

Huron County Public Health

Huron County Public Health COVID-19 Weekly Update

March 17, 2023

Report Summary

This report covers Huron County's COVID-19 update for the reporting period of 3/10/2023 – 3/16/2023. This reporting period has recorded a case count of 23 cases, a decrease from 27 cases for the previous week's reporting period. For Huron County, the highest number of cases for this week were in the 81+ years age group. Nine 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

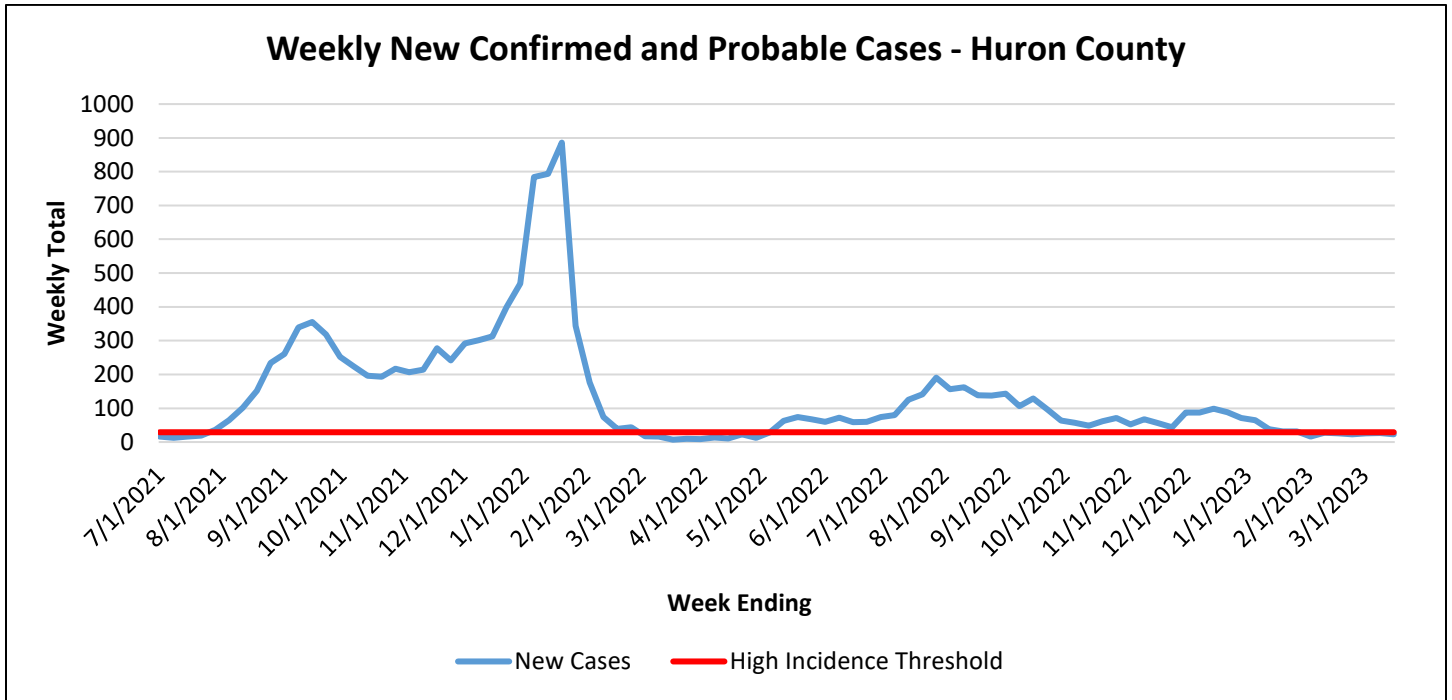
HCPH has received questions about how the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)'s COVID-19 categorizations impact Huron County (masking requirements in hospitals, screening of nursing home admissions, etc.) To clarify this issue for the public, HCPH has created an outline of two of the CDC's 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 3/16/2023, Medium (Last Week: Medium)	As of 3/15/2023, Moderate (Last week: Moderate)
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 • 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, March 16, 2023 at 4:00pm. HCPH has reported a total of 17,964 cases to date.



