



INCIDENT BRIEFING	1. Incident Name Portage County COVID-19 2020	2. Date Prepared 09/10/2020	3. Time Prepared 19:00
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Current Cases of COVID-19

Cases	Confirmed	Negative	Fatal	Recovered
Portage	824 (+31)	11,436 (+4)	3 (+1)	682 (83%)
Wisconsin	84,881 (+1,547)	1,245,448 (+7,275)	1,193 (+10)	74,834 (88%)
United States	6,471,218 (+36,500)		194,367 (+1,248)	3,512,490 (+30,953)
Global	27,933,388 (+327,828)		905,1881 (+6,912)	18,819,388 (+254,316)

Portage County: Total individuals investigated to date: 12,297 (includes 824 positive cases, 37 probable cases, and 11,436 negative cases). Note: 1,364 suspect cases – which are not reportable.

Data from: [CDC](#) · [WHO](#) · [ECDC](#) for 09/10/2020

Total hospitalizations of positive cases in Wisconsin at 7.6% with 5,946 (+30) hospitalizations. 54 total hospitalizations for Portage County, 2 new hospitalizations

- Active cases 8,836 (10%). Active cases in Portage Co: 139 (17%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by race: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (3%), Black (12%), White (66%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (9%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (20%), Not Hispanic or Latino (67%), Unknown (13%)
- Emergency Department visits: Influenza like illness: 50 visits on 9/8 compared to previous 3-day average of 48; COVID-19 like illness: 178 visits on 9/8, compared to previous 3-day average of 149.
- Total hospital bed utilization: 79%

*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

September 10, 2020 @ 19:00 PM Public Health ICS Operation Day 175

07:15 WALHDAB Executive Committee Meeting

08:30 PH ICS Daily Briefing and Operations Briefing

10:30 Meeting with UWSP to discuss antigen testing, isolation, and quarantine

10:31 DHS HAN COVID-19 Health Alert # 16: Quarantine of Wisconsin residents exposed to COVID-19 is an essential prevention strategy

12:52 DHS COVID-19 Daily Update for Local and Tribal Health Departments

- DHS Updates [Cloth Face Coverings in Schools: FAQ and Considerations for Use](#)
 - This resource will be translated into additional languages and posted on [this page](#)
- [COVID-19 Health Alert #16](#): Quarantine of Wisconsin Residents Exposed to COVID-19 Is an Essential Prevention Strategy
- [DHS Expands COVID Connect Test Registration Website](#) to include Spanish, Hmong, and Somali Languages
- [Immunization Program: Annual Influenza Vaccine Letter](#)
- [DWD Releases Information on Unemployment Data](#)

14:00 DHS Forum for COVID-19 Q & A

- Presentation of DHS new media campaign, “Stop the Spread”.
- DHS contact tracer status at “red”, 3 days out – available on the PCA Portal.
- ELC funding discussion, shared ELC Enhancing Detection document
- WING testing slated to end on November 26, 2020.
- Concerns over physicians not testing school aged children with symptoms of vomiting and diaherra.

FAQ: What symptoms should school staff take into consideration when deciding to send a student home?

In children, symptoms of COVID-19 infection are non-specific and illness may mimic a number of other childhood viral infections. If a child is displaying mild symptoms, it may be best to send them home in case it is the beginning of a COVID-19 infection.

School-based healthcare providers or teachers should send a student home if within the last 24 hours, they have experienced the following symptoms above their baseline, one of the following: cough, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, or new loss of taste or smell. Or two or more of the following: fever or chills or rigors; muscle or body aches; headache; sore throat; fatigue; congestion or runny nose; nausea or vomiting; or diarrhea.

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WI Badger Bounce Back Plan Gating Criteria for 09/10/2020 (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: 9/9/2020

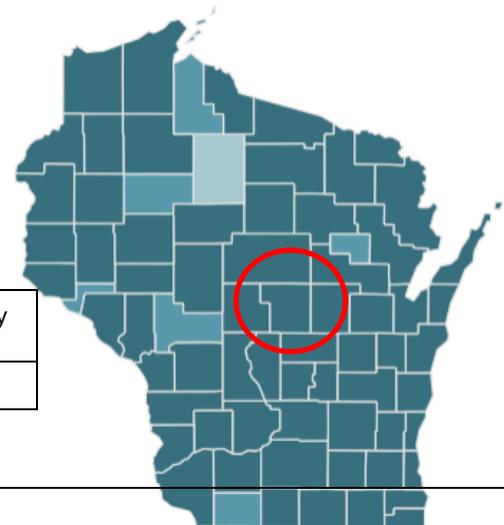
Select area

- County
- HERC Region

Activity level

- High
- Medium
- Low

COVID-19 activity level



Area	Count	Burden	Trajectory	Trend	Activity level
Portage	259	366.2 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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