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Huron County COVID-19 Weekly Update

Norwalk OH - Please see the following chart for a current status report on the number of confirmed Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) cases in Huron County, Ohio as of Thursday, September 3, 2020, at 4:30 p.m.

Total Confirmed Cases Including Deaths:	459
• Percentage of Confirmed Cases Cleared:*	96%
• Percentage of Total Confirmed Cases Hospitalized at Some Point During Illness:	11%
• Age Range:	<1-96
• Average Age:	42
• Male	40%
• Female	60%
• Fatalities	6

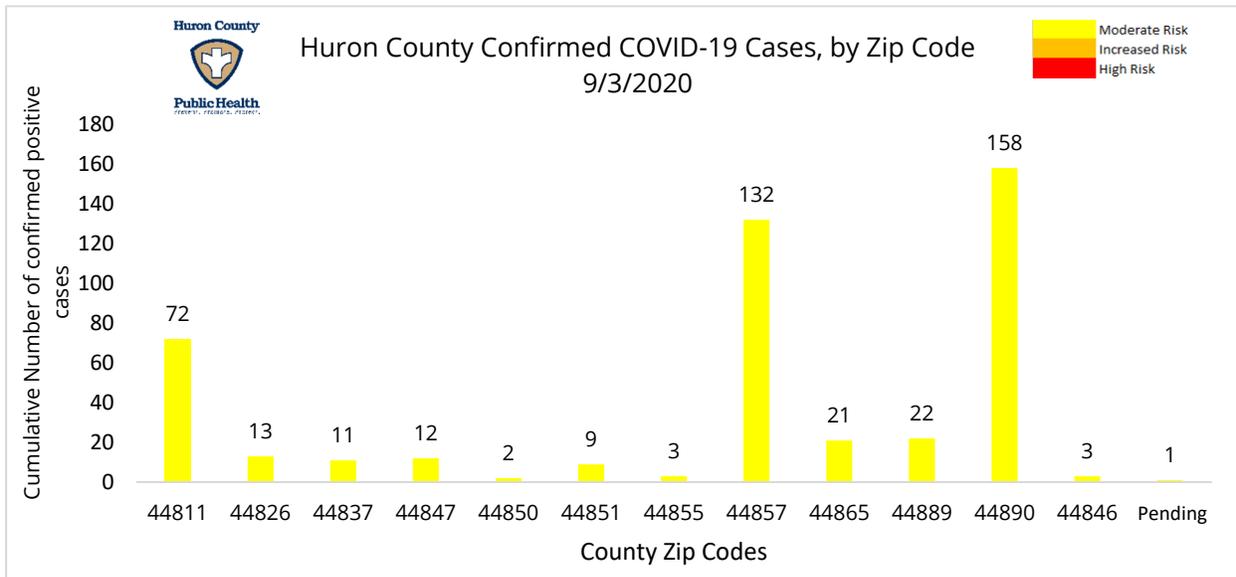


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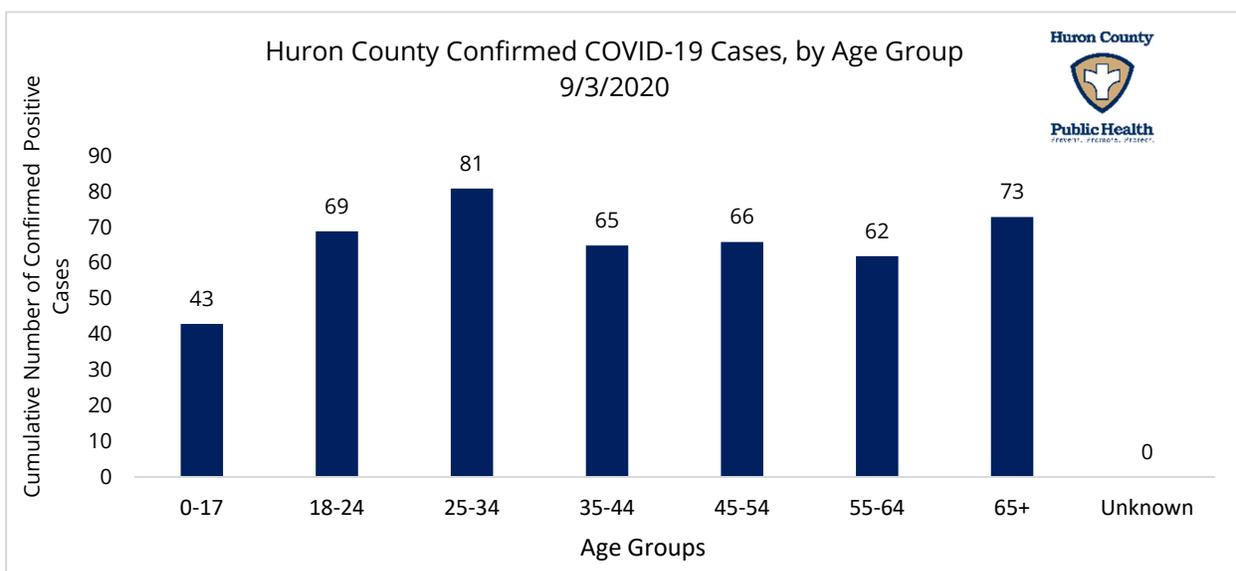


Since August 27, 2020, Huron County saw an increase in 17 confirmed COVID-19 cases within Huron County. This increase in confirmed COVID-19 cases can be attributed to a number of things, including out of state travel, known contact with a positive case and general community spread.

