



Winnebago County

Health Department

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April 29, 2020

Mayor Gregory R. Jury
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Mayor Jury,

Thank you for your letter dated April 27, 2020. The Health Department certainly appreciates your willingness to step up and enforce Governor's Pritzker's Executive Order effective May 1, 2020. Since March 20, 2020, the Health Department's goal in enforcing the Governor's Executive Order 2020-10 throughout Winnebago County has been to protect the residents of the County, including the residents of Loves Park, by slowing the spread of COVID-19 to the greatest extent possible, consistent with the intent of the Order. I am certain that Loves Park will enforce the new Executive Order with those same goals in mind.

Please keep in mind that the Health Department, through the Board of Health, has the authority within the County of Winnebago to investigate and take measures to address contagious diseases pursuant to Section 5-25013(A)(7) of the Illinois Counties Code, 55 ILCS 5/5-25013(A)(7). Further, the Health Department has been delegated authority by the Illinois Department of Public Health to issue orders for isolation, quarantine or closure in order to suppress dangerously contagious diseases pursuant to Section 2 of the Department of Public Health Act, 20 ILCS 2305/2 and Section 690.1310 of the Control of Communicable Diseases Code. Under that authority, the Health Department may order that a place be closed and made off limits to the public "to prevent the probable spread of a dangerously contagious or infectious disease...until such time as the condition can be corrected or the danger to the public health eliminated or reduced in such a manner that no substantial danger to the public's health any longer exists." 20 ILCS 2305/2(b).

The Health Department will continue to investigate and take any and all actions it deems necessary to limit the spread of COVID-19, both in Loves Park and in the rest of Winnebago County. This will continue to include investigations of businesses to determine if appropriate actions are being taken to protect employees and/or customers. Actions may also include the issuance of statutorily authorized orders for closure of premises when the Health Department believes that immediate action is required to protect the public from COVID-19.

We look forward to continue working cooperatively with the City of Loves Park to protect its residents from the current pandemic. Thank you for being a valuable partner in this process.

Respectfully,

Sandra Martell RN, DNP
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Cc: Frank Haney, Chairman Winnebago County Board
Allen Williams, MD, President Winnebago County Board of Health



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Dear Representative Sosnowski:

Thank you for reaching out to share your recommendations for data reporting on COVID-19. As you are aware, the COVID-10 pandemic response has been evolving.

Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) issued guidance clarifying COVID-19 Case Definition on April 20, 2020. Laboratory evidence and vital records criteria have been established for classifying deaths. A copy of this guidance is attached. *Vital Records Criteria – a death certificate that lists COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.*

The number of deaths reported from COVID-19 by the Winnebago County Health Department are those deaths that have identified COVID-19 as the Cause of Death on the death certificate – Part I as entered by the attending physician/medical examiner/coroner. Contributing conditions are entered in Part II on the death certificate.

Of the fourteen (14) deaths reported through April 29, 2020, only two (2) did not have COVID-19 specimens submitted. Both deaths occurred in a facility with COVID-19 infection further meeting the criteria with an *Epidemiologic Linkage*. Coroner Hintz has been determining the cause of death in consultation with the healthcare provider for the deceased individual.

I have not received any pressure nor have I been made aware of any pressure on healthcare providers to identify the cause of death as COVID-19. All healthcare systems in collaboration with the Winnebago County Emergency Operations Center have been working together to provide timely, relevant, accurate, and sensitive data at the local level for our community. Congregate settings in Winnebago County worked to self-identify when they had COVID-19 in their facility before it became standard policy throughout the state.

As we move through the pandemic and more data becomes available for analysis at the aggregate level, it will be shared with the community. As our local representative, I hope that you will continue your advocacy in the Illinois legislature for remediation and mitigation of the impact of COVID-19 on the community.

Sincerely,

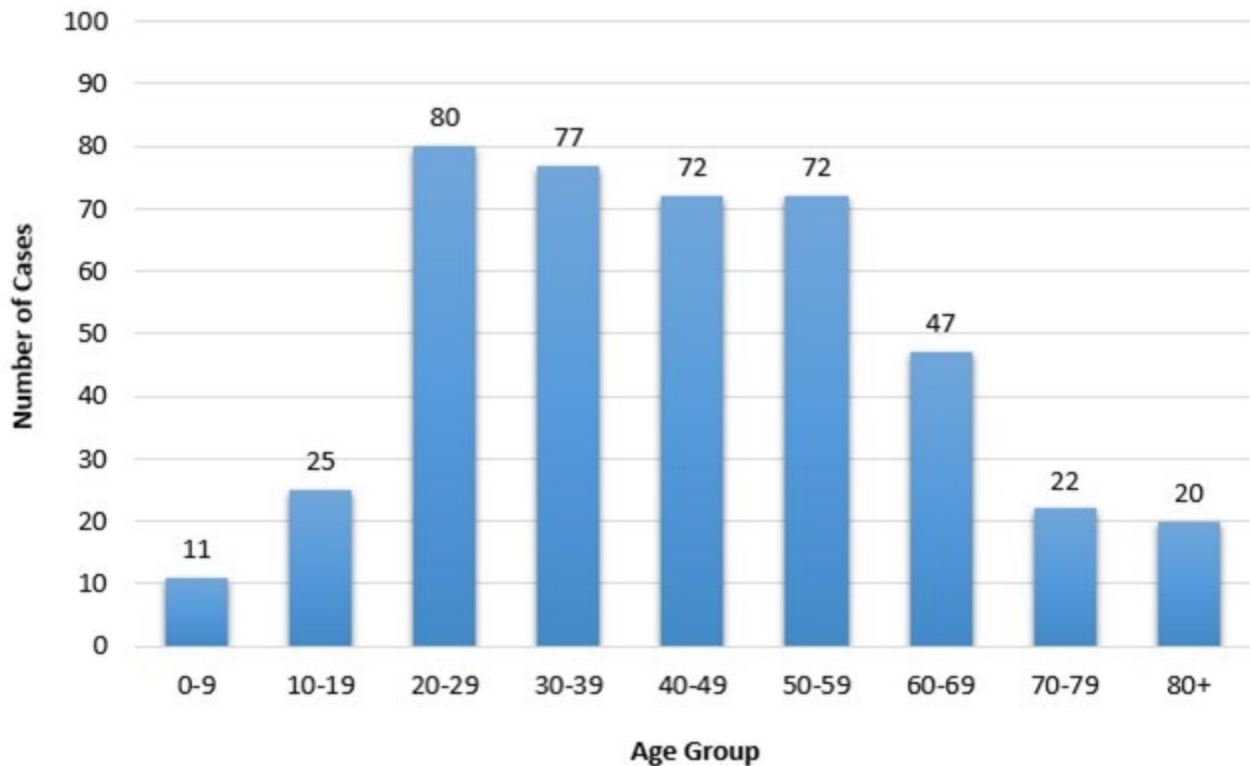
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Att: COVID-19 Case Definition and Guidance - April 20, 2020

