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**Winnebago County  
Health Department**

# Winnebago County Health Department COVID-19 Data by School District Geographic Boundary

November 19, 2020

## Summary

- **Stay at home.** There are thousands of people currently infected with COVID-19 in Winnebago County and thousands more that have been exposed and may develop the disease. Many do not know they are infected and others are knowingly breaking isolation and quarantine. **Assume that every public place you are in has a risk of exposure to you.** Wear a mask, keep your distance at all times in public, and minimize your time in any indoor environment outside your home. Assume household members that are active outside of the home can infect you. Group gatherings and a lack of physical distancing in indoor spaces remain the most important contributors to the pandemic in this area.
- When you seek goods and services, support businesses that engage in precautionary measures to keep our communities safe. If a business is not following safe practices, consider speaking with management or reporting your concern to the health department through this [form](#).
- Support local businesses. Use local curbside pickup and delivery to help support local service industries.
- **Deaths are on the rise.** Nearly half of the 85 confirmed COVID-19 deaths in our jurisdiction have occurred in the past 4 weeks.
- COVID-19 hospitalizations are at record levels across the state. In our region, **COVID-19 hospitalizations remain dangerously high.** As of 11/18/20, Fox Valley area hospitals had 146 COVID-19 patients hospitalized, an increase from the 134 patients last week. [The Wisconsin State Fair Park Alternate Care Facility](#) currently has 22 patients.
- The confirmed case rate over the past 2 weeks for our jurisdiction is 1,119.4 cases per 100,000, about the same as our updated case rate of 1,155.1 per 100,000 for last week. The doubling time for our cases is 50.8 days. For all of Winnebago County, the case rate over the past 2 weeks is 1,357.0, and for the Fox Valley [HERC](#) region it is 1,2316.7\*, putting both at a **critically high burden level.**
- The number of cases in the first week of this 2-week timeframe was 929 and for this most recent week is 792. Cases are now generally distributed throughout all jurisdictions and adult age groups. Individuals aged 25-29 had the highest confirmed case rate of 1,648.2 per 100,000 over the past 2 weeks. Rates are lower in those under 18 (552.9 per 100,000).
- With much lower case rates in children in our area, some school districts are modifying current attendance models. Winnebago County Health Department is supportive of hybrid attendance models that keep students physically distanced to allow for at least some in-person instruction. We will continue to monitor case numbers to help ensure student and faculty safety. It is a balance we are learning more about as we go. Comments and concerns may be sent to [health@co.winnebago.wi.us](mailto:health@co.winnebago.wi.us).
- **Testing percent positivity is at 16.7%** for the past 2 weeks which is still far from our goal of remaining below 5% positivity. Over the past two weeks an average of 741 PCR tests were conducted each day. The [regional COVID-19 testing site](#) at Sunnyview Expo Center in Oshkosh has averaged performing 446 tests per day over the past 2 weeks. Regional testing capacity has increased with additional National Guard sites open in other counties. If you have been tested, please stay home until you receive your test results and follow the guidance provided.
- **Contact tracing capacity is significantly strained.** We are still able to reach out to all people who tested positive within 24-48 hours of being reported to the health department. Despite adding 31 full-time equivalent contact tracing positions to our health department, we are unable to provide contact tracing for all confirmed cases. If you have tested positive, please notify close contacts. Our contact tracers are seeing significant community spread.
- [Older adults and people with underlying medical conditions](#) are most at risk and should take extra precautions to stay safe.

## Background Information

This report provides *preliminary* data on the confirmed COVID-19 cases from November 4 – November 17, 2020. A person is counted as a **confirmed COVID-19 case** if they had a **positive confirmatory laboratory test (for example, polymerase chain reaction (PCR) tests or nucleic acid amplification tests (NAT) that detect genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19)**. Antigen positive tests are counted as **probable** cases and are not currently included in the case count rates and graphs in this report.

