



City of Menasha Health Department

COVID-19 Weekly Data Summary



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November 25, 2020

NOTE: Menasha Health Department staff will be observing the Thanksgiving Holiday tomorrow, Thursday, Nov. 26. We are providing the community with an early update for this reporting period (posting on Wednesday, Nov. 25). This does not affect the dates in the 2-week reporting period. Due to the earlier posting, this weekly data summary will not include the age-range break down of cases.

Summary

- **Please consider alternative ways of celebrating Thanksgiving this year. Travel and in-person gatherings with people who do not live in your household increase your chance of getting and spreading the virus that causes COVID-19. Staying home and celebrating with those in your household is the best way to protect yourself and others.**
 - View our [Holiday Recommendations webpage](#) for more information and suggestions.
 - The Northeast Region Public Health Officers issued a [Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Alert](#) on Friday, November 13 to urge residents to follow best public health practices during their upcoming holiday celebrations.
- **There is still significant uncontrolled community spread of COVID-19 in our community. Assume you may be exposed to the virus when you are in public.**
 - There are people living in our community who have the virus, but don't know it. Even these individuals who do not feel sick (or do not show symptoms – “asymptomatic”) can spread the virus to others. This is called “asymptomatic spread.”
 - Some people know they are sick or that they are a close contact of someone with COVID-19, but they choose to go out in public anyway. These individuals are breaking isolation or quarantine and are exposing others to the virus. View [this fact sheet](#) for information about what the terms isolation and quarantine mean.
- **It is extremely important that you limit your trips outside of your home to essential errands only. Always wear a mask or face covering and maintain at least 6 feet of physical distance from others at all times. A mask/face covering is NOT a substitute for physical distancing. You need to do both. Do not attend group gatherings.**
- Governor Evers delivered a statewide address on the COVID-19 pandemic on November 10, 2020. It can be viewed [here](#). Governor Evers also signed [Executive Order #94](#), advising Wisconsinites to stay home, urging them to take precautions to stay safe if they must leave their home, and encouraging businesses to take additional steps to protect their customers, employees, and the community.
- The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has information and resources to help you keep yourself, your family, and community healthy and safe. Check out the DHS [You Stop the Spread](#) website and the DHS [Making Safe Choices](#) website.
- Currently in the City of Menasha the burden of confirmed COVID-19 cases is critically high and the activity level is critically high. The case rate for this 2-week period (Nov. 11 – Nov. 24) is 1,033.7 cases per 100,000 population, which is a decrease from a case rate of 1,387.8 cases per 100,000 population in the previous 2-week period (Nov. 4 – Nov.17).



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- The current case load is straining our disease investigation and contact tracing capacity. Due to the critically high case volume, City of Menasha disease investigators have implemented crisis standards of practice for disease investigation and contact tracing. Using these crisis standards of practice, disease investigators were able to contact all confirmed cases of COVID-19 within 24 hours of the confirmed cases being communicated to the health department.
- The Menasha Joint School District (MJSJ) continues to utilize virtual learning for all schools. The MJSJ Superintendent issued a letter to MJSJ parents and guardians on November 24, 2020 to describe the most recent proposed schedule for bringing students back for in-person learning. You can read the letter in [English here](#) and in [Spanish here](#).
- There are three regional COVID-19 Wisconsin Army National Guard (WING) testing sites now open; one in Appleton, one in Menasha, and one in Oshkosh. More information about these sites can be found on our [COVID-19 testing sites webpage](#). The regional testing sites have different hours of operation due to the Thanksgiving holiday. If you need a COVID-19 test during this time, please call your healthcare provider.
 - Appleton WING testing site is open Nov 23-Nov 25
 - Menasha WING testing site is CLOSED Nov 26-29
 - Oshkosh WING testing site is CLOSED Nov 26-Nov 29

Background

This data summary provides preliminary data on the laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 from November 11 – November 24 2020. Probable cases of COVID-19 are not included in this data summary. Case counts utilized for all graphs and tables are based on the date public health staff received and recorded the test results. Numbers here may not represent final case counts for this reporting period.

