 135.9 for this reporting period.

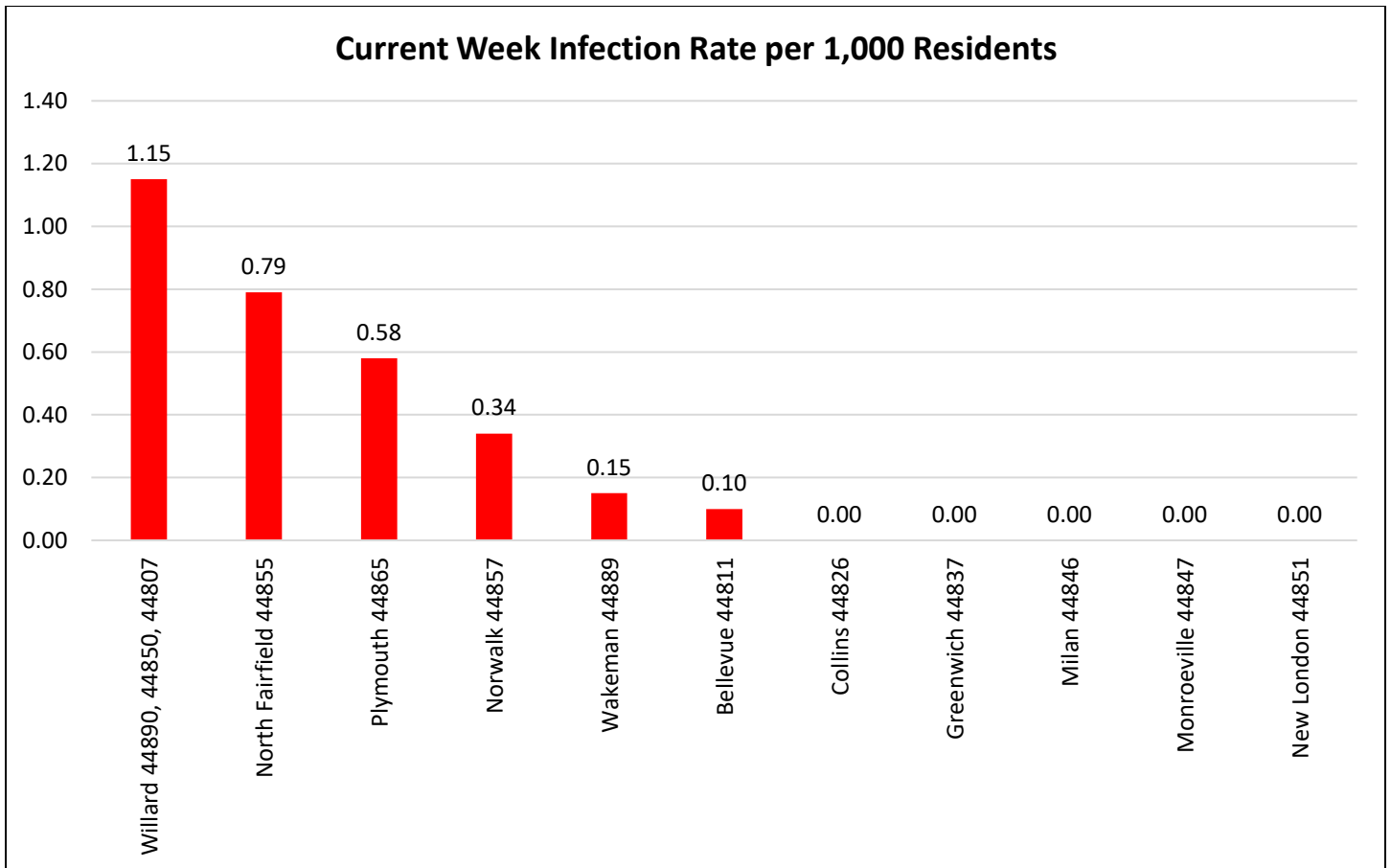
**Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks**