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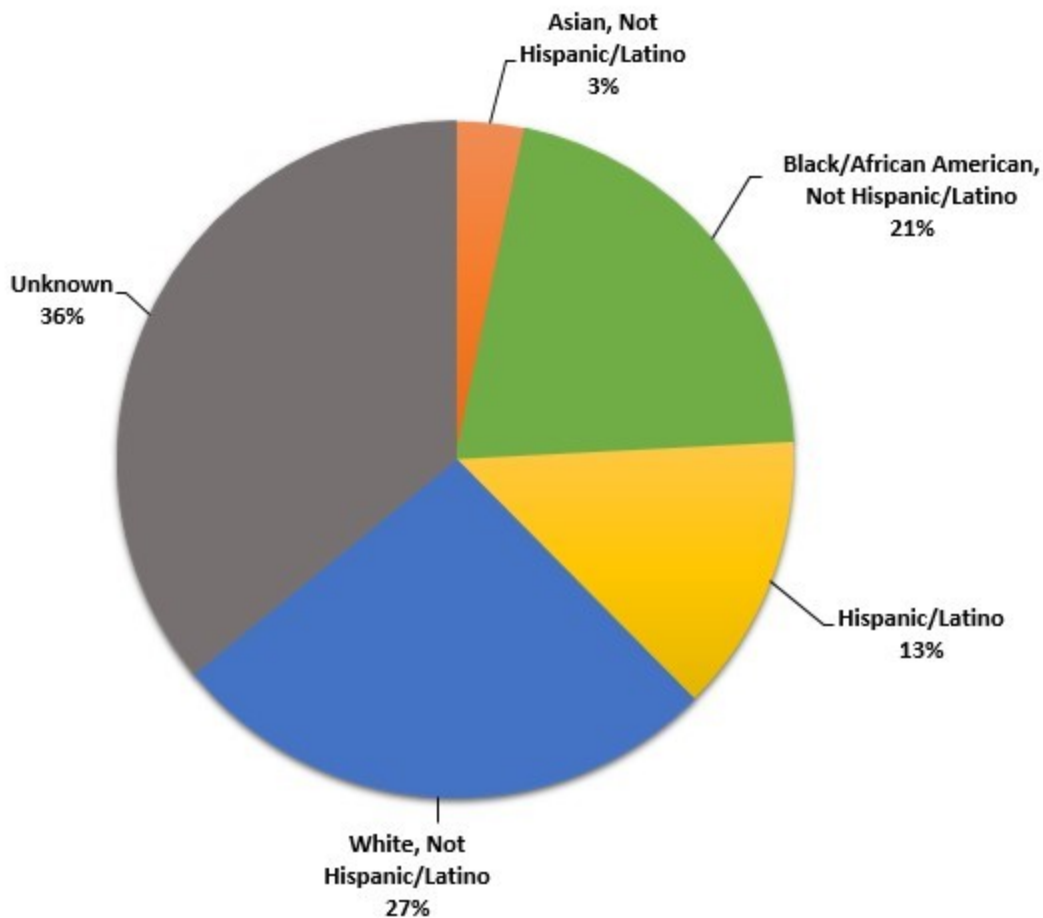


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COVID-19 Cases* by Race-Ethnicity: Winnebago County