Dates utilized for all graphs and tables are based on test result date and may not represent final case counts. Data may be underreported for recent days because results can take multiple days to be reported to the health department. This means the number of tests and percent positivity may change in next week's report. As this is a weekly report for the past 14 days, there will always be a week of overlap between reports.

Data by school district geographic boundary may differ from data provided by the respective school district. School district geographic boundaries are the geographic area from which children are **eligible** to attend a certain school district. Data by school district geographic boundary includes cases among all individuals that live within that boundary regardless of age or where they attend school. In this report, data for school age children (5-17) does not differentiate between where they actually attend school or if they are homeschooled.

### For school district specific COVID-19 information:

- [Neenah Joint School District](#)
- [Omro School District](#)
- [Oshkosh Area School District](#)
- [Winneconne Community School District](#)

\*The COVID-19 data provided in this report is specific to the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD) jurisdiction (population: 153,748). It does not include the portions of the City of Menasha or City of Appleton that fall within Winnebago County as those areas fall within the jurisdiction of the [City of Menasha Health Department](#) and [City of Appleton Health Department](#). With the increased amount of testing occurring in correctional facilities, starting October 3, 2020, data reports from the Winnebago County Health Department will not include test results from those living in Wisconsin Department of Corrections facilities, which includes the Oshkosh Correctional Institute. You can find testing data for the Wisconsin Department of Corrections on [this website](#).

Data provided on the [Department of Health Services website](#) may be different than the information provided by WCHD because the state reports data for the entire county based on address, which includes those portions of Menasha and Appleton as well as the correctional facilities.

### For additional Winnebago County Health Department COVID-19 information:

- [WCHD COVID-19 Webpage](#)
- [General Weekly Data Summaries](#)
- [Municipality Weekly Data Summaries](#)

## Confirmed Cases by School District Geographic Boundary for the Past Two Weeks (November 4 – November 17)

There have been 1,622 new positive cases in the past two weeks within the geographic boundaries of the Neenah, Omro, Oshkosh, and Winneconne School Districts. An additional 99 cases were within the geographic boundaries of other school districts that only partially fall within our jurisdiction.

School District	Case Count for past 2 weeks	Case Rate (per 100,000)	Burden**	Population***
Neenah Joint School District Area	497	1,114.3	Critically High	44,601
Omro School District Area	80	1,039.4	Critically High	7,697
Oshkosh Area School District Area	959	1,192.7	Critically High	80,408
Winneconne School District Area	86	886.5	Very High	9,701
Winnebago County Health Department Jurisdiction	1,721	1,119.4	Critically High	153,748
Winnebago County	2,298	1,357.0	Critically High	169,926
Wisconsin	87,835	1,519.4	Critically High	

\*\*Burden is based off of the case rate per 100,000 people in the past two weeks. To be consistent with the state's burden status categories, we have renamed our 'critical' category to be labelled 'very high'. See table below for more information on Burden Status for our county. Visit the DHS website for more information on this indicator <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

\*\*\*Population for school district was retrieved from <https://nces.ed.gov/programs/edge/TableViewer/acsProfile/2018> Winnebago County Health Department Jurisdiction does not include the portions of the City of Menasha and the City of Appleton that fall within Winnebago County.

