

Winnebago County Health Department

COVID-19 Weekly Data Summary

February 24, 2022

Cases are declining but your risk of exposure remains high. Vaccination is the best protection for you, your family, friends and co-workers.

Summary

- COVID-19-case activity in Winnebago County and across the state has declined following the Omicron peak, but the level of spread remains high. Precautionary measures such as wearing a [mask](#), getting [vaccinated](#) and getting [tested](#) are still needed to prevent hospitalizations, deaths and further spread of the virus.
- Situational Awareness:
 - Winnebago County is at a **very high** burden status and activity level. If you are at high risk of complications from COVID-19, remain cautious at this time.
 - Over the past 14 days, the case burden was 382.2 confirmed + probable cases per 100,000 people, which is a 41% decrease from the 725.4 confirmed + probable cases reported last week.
 - There are currently 52 [COVID-19 patients hospitalized](#) in Fox Valley Area hospitals.
 - 31.6% of Winnebago County residents have received a COVID-19 booster dose and are considered "[up to date](#)" on their vaccination.
 - If you test positive for COVID-19, you might receive a [text message](#), recorded phone call and/or email from the Winnebago County Health Department. We are asking [people that test positive](#) for COVID-19 to [reach out to all close contacts](#) themselves. Please reference [our website](#) for guidance following a positive test result or exposure to COVID-19.
- If you or a member of your household tested positive for COVID-19, have symptoms or were exposed, please follow [current isolation and quarantine guidance](#) to help prevent spread of the virus. Also, be sure to notify your workplace, school or daycare. High risk settings may have additional guidelines.
- [Unvaccinated people](#) account for the vast majority of severe cases, hospitalizations (over 90%) and deaths from COVID-19. [Vaccines](#) are proven to reduce the risk of severe illness due to COVID-19 and protect the people around you. COVID-19 vaccines are free, do not require an ID or insurance, and are available for anyone five years and older. Visit www.wcvaccine.org for answers to your questions and to find a vaccination site near you.
- DHS recommends a Pfizer or Moderna [booster dose at 5 months](#) for everyone 12 years of age and older and also recommends an additional primary dose for certain immune compromised adults and children 5- to 11-years-old. To learn more about eligibility for booster doses and additional doses, please visit the [DHS Vaccine page](#).
- [CDC recommends](#) people receive an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (Pfizer or Moderna) over Johnson & Johnson's COVID-19 vaccine, when possible and appropriate.
- To keep [kids safe and in school](#), get your child vaccinated, have your child wear a well-fitting mask, stay home when ill, and get [tested](#) if they have symptoms or were exposed to COVID-19. If your child is ill or has been exposed to COVID-19, keep all other children in your household home too.
- COVID-19 testing remains an important tool in reducing spread of the virus. Whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, protect others by isolating if infected and get a COVID-19 test if you have symptoms, were exposed to the virus, or feel you need a test. Even if you have no symptoms or mild ones, you can infect others.
 - If you were [exposed to COVID-19](#), wait 5 days from exposure to get tested. Get tested immediately if you have symptoms. Find additional quarantine and testing guidance on our website.
 - [Visit our website](#) for a list of testing locations in Winnebago County.
 - [Sunnyview Expo Center](#) PCR test results currently take 24 to 36 hours, with most results in 24 hours.
- **Note: This week (Thursday, February 24, 2022), we are not publishing a school district or municipal data summary, and the general data summary is a shortened version. Full data summaries will be available next week.**

COVID-19 Vaccination Data

As of 2/23/2022, **9,265,601 doses** of the [COVID-19 vaccine](#) have been administered to Wisconsin residents with 63.8% of the Wisconsin population having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 60.3% of the Wisconsin population have completed the vaccine series.