More Information

Additional resources and information about COVID-19 can be found on the following websites:

- [City of Menasha Health Department COVID-19 webpage](#)
- [Wisconsin Department of Health Services](#)
- [Winnebago County Health Department](#)
- [Calumet County Public Health Division](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)



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Laboratory confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the City of Menasha in the past two weeks (November 11 – November 24)

Confirmed Case Count for past 2 weeks	Case Rate (per 100,000 people)	Burden*	Population**
181	1,033.7	Critically High	17,510

*Burden is based off of the case rate per 100,000 people in the past two weeks. See the next table for more information on Burden Status for the City of Menasha. Visit the DHS website for more information on this indicator at the state and county level <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/local.htm>

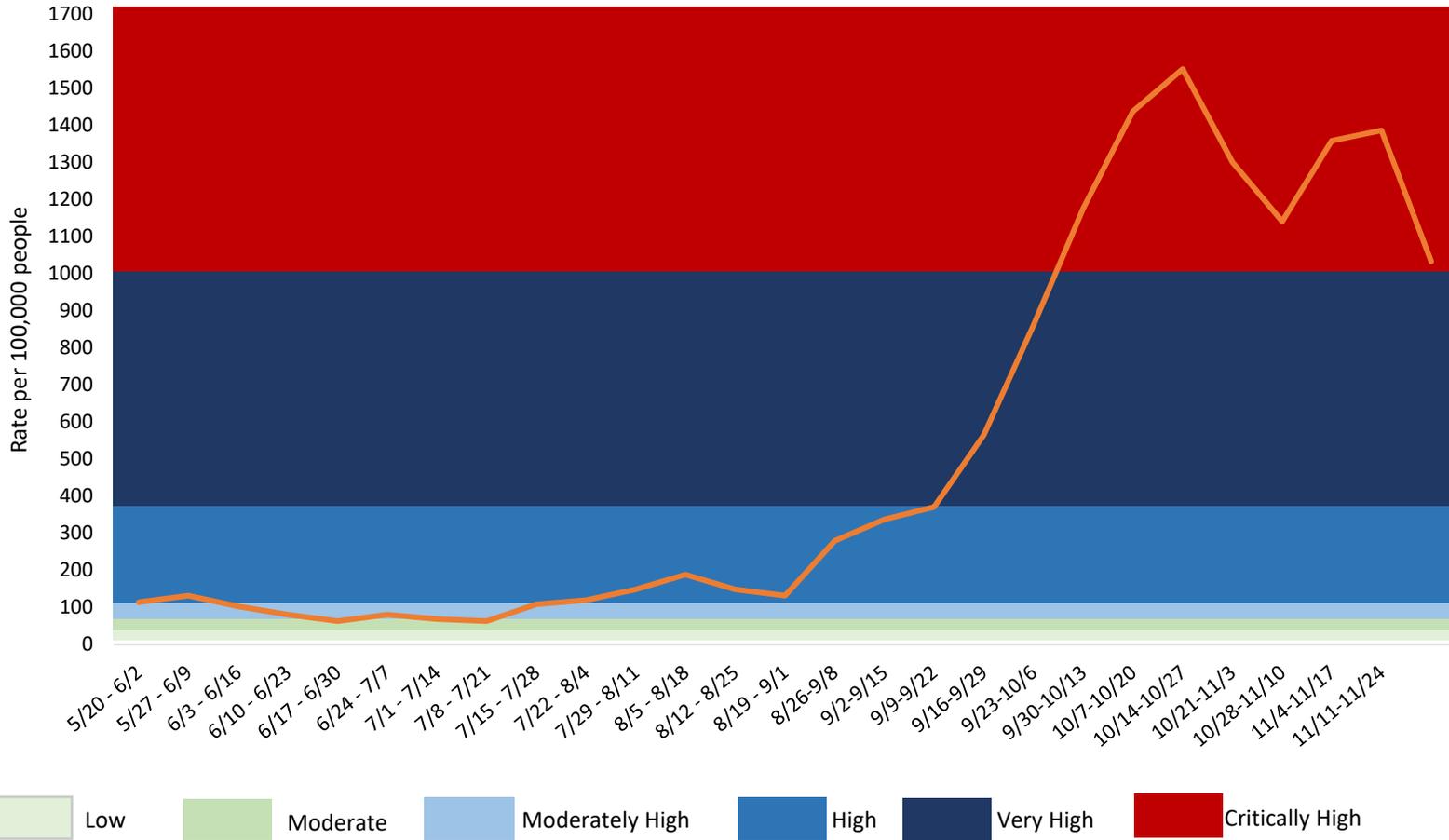
**Population for the City of Menasha was retrieved from https://doa.wi.gov/DIR/Final_Ests_Muni_2019.pdf

Burden (case rate)

	Case Rate per 100,000 residents in the past two weeks	City of Menasha number of cases
Low	Case rate is less than or equal to 10.	Less than 2 cases.
Moderate	Case rate is greater than 10, but less than or equal to 50.	Greater than 1 cases, but less than or equal to 8 cases.
Moderately High	Case rate is greater than 50, but less than or equal to 100.	Greater than 8 cases, but less than or equal to 17 cases.
High	Case rate is greater than 100, but less than or equal to 350.	Greater than 17 cases, but less than or equal to 61 cases.
Very High	Case rate is greater than 350, but less than or equal to 1,000.	Greater than 61 cases, but less than or equal to 175 cases.
Critically High	Case rate is greater than 1,000.	Greater than 175 cases.