Burden Status	Case Rate per 100,000 residents in the past two weeks	Neenah SD Area	Omro SD Area	Oshkosh SD Area	Winneconne SD Area
Low	Case rate is less than or equal to 10.	Less than 4 cases.	Less than 1 case.	Less than 8 cases.	Less than 1 case.
Moderate	Case rate is greater than 10, but less than or equal to 50.	Greater than 4 cases, but less than or equal to 22 cases.	Greater than 1 case, but less than or equal to 4 cases.	Greater than 8 cases, but less than or equal to 40 cases.	Greater than 1 case, but less than or equal to 5 cases.
Moderately High	Case rate is greater than 50, but less than or equal to 100.	Greater than 22 cases, but less than or equal to 45 cases.	Greater than 4 cases, but less than or equal to 8 cases.	Greater than 40 cases, but less than or equal to 80 cases.	Greater than 5 cases, but less than or equal to 10 cases.
High	Case rate is greater than 100, but less than or equal to 350.	Greater than 45 cases, but less than or equal to 156 cases.	Greater than 8 cases, but less than or equal to 27 cases.	Greater than 80 cases, but less than or equal to 281 cases.	Greater than 10 cases, but less than or equal to 34 cases.
Very High	Case rate is greater than 350, but less than or equal to 1000.	Greater than 156 cases, but less than or equal to 446 cases.	Greater than 27 cases, but less than or equal to 77 cases.	Greater than 281 cases, but less than or equal to 804 cases.	Greater than 34 cases, but less than or equal to 97 cases.
Critically High	Case rate is greater than 1000.	Greater than 446 cases.	Greater than 77 cases.	Greater than 804 cases.	Greater than 97 cases.

Number of cases for each Burden Status refers to the number of cases during a two-week time span.

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## Number of Confirmed Cases and Rate per 100,000 People by School District Geographic Boundary in the Past Two Weeks (November 4 – November 17)

The highlighted cells for Neenah and Oshkosh School District Geographic Boundaries are colors associated with the burden status. Please see the table above for more information on burden status. This information is not provided for Omro and Winneconne School District Geographic Boundaries due to the small population size.

Age Group	Neenah SD Area		Omro SD Area		Oshkosh SD Area		Winneconne SD Area	
	# of cases	Rate per 100,000	# of cases	Rate per 100,000	# of cases	Rate per 100,000	# of cases	Rate per 100,000
<5	6	214.7	1	366.3	12	291.3	0	0.0
5-9	17	613.9	1	185.9	17	423.6	1	203.7
10-14	26	797.3	2	308.6	31	795.9	8	1,221.4
15-17	19	1,108.5	3	737.1	20	753.6	3	872.1
18-19	12	1,526.7	3	1,507.5	42	1,168.3	0	0.0
20-24	39	1,647.7	2	552.5	129	1,265.7	8	2,010.1
25-34	97	1,688.7	8	1,043.0	167	1,488.1	9	1,029.7
35-44	83	1,458.4	14	1,455.3	133	1,443.9	10	993.0
45-54	69	1,157.3	16	1,431.1	126	1,189.7	19	1,195.0
55-64	57	820.5	11	1,119.0	129	1,394.1	18	1,000.6
65-74	35	874.1	8	834.2	88	1,540.9	5	427.0
75-84	20	1,039.0	10	3,246.8	37	893.1	4	739.4
85+	17	2,668.8	1	578.0	28	1,547.8	1	432.9

Rate is determined by # of new confirmed cases during the past two weeks divided by population in the school district geographic boundary multiplied by 100,000. Rates can fluctuate greatly with small population sizes like Omro and Winneconne making it difficult to call out high rates. **Small population data may be more effectively looked at in a trend wise fashion.**

## Age Group Trended Over Time

The tables below show the biweekly confirmed cases counts by school district geographic boundary across the past 3 months.

The graphs on the following pages show how case rates by age group have changed over time for Oshkosh and Neenah School District boundaries. The first graph on each page shows the biweekly confirmed case rates per 100,000 residents. The second graph shows the cumulative confirmed case rates. Cumulative case rates will always trend upward, it is the rate of increase in that trend that helps us understand what populations are being impacted the most. Omro and Winneconne do not have similar graphs due to small population size and small confirmed case counts in these geographic areas.