Two Week Incidence Rate

Huron County is now ranked 76th among all Ohio counties for two-week incidence rate for the current reporting period. Last week, Huron County ranked 81st. The statewide average of cases per 100,000 residents over two weeks has decreased from 129.5 the previous reporting period to 117.9 for this reporting period.

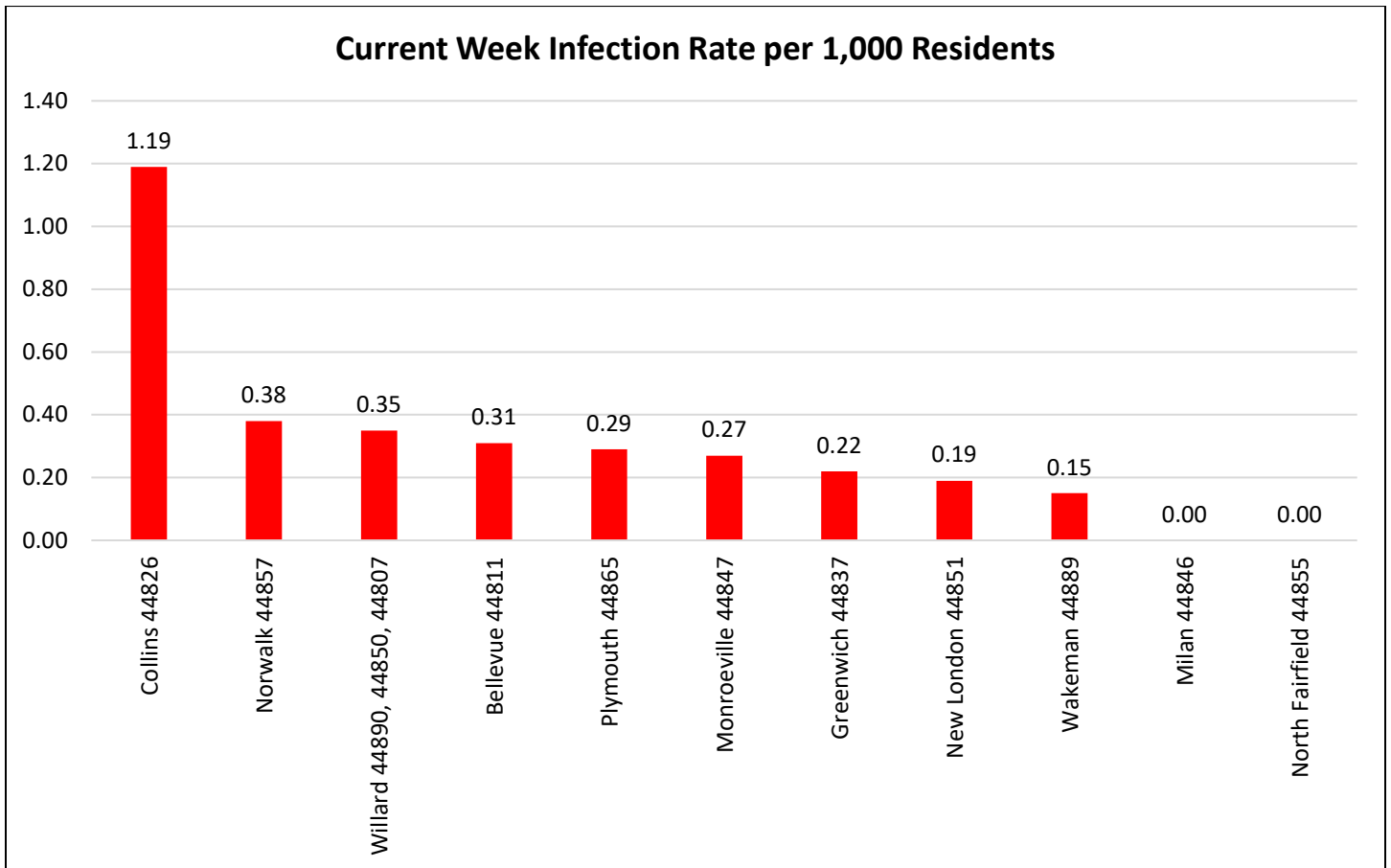
Cases per 100,000 Residents Over 2 Weeks