As of 2/23/2022, **256,643 doses** of [COVID-19 vaccine](#) have been administered to Winnebago County residents with 62.3% of the county population having received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine and 61.2% of the county population have completed the vaccine series. Of Winnebago County residents aged 5 or older, 66.0% have received at least one dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. Since August 12, 2021, over 54,000 3rd doses/booster doses have been administered to Winnebago County residents. Since November 7, 2021 over 4,300 first doses have been administered to children ages 5 to 11.

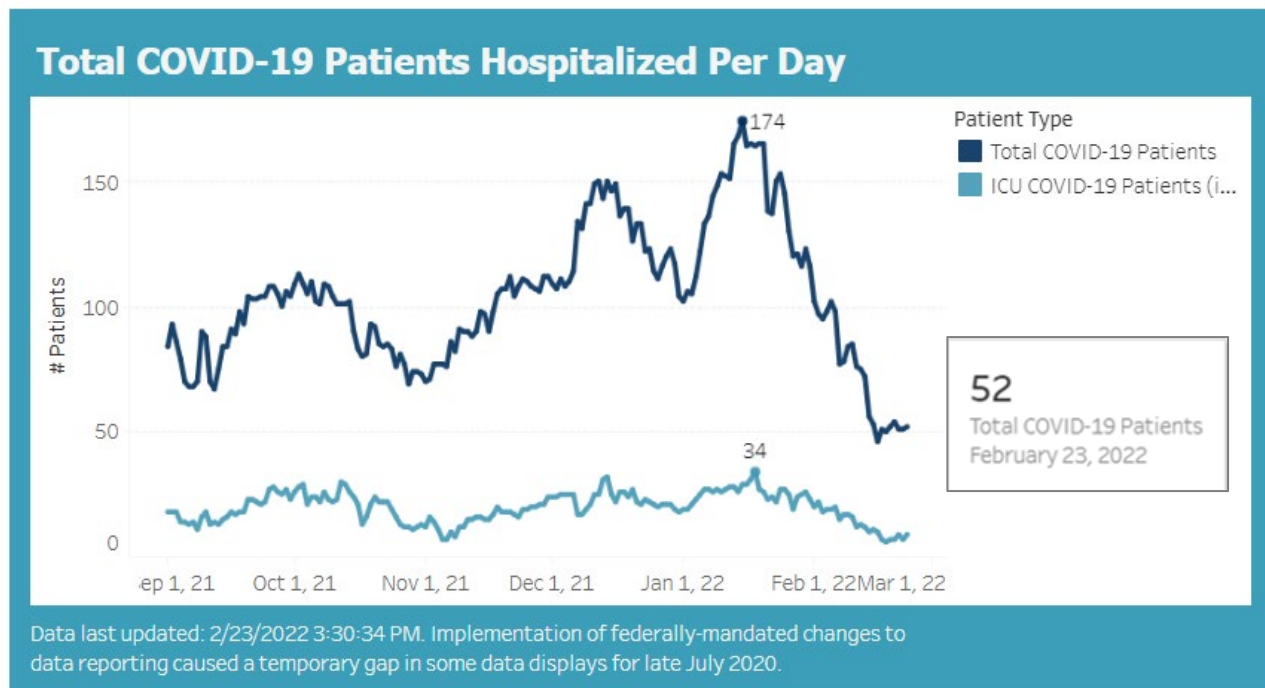
Healthcare Measures for the Fox Valley Area

The Fox Valley Area HERC Region includes Calumet, Green Lake, Menominee, Outagamie, Shawano, Waupaca, Waushara and Winnebago Counties.

It is vital that healthcare systems have adequate capacity to manage patient care in the context of a surge caused by COVID-19. Through adequate testing, case identification and investigation we can help keep case counts at levels that are manageable by our healthcare systems. When healthcare systems exceed their capacity, the ability to treat severe illness is compromised and patients do worse and/or do not get the care they need to survive the illness.