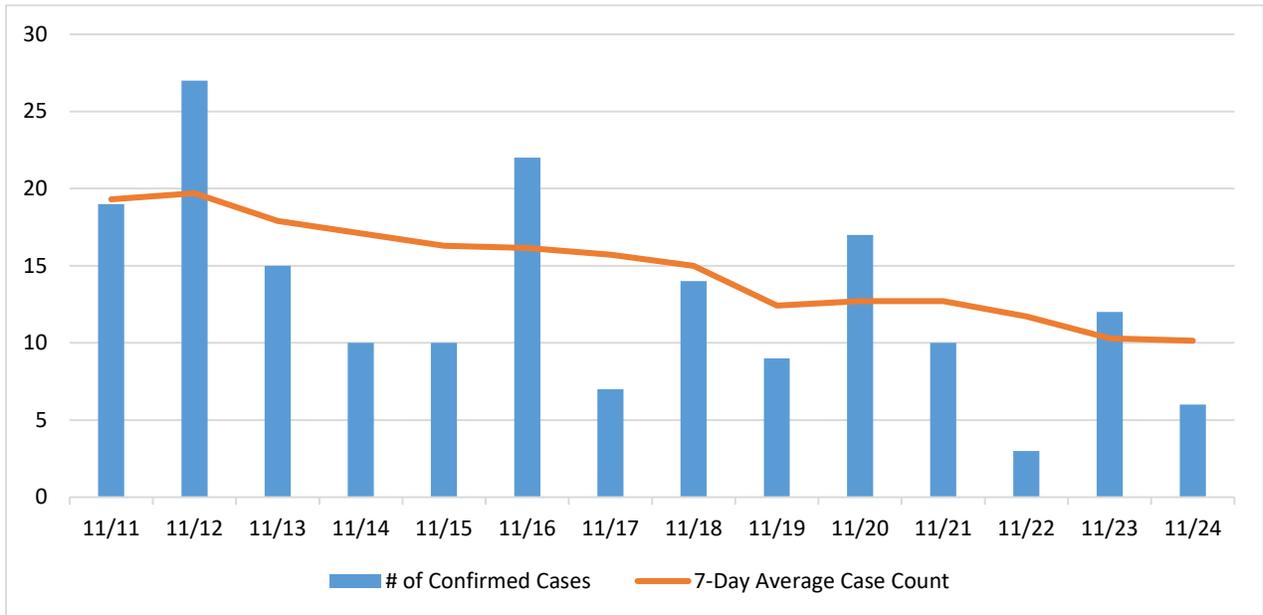


City of Menasha COVID-19 case rate trend and burden by 2-week periods*

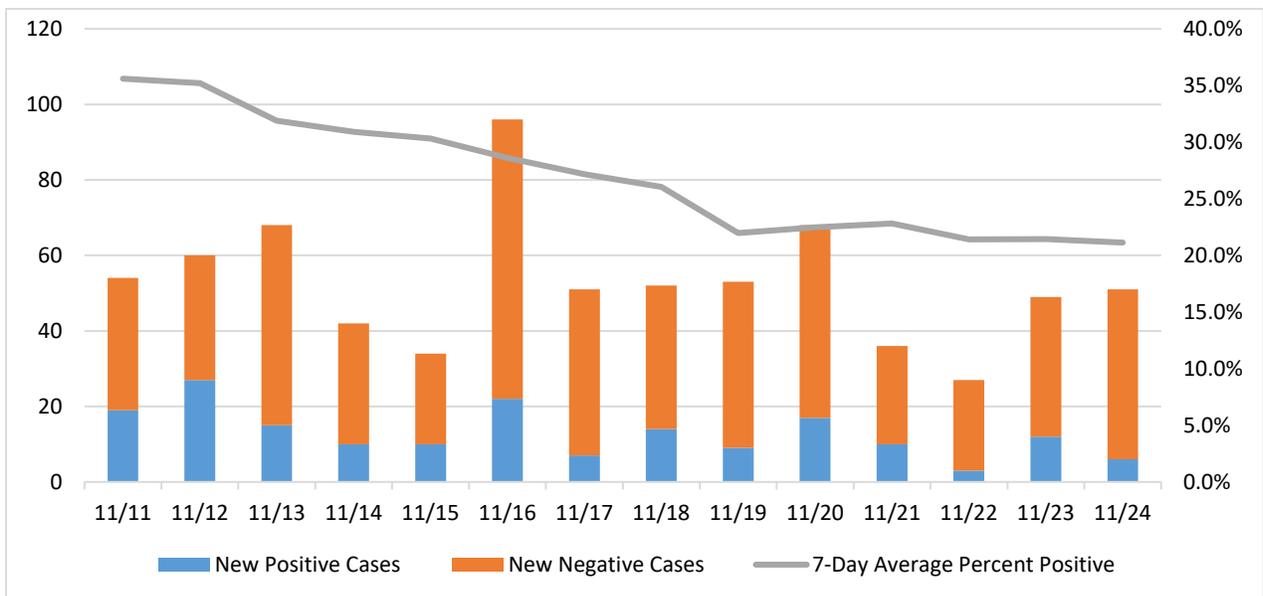


*see the table above for more information about burden status.

Number of confirmed COVID-19 cases by day in the City of Menasha in the past two weeks (Nov 11 – Nov 24) and the 7 day average



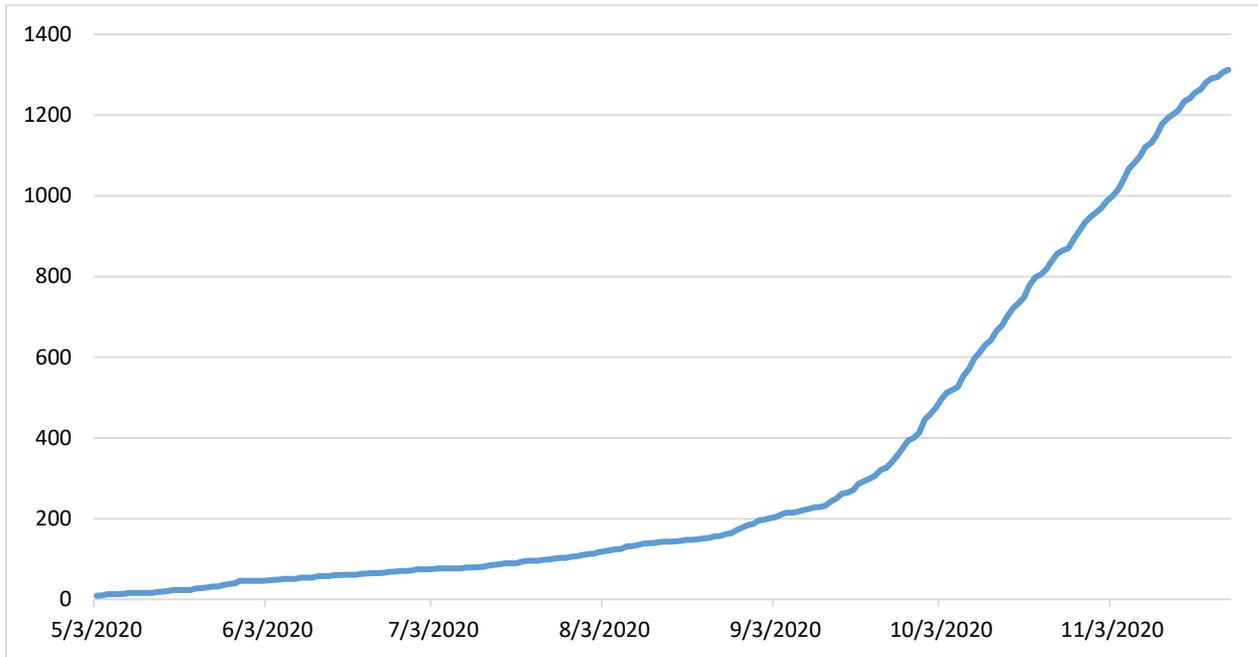
Total COVID-19 tests, positive and negative, by day and 7-day average percent positive tests (Nov 11 – Nov 24)





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Cumulative number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 by date of symptom onset or diagnosis (as of Nov 24)



Active cases of COVID-19 and total number of laboratory confirmed cases in the City of Menasha (as of Nov 24)

Active Cases		Total Cases
Number of Active Cases	Percent of Total Confirmed Cases	Total Number of Confirmed Cases
57	4.3%	1,312