

# Huron County Public Health

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## Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

*March 31, 2023*

### **Report Summary**

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 3/24/2023 – 3/30/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 34 cases, a decrease from 42 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 21-30 years age group. Eight 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](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

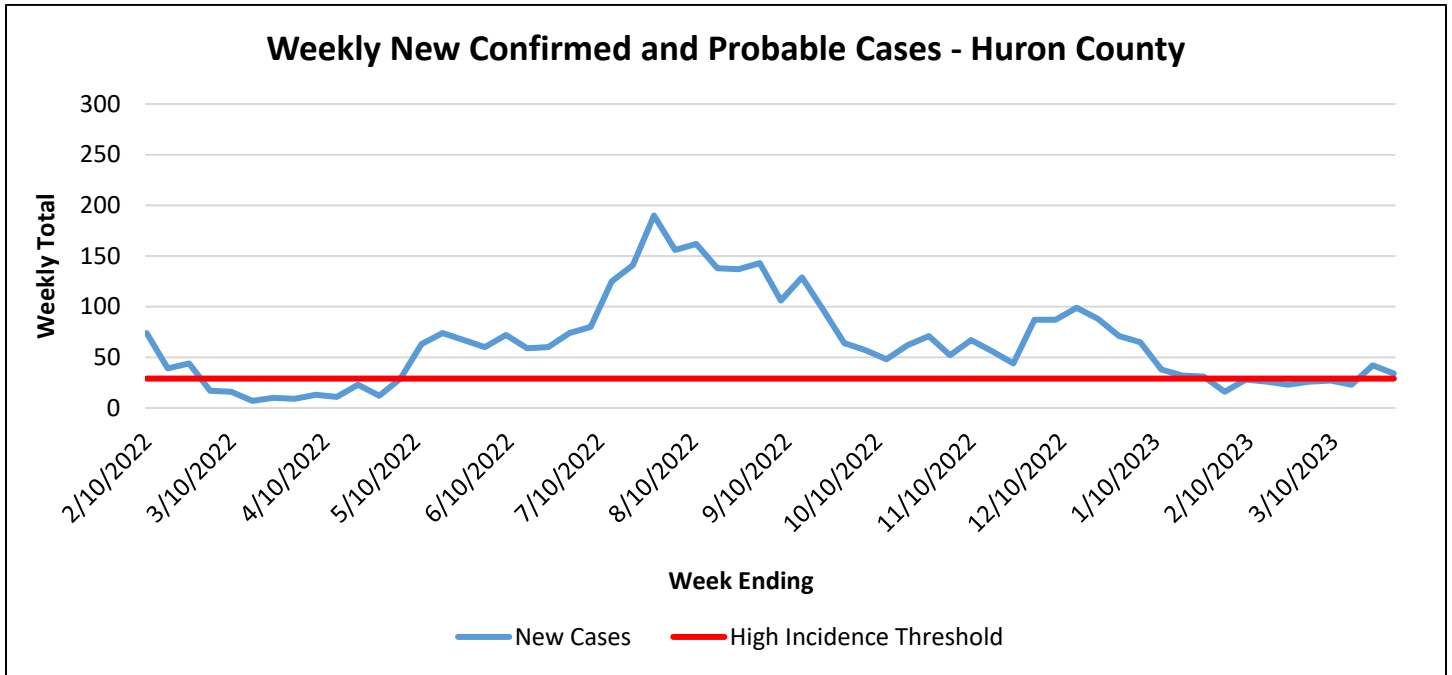
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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                              | <b>COVID-19 Community Levels</b>  | <b>COVID-19 Community Transmission</b>  |
|--|---|---|
| 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 3/30/2023, <b>Low</b><br>(Last Week: Medium)  | As of 3/29/2023, <b>High</b><br>(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"> <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. 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. 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 30, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 18,041 cases to date.



**Two Week Incidence Rate**

Huron County is now ranked 22<sup>nd</sup> among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 48<sup>th</sup>. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 106.7 the previous reporting period to 98.4 for this reporting period.