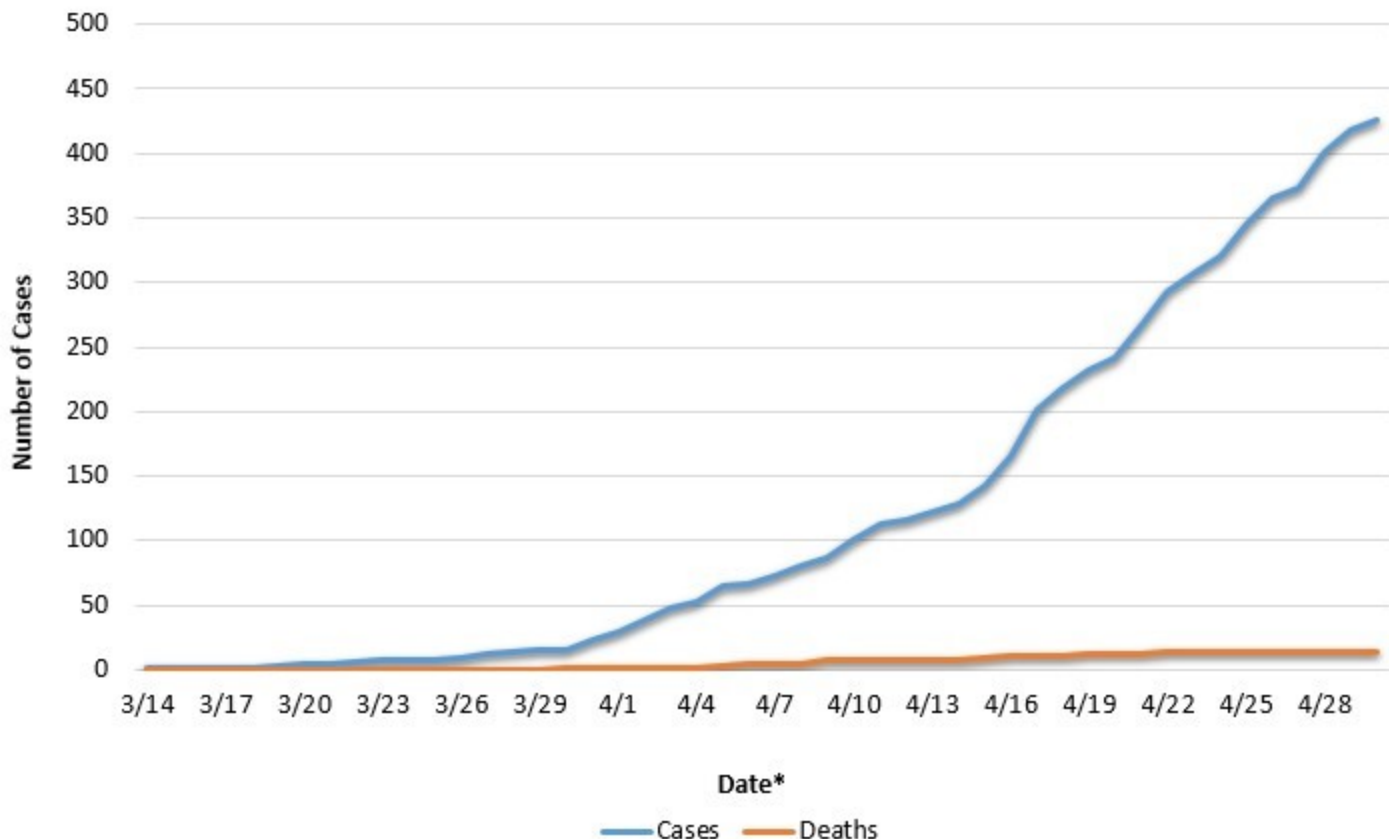
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COVID-19 Testing for Winnebago County*

Results	Number of Tests
Positive	426
Negative	2038
Pending	2449
Total Tests	4913

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Cumulative COVID-19 Cases* and Deaths*: Winnebago County



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Cases graphed by date of test result.

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April 30, 2020

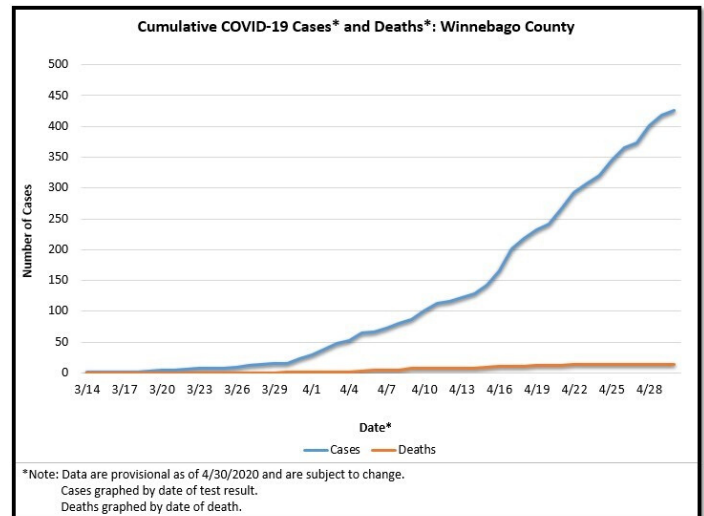
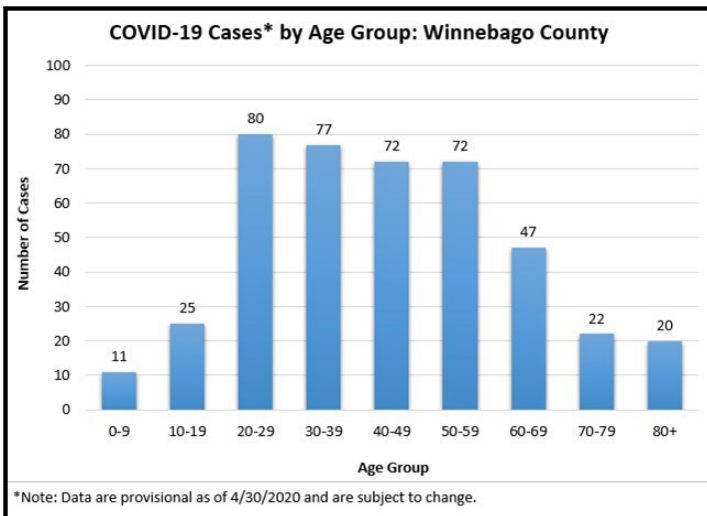
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COVID-19 Cases in the Community