It is important to note that COVID-19 is driven by community spread and positive case counts may not truly reflect the amount of disease in our community. It is assumed that there are many individuals in the community with mild or moderate illness who are choosing not to be tested and are recovering at home. It is also known that COVID-19 can be spread between individuals who are asymptomatic. This means people may carry the active virus in their body and never develop any symptoms but are still contagious.



As of September 3, 2020, there are currently zero Huron County residents hospitalized for COVID-19 reported. Of the 459 confirmed cases, 43 cases are age 17 and under. Since August 27, 2020, there have been 2 additional confirmed cases of COVID-19 age 17 and under reported to HCPH.



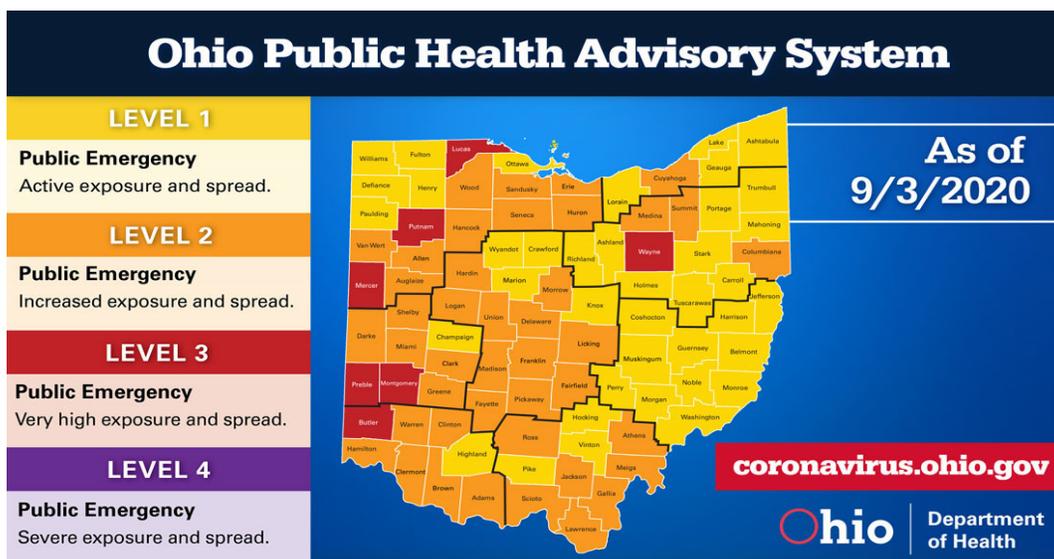
As of September 3, 2020, at 4:30 pm, HCPH has completed all previous ongoing outbreak investigations. HCPH begins an outbreak investigation when two or more individuals are found to have a known similar exposure point or link and after consultation with the Ohio Department of Health. As investigations are complete, facilities may later be deemed not an official outbreak based on investigation results. Investigations are complete once the suspect outbreak extends 30 days since the onset date of the first reported confirmed COVID-19 case and without new cases with an epidemiological link.

With the conclusion of these outbreak investigations, Holthouse Farms Inc., Junior Explorers Child Development Center, Pean’s Pizza Subs and Sudz, and the Willows at Bellevue outbreaks have all been closed and will no longer be reported on within the Weekly Update. HCPH wants to remind residents that as we continue throughout the summer season into fall, new outbreaks are somewhat to be expected as community spread continues throughout the state.

As of Thursday, September 3, 2020, Huron County is now Alert Level 2 Orange on the Ohio Department of Health’s Ohio Public Health Advisory System. For this reason, HCPH is urging all residents to assess their own individual risk for illness before leaving their homes, exercise a high degree of caution when in public, and continue to follow all current health orders.

Huron County has flagged 2 indicators triggering this change on the Advisory System. These indicators include:

- **Indicator 3** – “Flagged if proportion of cases that are not in a congregate setting goes over 50% in at least one of the last 3 weeks. Used as an indicator of greater risk of community spread”.
- **Indicator 5** – “Flagged if increasing trend of at least 5 consecutive days in the number of people going to a health care provider with COVID-19 Symptoms who then receive COVID-19 confirmed or suspect diagnosis over the last 3 weeks. Provides information on the health care seeking behavior of the population and a sense of how concerned residents are about their current health status and the virus”.



HCPH is reminding residents to continue to make responsible choices before participating in Labor Day weekend events. Everyone should continue to follow everyday preventative measures and social distancing guidelines while in public settings.

- If you are sick or are feeling unwell, stay home.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay at least 6-feet apart from others even when outside.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Avoid sharing food or drinks with others.
- Cough or sneeze into your arm or tissue and then properly dispose of the tissue.
- Wear a cloth face mask/cover while in the public.

We ask that residents interested in daily case counts visit the Ohio COVID-19 dashboard at coronavirus.ohio.gov for daily local and state COVID-19 numbers. The ODH dashboard includes gender, age-range, and hospitalization status for all Ohioans diagnosed with COVID-19 and is updated daily at 2:00 PM.

Please be aware that differences within Huron County's and ODH's COVID-19 dashboard case numbers may occur. This is due to a variety of reasons including delays in transferring confirmed case(s) to Huron County in the Ohio Disease Reporting System as a result of resident(s) residing in a city that is also a part of other counties.

Visit www.huroncohealth.com/coronavirus2019 for the latest COVID-19 developments. For questions about COVID-19, call the COVID-19 Information Line at 1-833-427-5634.

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