



INCIDENT BRIEFING	1. Incident Name Portage County COVID-19 2020	2. Date Prepared 08/18/2020	3. Time Prepared 16:30
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Current Cases of COVID-19

Cases	Confirmed	Negative	Fatal	Recovered
Portage	474 (+4)	9,904 (+74)	0	439 (93%)
Wisconsin	66,830 (+634)	1,075,397 (+9,357)	1052 (+13)	57,382 (86%)
United States	5,557,348 (+68,585)		173,534 (+1,388)	2,812,700 (+49,561)
Global	21,826,342 (+826,342)		776,157	13,888,301 (+185,428)

Portage County: Total individuals investigated to date: 11,387 (includes 474 positive cases, 24 probable cases, 9,904 negative cases, and 985 suspect cases).

Data from: [CDC](#) · [WHO](#) · [ECDC](#) for 08/18/2020

Total hospitalizations of positive cases in Wisconsin at 8% with 5,380 a (+53) hospitalizations. 26 total hospitalizations for Portage County, 2 current.

- Active cases 8,378 (13%). Active cases in Portage Co: 35 (7%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by race: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (3%), Black (14%), White (63%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (10%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (23%), Not Hispanic or Latino (65%), Unknown (13%)
- Emergency Department visits: Influenza like illness: 46 visits on 8/16 compared to previous 3-day average of 46; COVID-19 like illness: 94 visits on 8/16, compared to previous 3-day average of 125.
- Total hospital bed utilization: 76%

*Starting 6/9/2020, Portage County data is reported through PHAVR

Data dashboard link: <https://coronavirus-response-portage-county-portagecowi.hub.arcgis.com/>

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6. Summary of Current Actions

August 18, 2020 @ 16:30 PM

Public Health ICS Operation Day 151

07:15 WALHDAB Executive Committee meeting – Discussion of WAC/WALHDAB presentations on Guidance in Implementing Regulations Surrounding Communicable Diseases

08:30 PH ICS Daily Briefing and Operations meeting

12:57 DHS COVID-19 Daily Update for Local and Tribal Health Departments

- [Reminder: Weekly Verification of Data](#) on DHS Facility-Wide Investigations COVID-19 Page due Wednesday at 9 AM
- Immunization Program Communications
 - [CDC COVID-19 Vaccine Planning Overview](#)
 - [School Immunization Law](#): Webinar, Report Changes, Check REDCap Access
- [DWD Released Information on Unemployment Data](#) for Week Ending August 14
- [Local and Tribal Health Department Advisory Group List Updated](#) on [PHHS COVID-19 SharePoint site](#) under Work Groups
- New Resource from Marshfield Children's: [Back to School 2020](#)--Tips for parents whose children are returning to in-person, virtual, or hybrid learning
- [Updated Social Media Toolkit](#) from CDC
- [SEOC Situation Report for August 17, 2020](#)

13:00 Discussion with UWSP Antigen Testing Plan with the SEOC.

14:00 DHS HO Forum Call (Testing Tuesday)

- Discussion with Dr. Alana Sterkel, regarding saliva testing – can be paired with LAMP test (colormatic) – like PCR test. Concerns with salvia types (thick or thin) and downstream testing.
- Discussion of antigen testing, variability with sensitivity. Recommend retesting (PCR) a negative person with symptoms. Negative results can be considered true negative without symptoms.
- Antigen testing guidance coming out soon.
- Jordon Ott – Discussion of pilot testing program and reimbursement process. Testing supplies is separate from the pilot program.
- Additional laboratories have been brought online by the state to increase testing capacity slightly.
- South Wood County testing discussion – testing of symptomatic students at schools with pilot testing program. Forming strike teams for testing with health dept. staff.

16:00 UW System and Local Public Health Meeting

- Discussion of antibody testing and CLIA certification.
- Discussion of testing strategy decision tree – developed by Dr. Sterkel.
- Discussion on barriers of contact tracing and established contact tracing agreements.



WI Badger Bounce Back Plan Gating Criteria for 08/18/2020 (Reported by DHS)		
Indicator	Metric	Status
Symptoms	Downward trajectory of influenza-like illnesses (ILI) reported within a 14-day period.	
Symptoms	Downward trajectory of COVID-like syndromic cases reported with a 14-day period.	
Cases	Downward trajectory of positive tests as a percent of total tests within a 14-day period.	
Hospitals	95% of hospitals affirm that they can treat all patients without crisis care.	
Hospitals	95% of all hospitals affirm that they have arranged for testing for all symptomatic clinical staff treating patients at the hospital per CDC guidelines.	
Health care	Downward trend of COVID-19 cases among health care workers calculated weekly.	

green indicator = gating criteria met (statistically significant downward trend)

red indicator = gating criteria not met

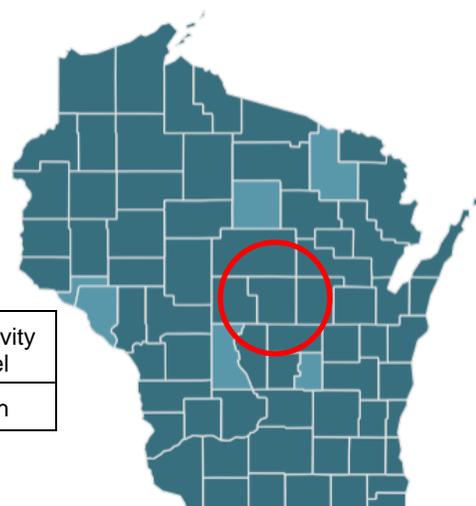
COVID-19 Case Indicators (last 2 weeks)

Updated: 8/12/2020

- Select area
- County
 - HERC Region

COVID-19 activity level

- Activity level
- Medium
 - High



Area	Count	Burden	Trajectory	Trend	Activity level	
Portage	101	142.8	High	N/A	<->	High



Glossary of Acronyms:

- ADRC – Aging and Disability Center
- CARES Act – Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act
- CDC – Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- COVID-19 (C-19) – Coronavirus Disease
- DATCP – Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer Protection
- DHS – Wisconsin Department of Health Services
- DPI – Department of Public Instruction
- EOC – Emergency Operation Center
- EM – Emergency Management
- EO – Emergency Order
- HO – Health Officer
- IC - Incident Commander
- ICS - Incident Command System
- LHD – local health department
- LTC/SNF – Long Term Care/Skilled Nursing Facility
- PC – Portage County
- PH – public health
- PHAVR – Public Health Analysis, Visualization and Reporting
- PIO – Public Information Officer
- OPS – Operations Section
- SHOW – Survey on the Health of Wisconsin
- SME – Subject Matter Experts
- SPAPSD _ Stevens Point Area Public School District
- WALDAB – Wisconsin Association of Local Health Departments and Boards
- WEAVR – Wisconsin Emergency Assistance Volunteer Registry
- WEDC – Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation
- WEM- Wisconsin Emergency Management
- WEDSS – Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System
- WING – Wisconsin National Guard Testing

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