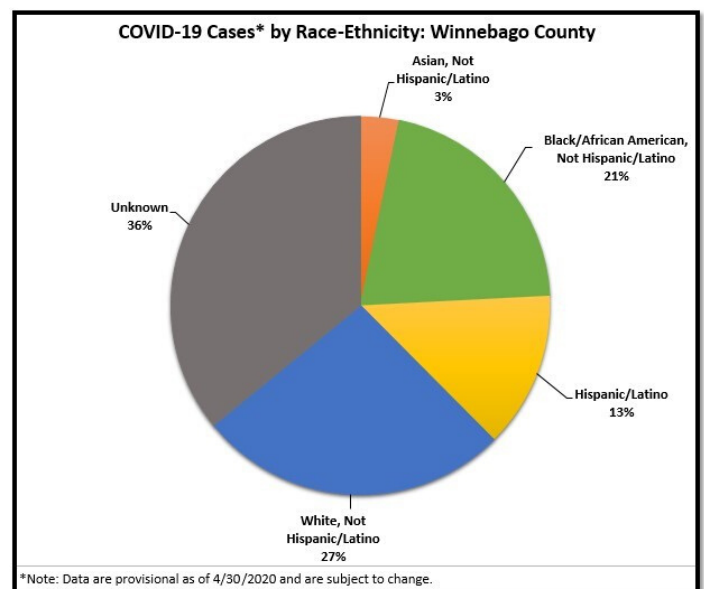
Winnebago County

Confirmed Cases 426
Deaths 14
Recoveries 42



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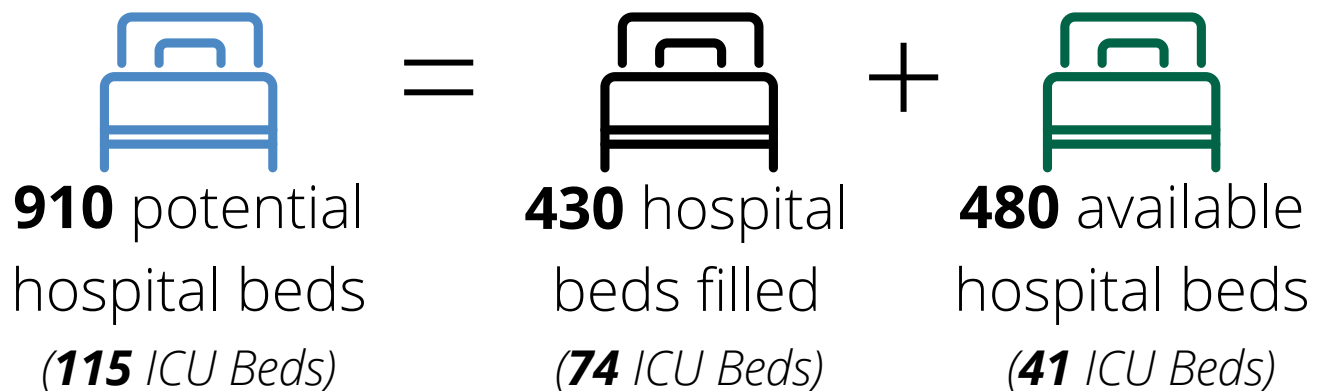


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Locations of Concern

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Resources We Have as of April 30, 2020



Ventilators Available on April 30, 2020 = 70

Resources We'll Need In 6 Months...

NOT STAYING PUT

...if **60%**
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1,844 hospital beds*