**Statewide Average: 135.9**

#	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	Gallia	341.2	102	29,898	23	Columbiana	160.0	163	101,883	45	Crawford	130.1	54	41,494	67	Franklin	105.9	1,394	1,316,756
2	Lawrence	284.2	169	59,463	24	Montgomery	159.9	850	531,687	46	Licking	129.5	229	176,862	68	Geauga	105.7	99	93,649
3	Henry	270.3	73	27,006	25	Mercer	157.9	65	41,172	47	Ross	127.8	98	76,666	69	Holmes	104.6	46	43,960
4	Hancock	260.0	197	75,783	26	Hocking	155.7	44	28,264	48	Harrison	126.3	19	15,040	70	Stark	103.6	384	370,606
5	Fulton	249.3	105	42,126	27	Adams	155.2	43	27,698	49	Highland	125.1	54	43,161	71	Trumbull	103.5	205	197,974
6	Monroe	227.0	31	13,654	28	Miami	155.2	166	106,987	50	Lucas	123.7	530	428,348	72	Belmont	101.5	68	67,006
7	Muskingum	219.2	189	86,215	29	Clinton	154.9	65	41,968	51	Greene	123.7	209	168,937	73	Seneca	99.7	55	55,178
8	Meigs	218.3	50	22,907	30	Summit	154.5	836	541,013	52	Pickaway	123.2	72	58,457	74	Vinton	99.4	13	13,085
9	Williams	212.6	78	36,692	31	Ashtabula	151.2	147	97,241	53	Union	118.7	70	58,988	75	Champaign	95.2	37	38,885
10	Allen	205.2	210	102,351	32	Ottawa	145.6	59	40,525	54	Butler	118.5	454	383,134	76	Carroll	92.9	25	26,914
11	Brown	202.6	88	43,432	33	Guernsey	144.1	56	38,875	55	Wayne	116.7	135	115,710	77	Washington	88.5	53	59,911
12	Jackson	200.5	65	32,413	34	Clermont	140.0	289	206,428	56	Ashland	115.9	62	53,484	78	Paulding	85.7	16	18,672
13	Hardin	197.7	62	31,365	35	Scioto	139.4	105	75,314	57	Fayette	115.7	33	28,525	79	Pike	82.8	23	27,772
14	Auglaize	190.6	87	45,656	36	Portage	139.1	226	162,466	58	Wood	113.9	149	130,817	80	Morgan	82.7	12	14,508
15	Wyandot	188.3	41	21,772	37	Perry	138.4	50	36,134	59	Darke	113.5	58	51,113	81	Richland	81.7	99	121,154
16	Mahoning	187.2	428	228,683	38	Shelby	135.8	66	48,590	60	Warren	113.4	266	234,602	82	Defiance	78.8	30	38,087
17	Lorain	186.6	578	309,833	39	Lake	134.7	310	230,149	61	Jefferson	113.3	74	65,325	83	Knox	77.0	48	62,322
18	Sandusky	172.6	101	58,518	40	Logan	133.6	61	45,672	62	Delaware	109.0	228	209,117	84	Huron	75.5	44	58,266
19	Athens	171.4	112	65,327	41	Clark	133.5	179	134,083	63	Perebe	107.6	44	40,882	85	Coshocton	71.0	26	36,600
20	Medina	170.2	306	179,746	42	Putnam	132.9	45	33,861	64	Madison	107.3	48	44,731	86	Noble	69.3	10	14,424
21	Tuscarawas	163.1	150	91,987	43	Marion	132.1	86	65,093	65	Fairfield	107.3	169	157,574	87	Van Wert	67.2	19	28,275
22	Cuyahoga	161.5	1,995	1,235,072	44	Erie	132.0	98	74,266	66	Hamilton	107.0	875	817,473	88	Morrow	56.6	20	35,328

### Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 2/24/2023 – 3/2/2023, there were **26 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 2/24/2023 – 3/2/2023, shown by zip code.



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