



September 25, 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

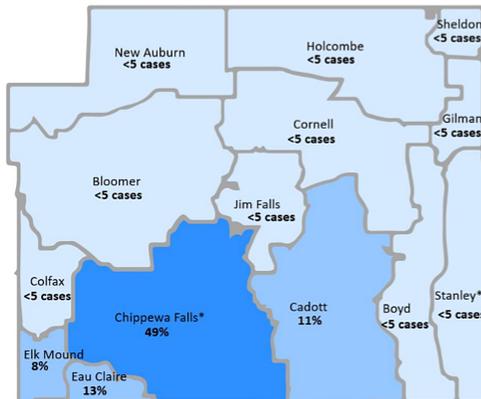
Data as of Saturday, September 19



CASE OVERVIEW

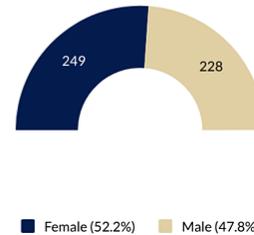
TOTAL POSITIVE CASES	CHANGE SINCE LAST WEEK	ACTIVE CASES	CURRENTLY HOSPITALIZED	DEATHS
477	+58	63	2	0

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.

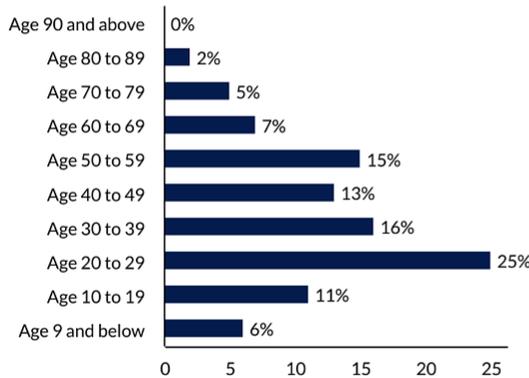
Disease Occurrence

Healthcare Availability

Public Health Response

View the Summary Data Document for September 22nd on our website.

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



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ICS (Incident Command System) Updates

Safety: The safety team continues to follow up and provide education to businesses and individuals who have been reported to the Health Department for

non-compliance of the mask mandate. The team also continues to work with community event organizers to review safety plans and provide COVID-19 Safety Training for upcoming community events.

Liaison: The team is continuing to work with the school districts to provide information and training for staff regarding COVID-19, while also continuing to meet weekly with school nurses. Additionally, the team met with school superintendents of area schools to discuss various topics including the new mask order, local orders, positive cases of students and staff since the beginning of the school year, the impact of college campuses on the community, and the COVID-19 Testing survey put out on social media by the County. The team continues to follow up with community questions regarding travel, contact tracing, unsafe practices happening in the community, and the upcoming Halloween festivities.

Public Information Officer (PIO): The communication team continues to update presentations as new guidance for COVID-19 is developed or updated. The team continues to work on resource tools for safety measures associated with COVID-19 in relation to Halloween and the upcoming Trick-or-Treating festivities. Updates to the website, including adding videos and print resources to the business subpage, have continued.

Operations: The Volunteer Task Force continues to work to identify and address community needs. The Fit Testing Task Force continues to work to fit test school staff within local school districts. The Investigation Strike Team continues to provide case follow up. The Testing Task Force is working to identify and address community needs.

Planning: The Planning Team continues to focus on mental health and resiliency. The team also continues to plan for mass vaccination, as well as influenza vaccination during the pandemic. The team is working to provide resources to the community, while also identifying ways to assist family caregivers during the pandemic. As the Meals on Wheels program continues to expand, more volunteers are needed. The Data Task Force is working to revise current and new metrics to better reflect the circumstances happening within the community, while also updating the public with these metrics. The Mental Health/AODA/CJ Task Force continues to work on messaging as it relates to mental health, resiliency, and ways to take care yourself during the pandemic. The 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. The Mass Vaccination Task Force is working to collect information regarding vaccinations from regional and state offices, while also planning for seasonal influenza clinics at local schools, long-term care facilities, and county organizations.

Fiscal: The Fiscal Team continues to track expenses as they are related to the COVID-19 pandemic in order to apply for available funding sources. The Grant Task Force continues to work on the Department of Justice grant in conjunction with the Sheriff's Office. The grant will address the need for sanitation supplies, PPE supplies, and other items to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Logistics: The Logistics Team continues to provide Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), including N95 masks and disposable gowns, to basic ambulance services and first responders in need. The team also provided two local nursing homes with nitrile gloves.

Recent Guidance and Press Release

Local:

- [Weekly Update to Local COVID-19 Data and County Risk](#) – September 22, 2020
- [CCDPH Halloween Guidance Memo - September 25, 2020](#)
- [CCDPH Halloween Flyer](#)

State and National:

- Halloween Guidance/Resources:
 - DHS guidelines for a safe and healthy Halloween are available on the [COVID-19 Staying Safe In Your Community](#) page
 - CDC [Holiday Celebrations Considerations](#)
 - [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

- [Regional Model of WING Support Expands Access to Testing](#)
 - Various Communications Resources Available:
 - [Public Health Communications Collaborative's Answers to Tough Questions about Public Health](#)
 - [CDC Considerations for Operating Schools during COVID-19](#)
 - [CDC How to Select, Wear and Clean Face Masks](#)
 - [FDA Multilingual COVID-19 resources](#)
 - Safe voting resources for your community:
 - CDC's [Considerations for Election Polling Locations and Voters](#)
 - [VoteSAFE Public Health](#) is a coalition of 10 national public health organizations working to assure all Americans have the opportunity to safely vote
 - [HealthyVoting.org](#) provides options for healthy voting in each state, as well as [resources for public health and medical professionals](#)
 - [VoteSafe Wisconsin](#) is a bipartisan organization working to ensure all Wisconsinites have accessible, secure mail-in ballots and safe in-person voting sites
 - CDC Updates [Guidance for Reopening Buildings After Prolonged Shutdown or Reduced Operation](#)
 - Legionella Information Posted to DHS [Legionellosis](#) and [COVID-19 Businesses, Employers, and Workers Pages](#)
 - [Gov. Evers Declares New Public Health Emergency](#), Issues [New Face Coverings Order](#) (FAQs [English/Spanish/Hmong](#))
 - Some FoodShare Members Will Continue to Be Exempt from Work Requirements Starting Oct. 1
 - [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
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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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