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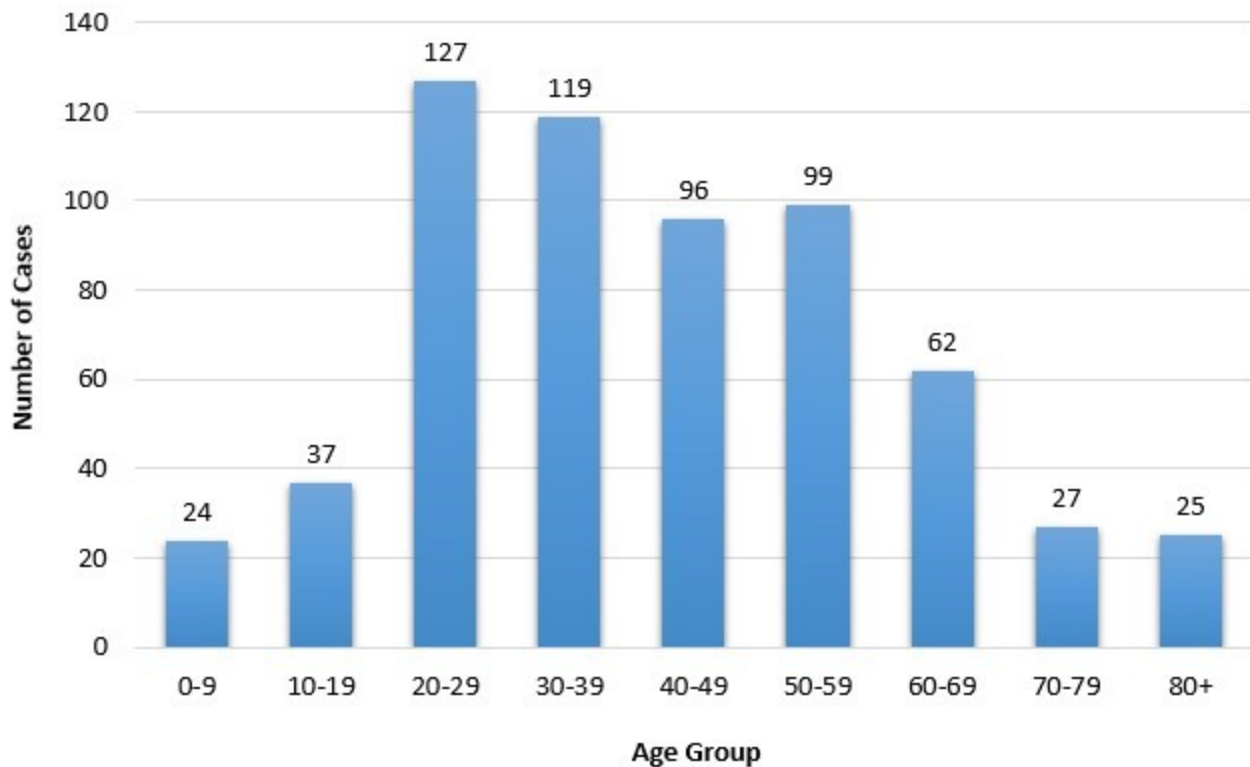
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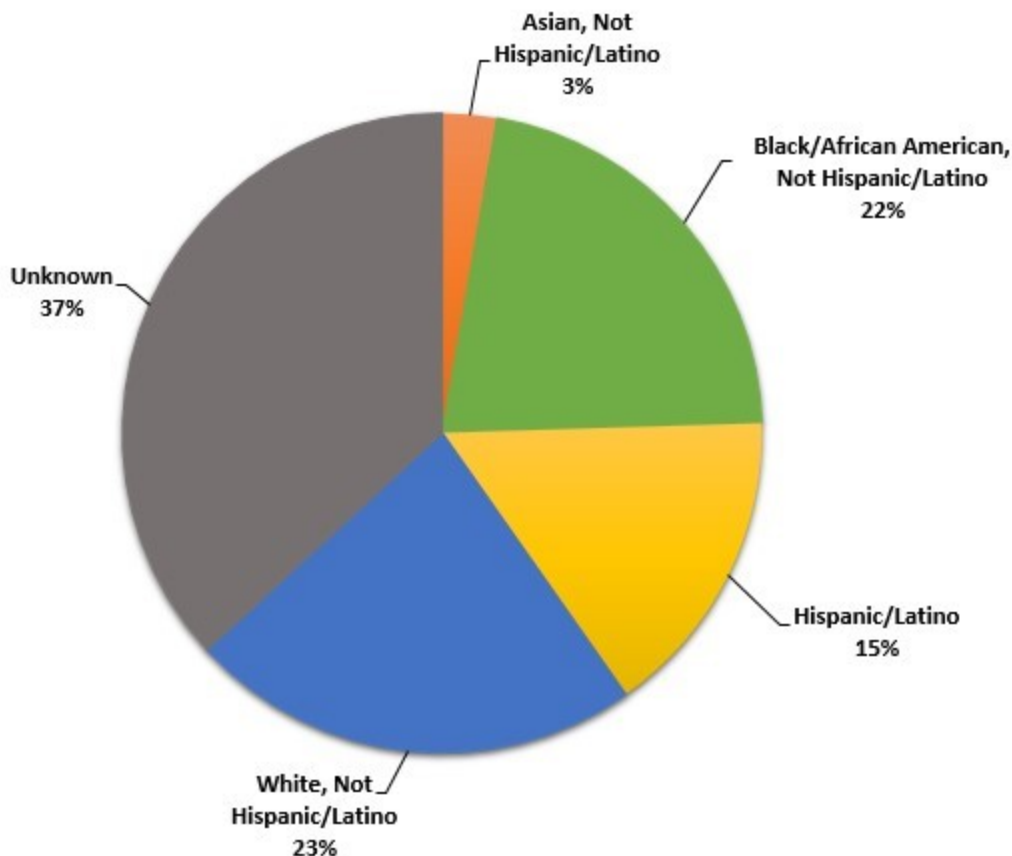
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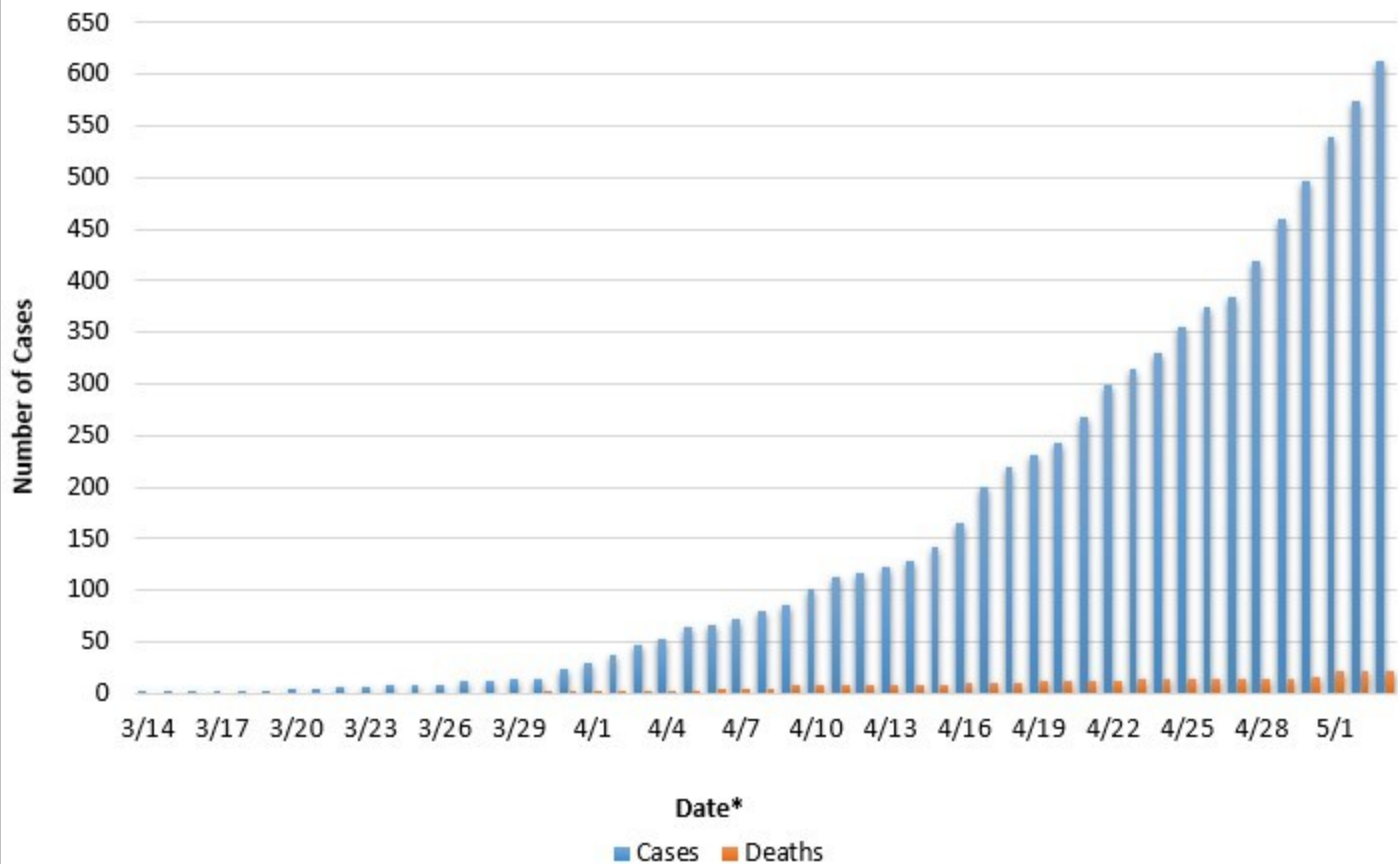
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Pending	3107