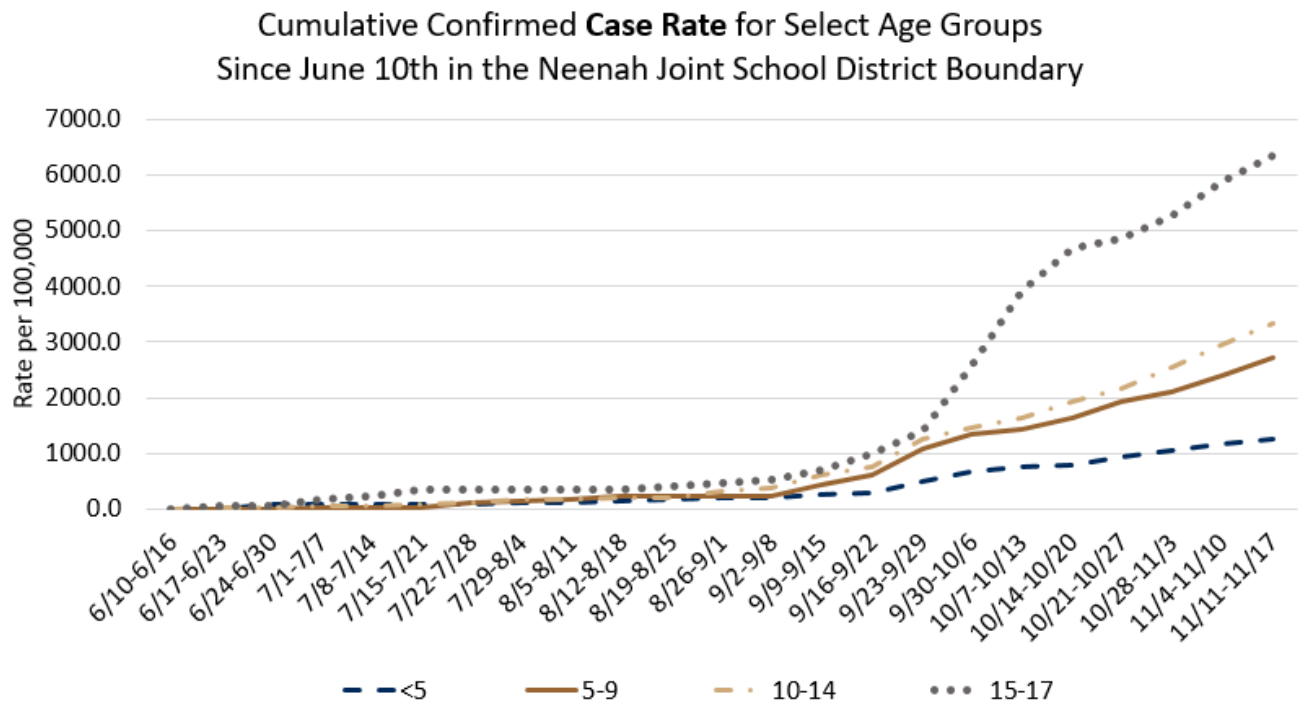
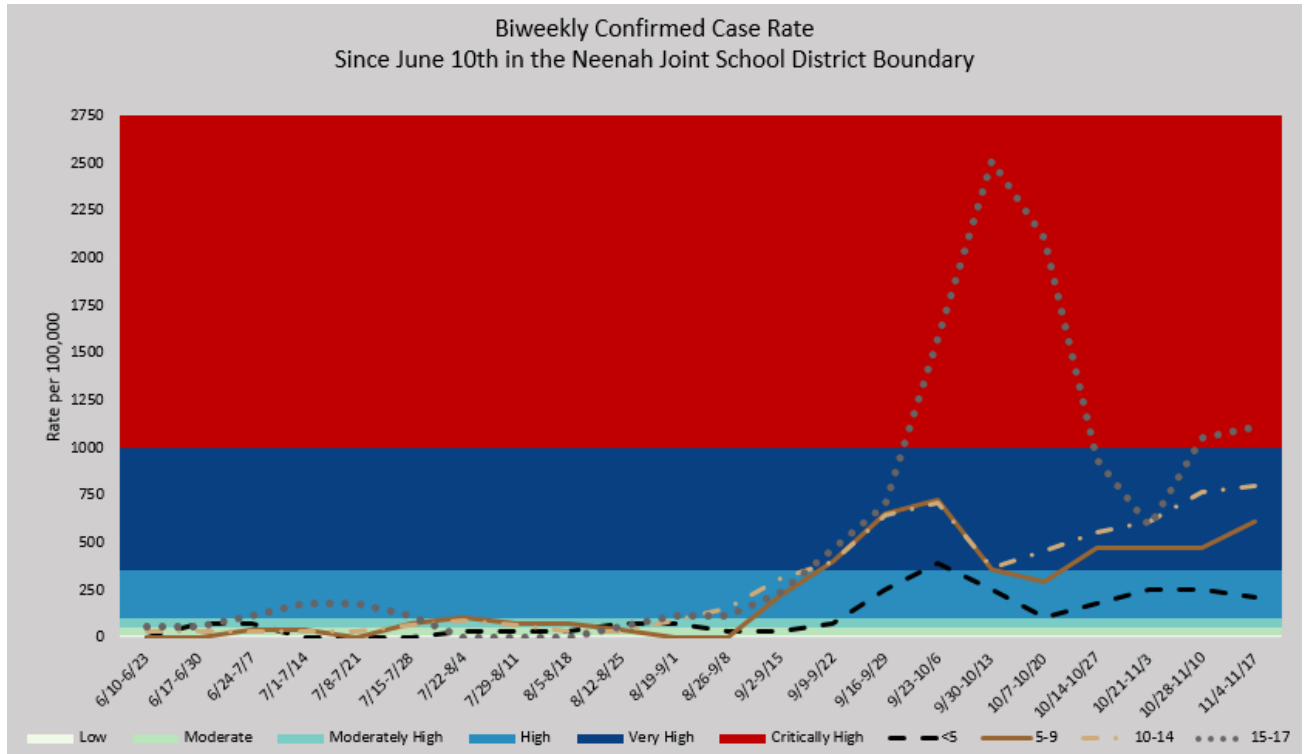
<b>OMRO SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA</b>				
<b>Biweekly Confirmed Case Counts for Select Age Groups in the Omro School District Boundary</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-17</b>
8/19-9/1	0	0	0	0
8/26-9/8	0	0	0	0
9/2-9/15	0	0	0	0
9/9-9/22	1	3	3	0
9/16-9/29	2	3	6	2
9/23-10/6	2	0	5	4
9/30-10/13	1	5	3	4
10/7-10/20	1	8	7	2
10/14-10/27	1	5	9	1
10/21-11/3	0	5	9	4
10/28-11/10	1	3	8	4
11/4-11/17	1	1	2	3