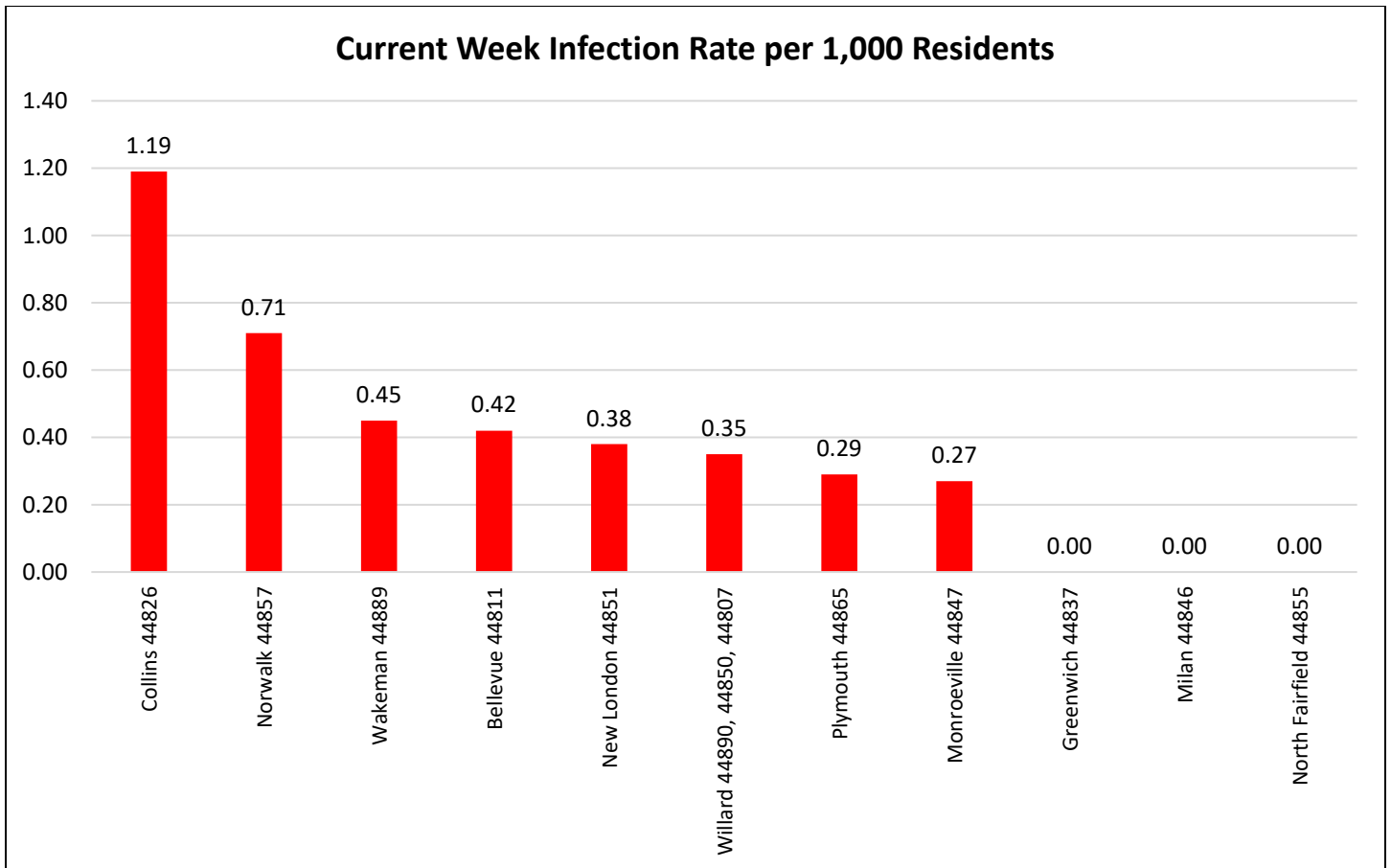
**Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks**