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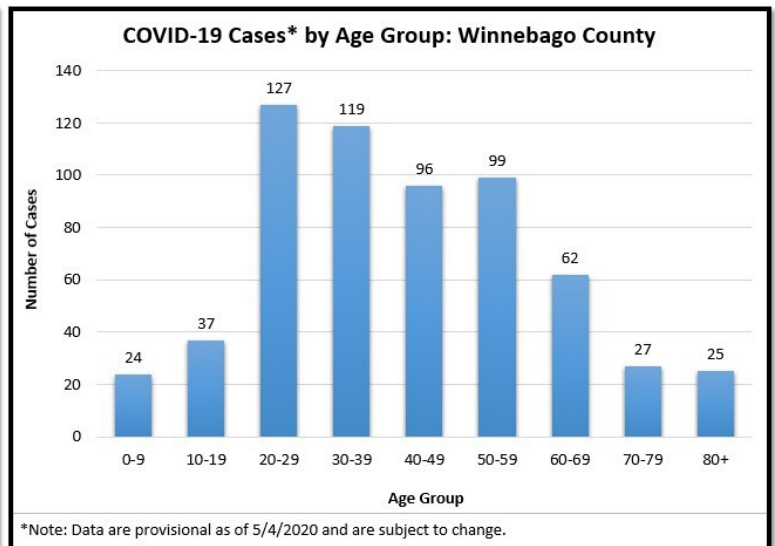
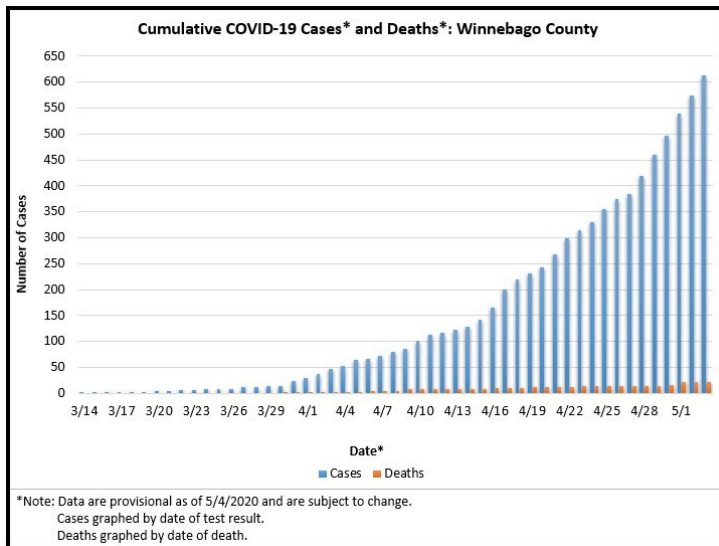
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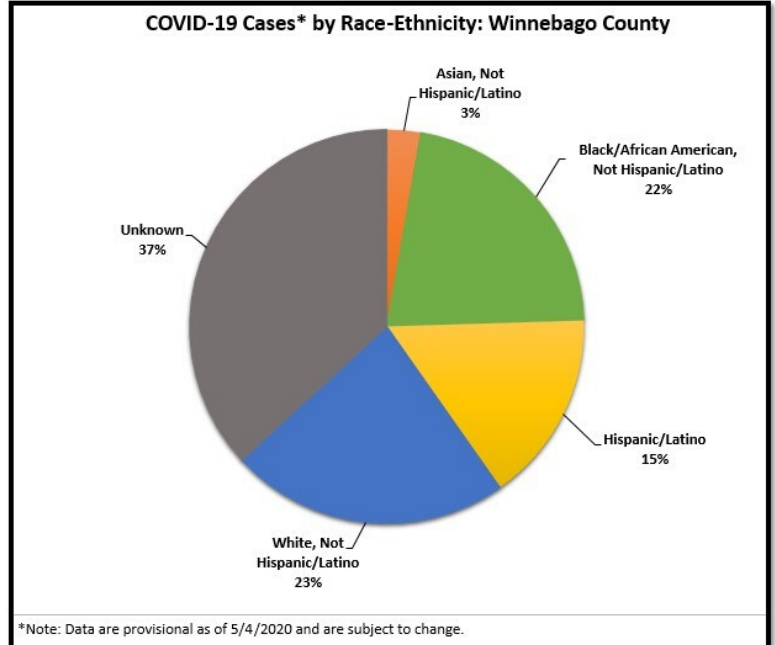
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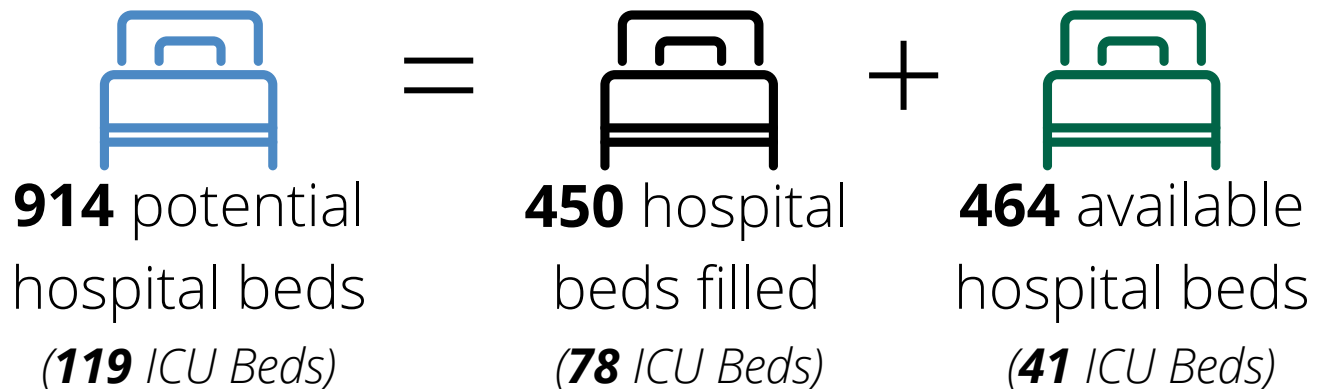


