



September 4, 2020

Chippewa County COVID-19 Situation Report

[Current County Risk Level](#): HIGH

[Gathering Recommendations](#): 15 or less indoors and 50 or less outdoors with physical distancing measures

Chippewa County Department of Public Health developed a weekly situation report to share information on local response efforts for COVID-19. Given the rapidly changing nature of this public health emergency, each situation report contains the most recent information available at the time of dissemination.

Case Update

Wisconsin DHS has many interactive data dashboards available on their [website](#). Topics include hospital capacity, county-level data, mapped data, and demographic case information. We recommend visiting for accurate information and data.



*To be released from isolation, confirmed cases must meet the following criteria: ten days from the date they first had symptom AND at least 24 hours after symptoms improve and free of fever without the use of medication.

[Chippewa County COVID-19 Impacts Dashboard](#)

COVID-19 Case Updates

Data as of Saturday, August 29

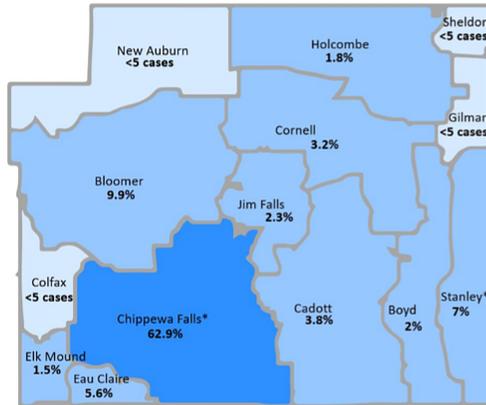


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CASE OVERVIEW

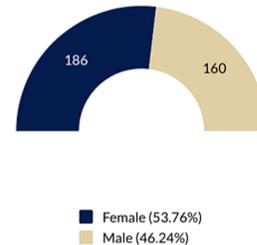
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	CHANGE SINCE LAST WEEK	ACTIVE CASES	CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	DEATHS
346	+43	46	1	0

WHERE ARE THE POSITIVE CASES LIVING, BY PERCENTAGE?



Places with < 5 cases are not reported, due to privacy reasons.
Eau Claire cases are only those in the Northern portion that sits in Chippewa County.
*Includes Department of Correction Facility

CONFIRMED CASES BY SEX



CURRENT RISK LEVEL AND GUIDANCE

HIGH RISK

Gathering Recommendations:

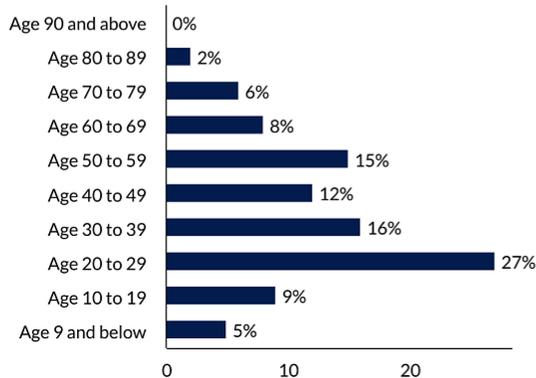
- No more than 15 people indoors
- No more than 50 people outdoors
- Using Physical Distancing Measures

Wear a mask. Stay home when you're sick.

- Disease Occurrence
- Healthcare Availability
- Public Health Response

View the Summary Data Document for September 1st on our website.

WHAT ARE THE AGES OF THE POSITIVE CASES, BY PERCENT?



ICS (Incident Command System) Updates

Safety: The safety team continues to follow up and provide education to businesses and individuals who are reported to the Health Department for non-compliance with mask mandate. They the number of reports has decreased. However, this still receive several reports each week.

Liaison: Continuing to work with the school districts to provide training for staff regarding COVID-19 and navigate questions/concerns that are presented. They are also working with the ICS team to provide food pantry volunteer guidance and following up on several community calls and emails with questions.

Public Information Officer (PIO): The communication team is working to on template letters that schools can use in the event a student or staff tests positive for COVID-19, is exposed to someone who tested positive, or is sent home due to having symptoms of COVID-19. They also welcomed several new team members.

Operations: The Volunteer Task Force is working to promote the Check In Chippewa County mental health initiative. The Fit Testing Task Force is working to fit test school staff. The Investigation Strike Team continues to provide case follow up. They have seen a big increase in cases in the past few days.

Planning: The Planning Team is planning for mass vaccination, as well as influenza vaccination during the pandemic. Data Task Force continues to monitor the metrics and update the public. Mental Health/AODA/CJ Task Force, Domestic Violence Task Force, Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs Task Force, Resource Task Force, and Vulnerable Populations Task Force continue to update their resources and identify community needs. There is a focus on mental health resources in all the task forces. The Mental Health Task Force is also working on initiatives to support mental health among students and suicide prevention. The Vulnerable Populations Task Force reports several providers of transportation for older people and people with disabilities have identified that Eau Claire and Chippewa Counties are “hot spots” and therefore are reducing services. In addition, many of the providers of in-home supportive services (which is different from home care), like housekeeping/chores, respite, meal prep, etc., are at capacity and can’t take on more clients. This is concerning as we move into winter and family caregivers need more breaks. Also, many caregiver support groups continue to not meet in person. However, there are many providing call-in or virtual options.

Fiscal: There are three claiming periods for our Routes to Recovery grant and September 1–15 is the second period. The team is in the process of preparing their second claim. The final claiming period is in November.

Logistics: Logistics continues to provide PPE (personal protective equipment) to responders and long-term care as necessary. A one-time supply of extra cloth masks are being provided to schools to fill gaps when students fail to bring their own.

Recent Guidance and Press Release

Local:

- [Weekly Update to Local COVID-19 Data and County Risk](#) – September 4, 2020

State:

- [Updated Guidance for Providing On-Site Hair Salon and Barber Services in Nursing Homes and Assisted-Living Facilities](#)
- [New Data Dashboard Shows COVID-19 Trends by Age Group](#)
- Rural Health Information Hub Releases [Social Determinants of Health in Rural Communities Toolkit](#)
- [New Report Provides Guidance to Address Increased Suicide Deaths in Wisconsin](#)
- [DHS Opens Second Round of Applications for Funds to Support Health Care Providers Affected by COVID-19](#)
- Q&A Added to DHS COVID-19 [Schools and Child Care Page](#) Regarding Teacher and Staff As Crit
- [Clarification Regarding Admissions to Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities](#)
- [First Human Case of Eastern Equine Encephalitis Virus in Wisconsin in 2020](#)

National:

- New and Updated from CDC:
 - [Limiting Workplace Violence](#) Associated with COVID-19 Prevention Policies in Retail and Services Businesses
 - [How to Make 0.1% Chlorine Solution](#) to Disinfect Surfaces in Healthcare Settings

- [New Contact Tracing Resources for Health Departments](#)
- [Operational Considerations for Schools](#)

Questions

For general questions related to COVID-19, you can:

- Email Chippewa County Department of Public Health at covid@co.chippewa.wi.us,
- Call the Regional COVID-19 Call Center at 715-831-7425, or
- Contact Wisconsin 211 by dialing 211 or texting COVID-19 to 211-211.



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