<b>WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA</b>				
<b>Biweekly Confirmed Case Counts for Select Age Groups in the Winneconne School District Boundary</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-17</b>
8/19-9/1	0	0	0	0
8/26-9/8	0	0	0	0
9/2-9/15	0	0	0	0
9/9-9/22	1	0	0	1
9/16-9/29	1	1	1	3
9/23-10/6	0	2	2	5
9/30-10/13	2	4	4	7
10/7-10/20	2	6	5	7
10/14-10/27	0	4	5	7
10/21-11/3	0	1	4	6
10/28-11/10	0	1	4	2
11/4-11/17	0	1	8	3

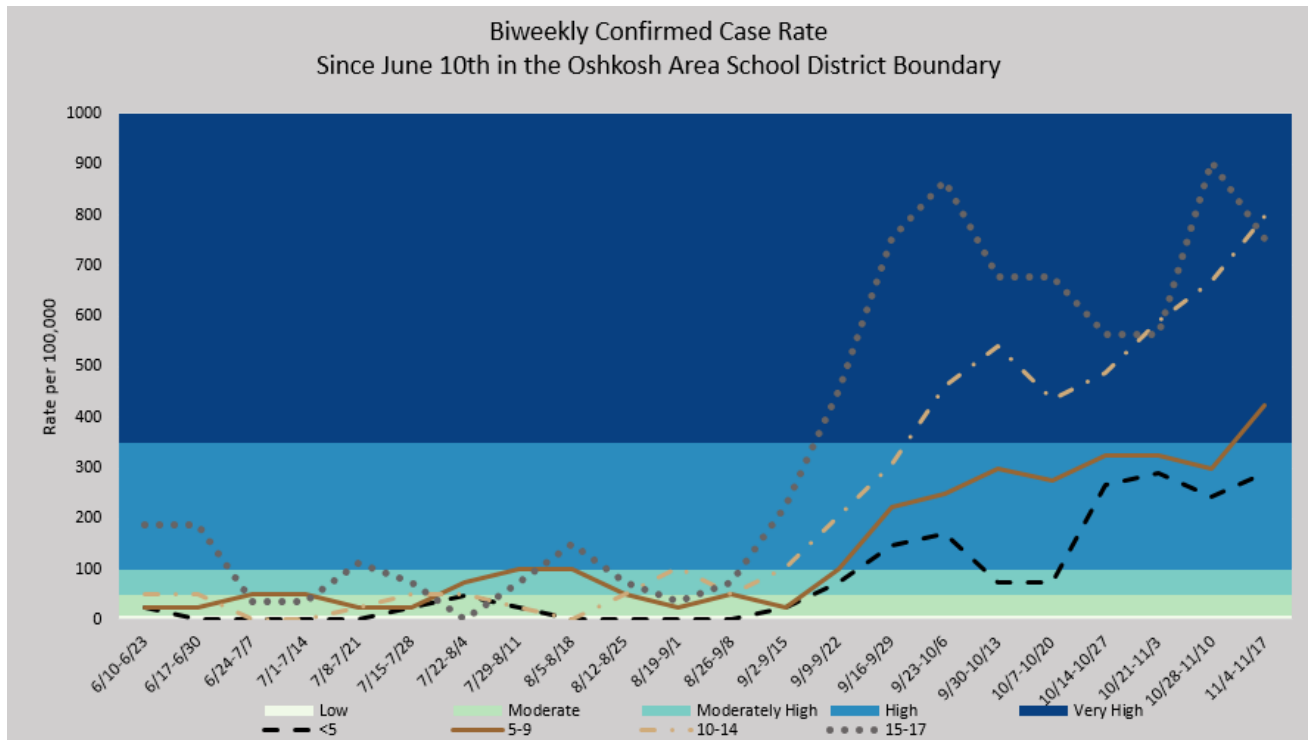
<b>OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA</b>				
<b>Biweekly Confirmed Case Counts for Select Age Groups in the Oshkosh School District Boundary</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-17</b>
8/19-9/1	0	1	4	1
8/26-9/8	0	2	2	2
9/2-9/15	1	1	4	6
9/9-9/22	3	4	8	12
9/16-9/29	6	9	12	20
9/23-10/6	7	10	18	23
9/30-10/13	3	12	21	18
10/7-10/20	3	11	17	18
10/14-10/27	11	13	19	15
10/21-11/3	12	13	23	15
10/28-11/10	10	12	26	24
11/4-11/17	12	17	31	20

<b>NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT AREA</b>				
<b>Biweekly Confirmed Case Counts for Select Age Groups in the Neenah School District Boundary</b>				
<b>Week</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>5-9</b>	<b>10-14</b>	<b>15-17</b>
8/19-9/1	2	0	3	2
8/26-9/8	1	0	5	2
9/2-9/15	1	6	10	4
9/9-9/22	2	11	13	8
9/16-9/29	7	18	21	12
9/23-10/6	11	20	23	27
9/30-10/13	7	10	12	43
10/7-10/20	3	8	15	36
10/14-10/27	5	13	18	16
10/21-11/3	7	13	20	10
10/28-11/10	7	13	25	18
11/4-11/17	6	17	26	19

# NEENAH JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY



# OSHKOSH AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARY



**Cumulative Confirmed Case Rate for Select Age Groups**  
Since June 10th in the Oshkosh Area School District Boundary