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COVID-19 Case Definition Clarification and Guidance
April 20, 2020

The Council of State and Territorial Epidemiologists (CSTE) has released the position statement for 2019 novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19). The Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) will use the criteria explained below for reporting cases based on the national case definition.

Reporting

IDPH requires reporting of following COVID-19 cases in I-NEDSS:

- **Cases that meet confirmatory laboratory evidence** (detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA using a molecular amplification detection (e.g. PCR) test). These cases are classified as Confirmed cases. *AND*
- **Deaths in cases that meet confirmatory laboratory evidence.** These cases are classified as Confirmed cases.
AND
- **Deaths in cases that meet vital records criteria** (SARS-CoV-2 as cause of death or contributing to death) with no confirmatory lab testing for COVID-19. These cases are classified as Probable cases.

Reporting of cases should be as soon as possible, within 24 hours, and via I-NEDSS, telephone, or fax.

As time permits, the following cases should also be reported in I-NEDSS:

- Cases that meet the clinical criteria (see below) and epidemiologic evidence (close contact or member of risk cohort during outbreak) with no confirmatory laboratory testing. These cases are classified as Probable cases.
OR
- Cases that meet the presumptive laboratory evidence (detection of antigen or antibody) and meets clinical criteria (see below) or epidemiologic evidence (close contact or member of risk cohort during outbreak). These cases are classified as Probable cases.

Clinical Criteria

- At least two of the following symptoms: fever (measured or subjective), chills, rigors, myalgia, headache, sore throat, new olfactory and taste disorder(s)
OR
- At least one of the following symptoms: cough, shortness of breath, or difficulty breathing
OR
- Severe respiratory illness with at least one of the following:
 - Clinical or radiographic evidence of pneumonia, or
 - Acute respiratory distress syndrome (ARDS).*AND*
- No alternative more likely diagnosis

Laboratory Criteria

Laboratory evidence using a method approved or authorized by the FDA or designated authority:

Confirmatory laboratory evidence:

- Detection of SARS-CoV-2 RNA in a clinical specimen using a molecular amplification detection test (e.g. PCR)

Presumptive laboratory evidence:

- Detection of specific antigen in a clinical specimen
- Detection of specific antibody in serum, plasma, or whole blood indicative of a new or recent infection*

**serologic methods for diagnosis are currently being defined*

Serological results that come into I-NEDSS Lab/Provider Reporting through electronic reporting will go into the Potentially Reportable folder.

