



<b>INCIDENT BRIEFING</b>	<b>1. Incident Name</b> Portage County COVID-19 2020	<b>2. Date Prepared</b> 08/27/2020	<b>3. Time Prepared</b> 18:00
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**Current Cases of COVID-19**

<b>Cases</b>	<b>Confirmed</b>	<b>Negative</b>	<b>Fatal</b>	<b>Recovered</b>
Portage	550 (+16)	10,569 (+97)	1	489 (89%)
Wisconsin	72,260 (+768)	1,148,494 (+9,913)	1,111 (+11)	64,480 (88%)
United States	5,899,331 (+49,053)		181,791 (+1,416)	3,002,904 (+22,300)
Global	24,011,502 (+316,856)		821,909 (+7,555)	15,636,116 (+255,012)

Portage County: Total individuals investigated to date: 11,624 (includes 512 positive cases, 26 probable cases, and 10,232 negative cases). Note: 975 suspect cases – which are not reportable.

Data from: [CDC](#) · [WHO](#) · [ECDC](#) for 08/27/2020

Total hospitalizations of positive cases in Wisconsin at 8% with 5,684 (+33) hospitalizations. 30 total hospitalizations for Portage County, 4 currently hospitalized.

- Active cases 7,529 (10%). Active cases in Portage Co: 60 (11%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by race: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (3%), Black (13%), White (65%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (9%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (22%), Not Hispanic or Latino (65%), Unknown (13%)
- Emergency Department visits: Influenza like illness: 45 visits on 8/25 compared to previous 3-day average of 44; COVID-19 like illness: 197 visits on 8/25, compared to previous 3-day average of 185.
- Total hospital bed utilization: 78%

\*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 27, 2020 @ 18:00 PM Public Health ICS Operation Day 160

07:15 WPCN 92.1 FM talk radio interview with Scotty B. in the Morning

08:30 PH ICS Daily Briefing and Operations Meeting

09:48 DHS Press Release: Horses Test Positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus in Wisconsin

09:53 DHS HAN: COVID-19 Health Alert #15: Wisconsin DHS Continues to Recommend Testing for Individual with Recent Close Contact with COVID-19

10:30 Meeting with UWSP Health Service: Discussion of isolation and quarantine needs.

11:18 Healthcare-Associated Infections (HAI) Prevention Program: CMS Targeted COVID-19 Training for Frontline Nursing Home Staff and Management

12:47 DHS COVID-19 Daily Update for Local and Tribal Health Departments

- [DHS COVID-19 Health Alert #15](#): Wisconsin DHS Continues to Recommend Testing for Individuals with Recent Close Contact with COVID-19
  - All [Health Alerts](#) are available on the DHS website
- [New COVID-19 Trainings Available from CMS](#) for Frontline Nursing Home Staff and Management
- [Information about SARS-CoV-2 Wastewater Surveillance Project](#)
- [Horses Test Positive for Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus in Wisconsin](#)
  - [Resources](#) are available on the DHS website
- Updated DHS Webpage: [You Stop the Spread](#)
- [SEOC Situation Report for August 24, 2020](#)

14:00 DHS HO Forum For COVID-19 Q & A

- Discussion of CDC recommendation for testing asymptomatic individuals. As there is not a critical shortage of COVID-19 tests currently in Wisconsin, asymptomatic individuals still recommended to be tested with high risk exposure.
- DHS still working on a scaleable contract tracing guidance.
- Discussion of rationale related to isolation and quarantine of school populations
- Introduction of Melanie Schmidt, DHS COVID-19 Response Director.
- Update on contact tracing survey from August 3<sup>rd</sup> – Jeff Phillips. Report should be out next week. State has contact tracing availability/capacity.
- Discussion on antigen testing and rapid testing - school surveillance needs.



**WI Badger Bounce Back Plan Gating Criteria for 08/27/2020 (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: 8/26/2020

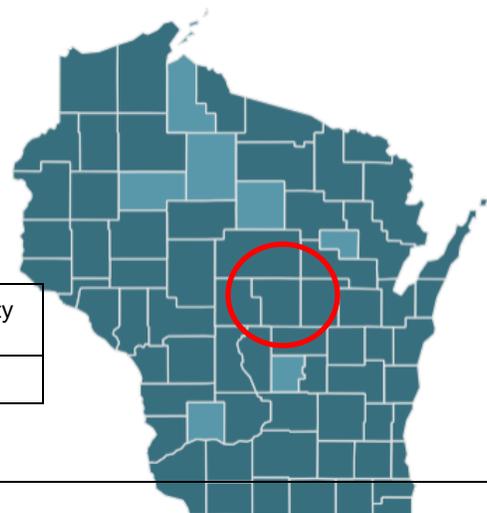
Select area

- County
- HERC Region

Activity level

- High
- Medium

COVID-19 activity level



Area	Count	Burden	Trajectory	Trend	Activity level	
Portage	106	150	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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