



<b>INCIDENT BRIEFING</b>	1. Incident Name Portage County COVID-19 2020	2. Date Prepared 09/24/2020	3. Time Prepared 16:30
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**Current Cases of COVID-19**

Cases	Confirmed	Negative	Fatal	Recovered
Portage	1286 (+16)	12,463 (+6)	4	1015 (79%)
Wisconsin	108,324 (+2,392)	1,371,070 (+10,887)	1,265 (+6)	90,726 (84%)
United States	7,046,797 (+78,571)		205,614 (+2,168)	3,800,745 (+40,888)
Global	32,039,142 (+351,335)		979,388 (+6,820)	22,024,644 (+236,461)

Portage County: Total individuals investigated to date: 13,779 (includes 1,270 positive cases, 52 probable cases, and 12,457 negative cases). Note: 1,645 suspect cases – which are not reportable.

Data from: [CDC](#) · [WHO](#) · [ECDC](#) for 09/24/2020

Total hospitalizations of positive cases in Wisconsin at 6.4% with 6,897 (+76) hospitalizations. 79 total hospitalizations for Portage County, 1 new hospitalization

- Active cases 16,315 (15%). Active cases in Portage Co: 267 (21%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by race: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (2%), Black (10%), White (69%), Multiple or other races (8%), Unknown (9%)
- Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino (17%), Not Hispanic or Latino (69%), Unknown (14%)
- Emergency Department visits: Influenza like illness: 76 visits on 9/22 compared to previous 3-day average of 73; COVID-19 like illness: 260 visits on 9/22, compared to previous 3-day average of 299 .
- Total hospital bed utilization: 82%

\*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 24, 2020 @ 16:30 PM

Public Health ICS Operation Day 189

- 07:15 WALHDAB Executive Committee Meeting -Discussion of WEDSS Update and UW System action discussion
- 08:30 PH ICS Daily Briefing and Operations Meeting
- 08:34 DHS COVID-19 Health Alert Network #17 Important Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Antigen Tests
- 10:00 COVID-19 Discussion – Standing Meeting with UWSP Health Service and Emergency Management
- 12:56 COVID-19 Daily Update for Local and Tribal Health Departments
- 13:00 DHS COVID-19: Media briefing to update Status of Wisconsin’s COVID-19 response
  - [Gov. Evers Announces \\$8.3 Million for COVID-19 Testing at Wisconsin's Private, Non-Profit, and Tribal Colleges and Universities](#)
  - [Gov. Evers Announces More Than \\$5 Million in CARES Act Funding for Broadband Expansion](#)
  - [COVID-19 Health Alert #17: Important Considerations for Use of COVID-19 Antigen Tests](#)
  - Updated: [Prevention and Control of Acute Respiratory Illness Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Facilities](#)
  - [CDC COVID-19 Science Update](#) Released: September 22, 2020
  - [SEOC Situation Report for September 21, 2020](#)
- 4:00 DHS HO Forum for COVID-19 Q & A
  - Review of contact tracing 101 – training resources on the PCA Portal
  - 62 tracing staff will be brought on-line on Monday, 9/28 and 238 additional staff on October 4, 2020 for a total 300 tracers being added to DHS. This should bring them into a yellow level. Currently addressing 400 cases on weekdays and 300 cases on weekends. 5 to 6 days out for first contact to positive cases and 7 to 8 days out for contacts.
  - Discussion of WIAA, highschool football, masking recommendations, and COVID-19 concerns.
  - Updates on Point of Care Testing in Schools. DHS is waiting on information regarding second phase. More questions than answers at this point.
  - Discussion of nursing homes (LTC) and antigen testing. Only positives need to be reported to the state. If negatives want to be reported the LTC will need to establish a EHR to report.
  - Gov D being developed to address WEDSS being down for upgrade on 10/3-10/4/2020.



**WI Badger Bounce Back Plan Gating Criteria for 09/24/2020 (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: 9/23/2020

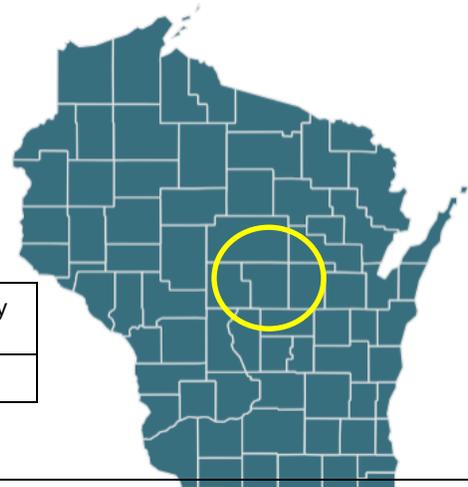
Select area

- County
- HERC Region

Activity level

- High

COVID-19 activity level



Area	Count	Burden	Trajectory	Trend	Activity level
Portage	477	674.5 High	25.9		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  
EHR – Electronic Health Record  
EOC – Emergency Operation Center  
EM – Emergency Management  
EO – Emergency Order  
HERC – Healthcare Emergency Readiness Coalition  
HHS – Health and Human Services  
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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