



<b>INCIDENT BRIEFING</b>	1. Incident Name Portage County COVID-19 2020	2. Date Prepared 09/21/2020	3. Time Prepared 16:30
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**Current Cases of COVID-19**

Cases	Confirmed	Negative	Fatal	Recovered
Portage	1,218 (+49)	12,130 (+4)	4 (+1)	932 (77%)
Wisconsin	102,498 (+1,271)	1,337,627 (+5,525)	1,244 (+2)	86,822 (85%)
United States	6,863,854		202,409	3,705,509
Global	31,120,980 (+261,911)		961,656 (+3,342)	21,287,328 (+188,233)

Portage County: Total individuals investigated to date: 13,407 (includes 1,218 positive cases, 59 probable cases, and 12,130 negative cases). Note: 1,623 suspect cases – which are not reportable.

Data from: [CDC](#) · [WHO](#) · [ECDC](#) for 09/21/2020

Total hospitalizations of positive cases in Wisconsin at 6.5% with 6,692 (+39) hospitalizations. 74 total hospitalizations for Portage County, 1 new hospitalization

- Active cases 14,414 (14%). Active cases in Portage Co: 282 (23%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by race: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (2%), Black (10%), White (68%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (9%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (18%), Not Hispanic or Latino (68%), Unknown (14%)
- Emergency Department visits: Influenza like illness: 67 visits on 9/19 compared to previous 3-day average of 57; COVID-19 like illness: 182 visits on 9/19, compared to previous 3-day average of 238.
- 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**

September 21, 2020 @ 16:30 PM

Public Health ICS Operation Day 186

**NOTE: WING supported COVID-19 testing at HHS back parking lot, from 08:00-16:00 on 09/22/2020.**

07:15 WALHDAB Executive Committee Meeting: Antigen testing/Follow-up from CRT Director

08:30 PH ICS Daily Briefing and Operations Briefing

12:00 Portage County EMS-Hospital-LTC Meeting

13:22 COVID-19 Daily Updates for Local and Tribal Health Departments

- Governor Evers: [Thank You to Public Health](#)
- Legionella Information Updated on DHS Webpages:
  - [COVID-19 Businesses, Employers & Workers](#)
  - [Legionellosis \(Legionnaires' Disease and Pontiac Fever\)](#)
- [Make It Safe, Keep It Fun Halloween 2020](#) provides families and communities with safe Halloween activities based on the COVID-19 risk level in the county
  - As a reminder, DHS has posted guidelines for a safe and healthy Halloween on the [COVID-19 Staying Safe In Your Community](#) page
  - Halloween Resources from Fond du Lac County Health Department are posted in the "Partner Resources" folder on the [PHHS COVID-19 SharePoint site](#)
- FYA: [BinaxNOW COVID-19 Ag Card Diagnostic Antigen Tests](#)
- [Some FoodShare Members Will Continue to Be Exempt from Work Requirements Starting Oct. 1](#)
- [Crisis and CSP: Program Forms Solicitation Deadline Extended to October 1, 2020](#)
- DHS Positions Posted:
  - [Western Region Office Director](#)
  - [Policy Section Chief](#)
- [SEOC Situation Report for September 17, 2020](#)

14:00 DHS HO Forum for COVID-19 – Special 90 minute discussion

- Updates from Melanie Schmidt, CRT Director, 100-120 LTE contact tracers will be brought in over the next two weeks at DHS. Recruitment continues.
- DHS response to UW activity. In conversations with the UW system. Looking to enhance response and shared commitment. DHS taking on 'listener role'.
- Discussion of antigen testing and impact on data, availability, and ethnicity. Conversations continue.
- No plans to renew Marshfield Lab contact for testing.
- Metric updates. Folder created on the PCA Portal for school reopening plans and decision documents. CDC framework for schools closing metric aligns with WI COVID-19 activity , which is updated weekly.
- Discussion of outbreaks and settings
- Discussion on consolidated contact for 2021. Complete end of year survey on COVID-19 response. Another year of redirection of funds. Collect stories of actions taken.

15:00 Local Strategy Planning Meeting for Vaccination and Ongoing Testing – NCW HERC



**WI Badger Bounce Back Plan Gating Criteria for 09/21/2020 (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: 9/16/2020

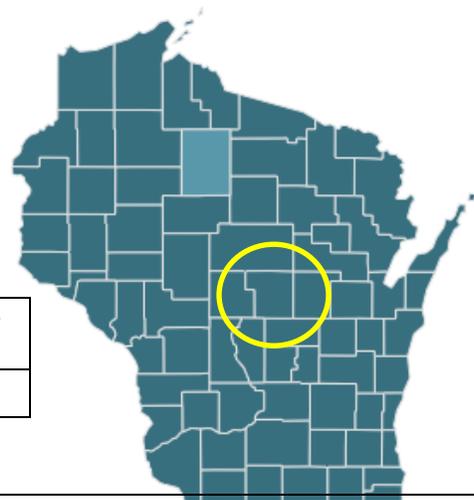
Select area

- County
- HERC Region

COVID-19 activity level

Activity level

- Medium
- High



Area	Count	Burden	Trajectory	Trend	Activity level
Portage	352	497.7 High	49.3	^	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
- CRT – COVID-19 Response Team
- 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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