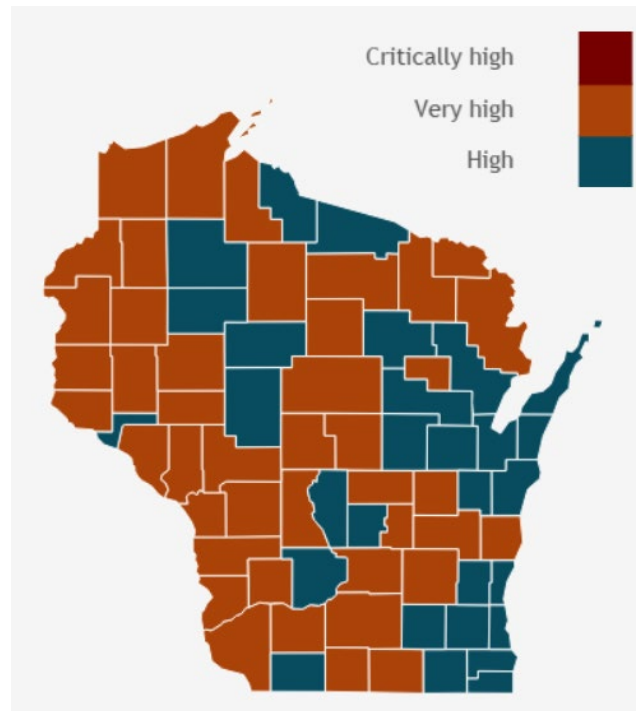
As of 2/23/2022, there were 52 **COVID-19 patients hospitalized** in the Fox Valley Area hospitals with 9 of those patients in the ICU.

To view more information on healthcare measures in the Fox Valley Area and across the state, please visit <https://www.wha.org/COVID19Update> and <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/hosp-data.htm>



Burden, Trajectory, and Activity Level Across Wisconsin in Past 14 Days

Updated 2/23/2022



The Wisconsin Department of Health Services classifies regions and counties as critically high, very high, high, medium, or low activity levels for COVID-19 spread by combining the case burden (case rate) and trajectory (change in cases over time) indicators. The state updates this information weekly on Wednesdays by 5 p.m. As of February 23, 2022, Winnebago County**** was classified as having a **very high COVID-19 activity level** and the Fox Valley Region was classified as having a **high COVID-19 activity level**.

To view more information on these metrics, please visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

Area	Confirmed + Probable Case Count (Past 14 days)	Burden	Trajectory	Activity Level	Percent Positive (Past 7 Days)
Winnebago	656	382.2 Very High	-41% ▼	Very High	5.6%
Fox Valley Area	1,889	343.6 High	-41% ▼	High	5.3%
Outagamie	611	323.7 High	-32% ▼	High	5.4%
Wisconsin	20,968	359.5 Very High	-39% ▼	Very High	6.1%

A trajectory of N/A means there was no significant change in the percent change in cases for this week compared to the previous week.

****This data is provided by the [Department of Health Services](#) and may be different than the information provided by WCHD because the state reports data for the entire county, which includes the portions of Winnebago County that fall within the jurisdiction of the [City of Menasha Health Department](#) and [City of Appleton Health Department](#).

Background Information

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 (NAAT) that detect genetic material of SARS-CoV-2, the virus that causes COVID-19). Antigen positive tests are counted as **probable** cases.

Dates utilized for all graphs and tables are based on test result date and may not represent final reported 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.

*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 Winnebago County that fall within the jurisdiction of the [City of Menasha Health Department](#) and [City of Appleton Health Department](#). As of October 3, 2020, data reports from the Winnebago County Health Department do not include test results from residents in Wisconsin Department of Corrections facilities, which includes the Oshkosh Correctional Institute. This data can be found on the Wisconsin Department of Corrections [website](#).

Data provided on the [Department of Health Services website](#) may be different than 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](#)
- [Municipality Weekly Data Summaries](#)
- [School District Weekly Data Summaries](#)
- [Trend Data Graphs](#)