**Statewide Average: 98.4**

| #  | 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  | Van Wert   | 212.2          | 60         | 28,275     | 23 | Jackson    | 114.2          | 37         | 32,413     | 45 | Logan      | 96.3           | 44         | 45,672     | 67 | Pickaway  | 82.1           | 48         | 58,457     |
| 2  | Ottawa     | 197.4          | 80         | 40,525     | 24 | Stark      | 112.5          | 417        | 370,606    | 46 | Clermont   | 95.9           | 198        | 206,428    | 68 | Paulding  | 80.3           | 15         | 18,672     |
| 3  | Scioto     | 176.6          | 133        | 75,314     | 25 | Carroll    | 111.5          | 30         | 26,914     | 47 | Warren     | 94.2           | 221        | 234,602    | 69 | Crawford  | 79.5           | 33         | 41,494     |
| 4  | Ashtabula  | 173.8          | 169        | 97,241     | 26 | Morgan     | 110.3          | 16         | 14,508     | 48 | Harrison   | 93.1           | 14         | 15,040     | 70 | Coshocton | 76.5           | 28         | 36,600     |
| 5  | Fulton     | 166.2          | 70         | 42,126     | 27 | Wood       | 110.1          | 144        | 130,817    | 49 | Henry      | 92.6           | 25         | 27,006     | 71 | Union     | 74.6           | 44         | 58,988     |
| 6  | Williams   | 163.5          | 60         | 36,692     | 28 | Auglaize   | 109.5          | 50         | 45,656     | 50 | Richland   | 91.6           | 111        | 121,154    | 72 | Champaign | 74.6           | 29         | 38,885     |
| 7  | Defiance   | 154.9          | 59         | 38,087     | 29 | Sandusky   | 109.4          | 64         | 58,518     | 51 | Holmes     | 91.0           | 40         | 43,960     | 73 | Preble    | 73.4           | 30         | 40,882     |
| 8  | Hocking    | 148.6          | 42         | 28,264     | 30 | Trumbull   | 109.1          | 216        | 197,974    | 52 | Miami      | 89.7           | 96         | 106,987    | 74 | Butler    | 72.0           | 276        | 383,134    |
| 9  | Allen      | 148.5          | 152        | 102,351    | 31 | Shelby     | 107.0          | 52         | 48,590     | 53 | Jefferson  | 88.8           | 58         | 65,325     | 75 | Clinton   | 71.5           | 30         | 41,968     |
| 10 | Ross       | 144.8          | 111        | 76,666     | 32 | Lake       | 106.5          | 245        | 230,149    | 54 | Licking    | 88.8           | 157        | 176,862    | 76 | Hamilton  | 71.4           | 584        | 817,473    |
| 11 | Marion     | 144.4          | 94         | 65,093     | 33 | Perry      | 105.2          | 38         | 36,134     | 55 | Portage    | 88.6           | 144        | 162,466    | 77 | Seneca    | 65.2           | 36         | 55,178     |
| 12 | Mahoning   | 143.4          | 328        | 228,683    | 34 | Summit     | 105.0          | 568        | 541,013    | 56 | Wayne      | 88.2           | 102        | 115,710    | 78 | Brown     | 64.5           | 28         | 43,432     |
| 13 | Lawrence   | 142.9          | 85         | 59,463     | 35 | Mercer     | 104.4          | 43         | 41,172     | 57 | Fayette    | 87.6           | 25         | 28,525     | 79 | Hardin    | 63.8           | 20         | 31,365     |
| 14 | Guernsey   | 138.9          | 54         | 38,875     | 36 | Clark      | 104.4          | 140        | 134,083    | 58 | Franklin   | 87.3           | 1,150      | 1,316,756  | 80 | Madison   | 62.6           | 28         | 44,731     |
| 15 | Tuscarawas | 137.0          | 126        | 91,987     | 37 | Lucas      | 103.4          | 443        | 428,348    | 59 | Hancock    | 87.1           | 66         | 75,783     | 81 | Adams     | 61.4           | 17         | 27,698     |
| 16 | Meigs      | 131.0          | 30         | 22,907     | 38 | Columbiana | 103.1          | 105        | 101,883    | 60 | Gallia     | 87.0           | 26         | 29,898     | 82 | Fairfield | 59.7           | 94         | 157,574    |
| 17 | Ashland    | 129.0          | 69         | 53,484     | 39 | Darke      | 101.7          | 52         | 51,113     | 61 | Medina     | 86.2           | 155        | 179,746    | 83 | Belmont   | 58.2           | 39         | 67,006     |
| 18 | Athens     | 124.0          | 81         | 65,327     | 40 | Cuyahoga   | 101.6          | 1,255      | 1,235,072  | 62 | Putnam     | 85.6           | 29         | 33,861     | 84 | Pike      | 57.6           | 16         | 27,772     |
| 19 | Lorain     | 123.0          | 381        | 309,833    | 41 | Erie       | 101.0          | 75         | 74,266     | 63 | Montgomery | 85.0           | 452        | 531,687    | 85 | Monroe    | 51.3           | 7          | 13,654     |
| 20 | Vinton     | 122.3          | 16         | 13,085     | 42 | Highland   | 99.6           | 43         | 43,161     | 64 | Muskingum  | 83.5           | 72         | 86,215     | 86 | Wyandot   | 50.5           | 11         | 21,772     |
| 21 | Delaware   | 116.2          | 243        | 209,177    | 43 | Morrow     | 99.1           | 35         | 35,328     | 65 | Washington | 83.5           | 50         | 59,911     | 87 | Noble     | 48.5           | 7          | 14,424     |
| 22 | Huron      | 115.0          | 67         | 58,266     | 44 | Greene     | 98.9           | 167        | 168,937    | 66 | Geauga     | 83.3           | 78         | 93,649     | 88 | Knox      | 38.5           | 24         | 62,322     |

### Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 3/24/2023 – 3/30/2023, there were **34 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 3/24/2023 – 3/30/2023, shown by zip code.



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