Statewide Average: 117.9

#	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	Harrison	305.9	46	15,040	23	Seneca	145.0	80	55,178	45	Defiance	112.9	43	38,087	67	Ashland	87.9	47	53,484
2	Sandusky	229.0	134	58,518	24	Lucas	142.4	610	428,348	46	Summit	111.1	601	541,013	68	Gallia	87.0	26	29,898
3	Mahoning	214.7	491	228,683	25	Muskingum	141.5	122	86,215	47	Ross	110.9	85	76,666	69	Butler	86.7	332	383,134
4	Allen	189.5	194	102,351	26	Marion	141.3	92	65,093	48	Adams	108.3	30	27,698	70	Delaware	86.1	180	209,177
5	Auglaize	186.2	85	45,656	27	Hardin	137.1	43	31,365	49	Preble	107.6	44	40,882	71	Hamilton	85.6	700	817,473
6	Henry	185.1	50	27,006	28	Cuyahoga	135.8	1,677	1,235,072	50	Stark	106.3	394	370,606	72	Carroll	85.5	23	26,914
7	Tuscarawas	184.8	170	91,987	29	Union	133.9	79	58,988	51	Wayne	105.4	122	115,710	73	Shelby	84.4	41	48,590
8	Clark	180.5	242	134,083	30	Medina	132.4	238	179,746	52	Washington	105.2	63	59,911	74	Vinton	84.1	11	13,085
9	Lorain	179.5	556	309,833	31	Montgomery	131.3	698	531,687	53	Greene	103.0	174	168,937	75	Fairfield	83.1	131	157,574
10	Fulton	178.0	75	42,126	32	Miami	125.2	134	106,987	54	Athens	102.6	67	65,322	76	Huron	78.9	46	58,266
11	Morgan	172.3	25	14,508	33	Pickaway	124.9	73	58,457	55	Columbiana	102.1	104	101,883	77	Logan	78.8	38	45,672
12	Meigs	170.3	39	22,907	34	Erie	123.9	92	74,266	56	Clermont	99.3	205	206,428	78	Madison	78.2	35	44,731
13	Scioto	170.0	128	75,314	35	Portage	123.7	201	162,466	57	Clinton	97.7	41	41,968	79	Putnam	76.8	26	33,861
14	Monroe	168.4	23	13,654	36	Lake	123.0	283	230,149	58	Perry	96.9	35	36,134	80	Wyandot	73.5	16	21,772
15	Williams	163.5	60	36,692	37	Trumbull	120.7	239	197,974	59	Warren	96.3	226	234,602	81	Darke	70.4	36	51,113
16	Ashtabula	163.5	159	97,241	38	Fayette	119.2	34	28,525	60	Wood	96.3	126	130,817	82	Belmont	70.1	47	67,006
17	Hocking	155.7	44	28,264	39	Van Wert	116.7	33	28,275	61	Guernsey	95.2	37	38,875	83	Pike	61.2	17	27,772
18	Hancock	153.1	116	75,783	40	Licking	115.9	205	176,862	62	Franklin	94.8	1,248	1,316,756	84	Morrow	53.8	19	35,328
19	Lawrence	153.0	91	59,463	41	Champaign	115.7	45	38,885	63	Highland	92.7	40	43,161	85	Knox	49.7	31	62,322
20	Paulding	150.0	28	18,672	42	Geauga	115.3	108	93,649	64	Brown	89.8	39	43,432	86	Coshocton	46.4	17	36,600
21	Crawford	147.0	61	41,494	43	Jefferson	114.8	75	65,325	65	Jackson	89.5	29	32,413	87	Holmes	43.2	19	43,960
22	Ottawa	145.6	59	40,525	44	Mercer	114.2	47	41,172	66	Richland	89.1	108	121,154	88	Noble	27.7	4	14,424

Current Week Data

For the reporting period of 3/10/2023 – 3/16/2023, there were **23 new cases** reported in Huron County. The graph below indicates positive COVID-19 cases in Huron County for the reporting period of 3/10/2023 – 3/16/2023, shown by zip code.



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