Epidemiologic Linkage

One or more of the following exposures in the 14 days before onset of symptoms:

- Close contact** with a confirmed or probable case of COVID-19 disease;
OR
- Member of a risk cohort as defined by public health authorities during an outbreak.

***Close contact is defined as being within 6 feet for at least a period of 10 minutes to 30 minutes or more depending upon the exposure. In healthcare settings, this may be defined as exposures of greater than a few minutes or more. Data are insufficient to precisely define the duration of exposure that constitutes prolonged exposure and thus a close contact.*

At this time, IDPH will not include the following criteria for epidemiologic linkage: Travel to or residence in an area with sustained, ongoing community transmission of SARS-CoV-2

Vital Records Criteria

A death certificate that lists COVID-19 disease or SARS-CoV-2 as a cause of death or a significant condition contributing to death.

Case Classifications

Confirmed:

- Meets confirmatory laboratory evidence. (Required to report)

Probable:

- Meets clinical criteria AND epidemiologic evidence with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19. (Report as time permits)
- Meets presumptive laboratory evidence AND either clinical criteria OR epidemiologic evidence. (Report as time permits)
- Meets vital records criteria with no confirmatory laboratory testing performed for COVID-19. (Required to report).

Not a Case:

- Reported cases or deaths with only a negative SARS-CoV-2 RNA result.

**Ryan
Kerch**

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Mayor
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Thank you again for the offer of assistance.

Hope all is well with you and your family.

Best

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Good afternoon everyone,

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Good afternoon everyone,

Attached is the Daily Report for May 4, 2020. Please let the JIC know if you have any questions.

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Thank you,
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Representative Sosnowski,

Attached is clarification and response to your letter.

Have a great evening,

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Northern Illinois Rockford Region Public Information Officers
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March 13, 2020

ADDITIONAL LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS RECOMMEND SUSPENSION OF PUBLIC EVENTS

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – Today, Lee County Health Department and Jo Daviess County Health Department join the Winnebago County Health Department (WCHD), Boone County Health Department, DeKalb County Health Department, and Ogle County Health Departments (LHDs) in recommending that businesses, institutions, and organizations suspend all public gatherings and events of 25 people or more until further notice. This recommendation was made as a precaution, and in an effort to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and reduce the risk of exposure. We do understand that this threshold may differ from community to community. This number was determined based on our local community considerations and with an abundance of caution.

This suspension includes large sporting events, fundraisers, concerts and performances, and many St. Patrick's Day events including the Rockford's St. Patrick's Day parade. It does not include schools and childcare programs; government including polling places; healthcare and regular commerce that would occur at restaurants, grocery stores and other businesses. Social distancing in any situation is recommended.

Churches and faith based institutions are encouraged to follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and are encouraged to maintain a contact list of those who attend each service.

As of right now, there are no confirmed cases of COVID-19 in the Northern Illinois Rockford Region, including Lee, Jo Daviess, Winnebago, Boone, Ogle, and DeKalb. The health and safety of our residents is our highest priority. "We want to do all we can to minimize the spread of this virus. Limiting public gatherings is a proven method of containing and minimizing the spread of disease. Here in Winnebago County, our priority is to limit public exposure and get back to normal public operations as quickly and safely as possible," said Dr. Sandra Martell, director of the WCHD.

Further, these steps are being taken because this virus is highly contagious and because it's a new virus the general population doesn't have immunity to it. As there is no vaccine for the COVID-19 virus at this time, the best way to control the spread of the illness is to avoid exposure to it. While a majority of the people won't become seriously ill from the virus, the most at risk include the older adults and those with underlying health conditions such as diabetes, heart disease and lung disease. As the situation evolves, your local health department will continue to work with the Illinois Department of Public Health and Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to take every effort possible to prevent illness from spreading.

Due to the vulnerability of the population in long-term care facilities, we are also restricting visitors to long term care facilities except in certain circumstances, such as end of life. Employees of long term care facilities will be screened before they start their shift.

Additionally, we recommend that you consider community spread in areas you may travel to before you go and adjust your plans accordingly.

The number of confirmed cases in Illinois continues to increase, and current information suggests that person-to-person spread will continue to occur and more cases will be identified in Illinois. Our goal is to reduce the impact of COVID-19, by minimizing transmission and protect the health and safety of our community.

The public can help prevent the spread of COVID-19 by:

- Staying home and isolating yourself from others in your home if you're sick
- Practicing good hand washing
- Covering your sneeze and/or cough
- Cleaning frequently touched surfaces

If a community resident has symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath), call your healthcare provider, urgent care clinic or the emergency department BEFORE you visit.

If the public has questions about COVID-19, they can call the Illinois Department of Public Health hotline:

- 1(800) 889-3931
- DPH.SICK@ILLINOIS.GOV

When there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 in our community, the local health departments will inform the community.

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NEWS RELEASE

April 24, 2020

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COVID-19 Community Based Triage, Testing, and Transfer Site Opens at UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford

WINNEBAGO COUNTY – A drive-through COVID-19 Community Based Triage, Testing, and Transfer Site (CBTTTS) opened at the UIC Health Sciences Campus - Rockford, 1601 Parkview Ave. today.

The CBTTTS is a collaborative effort with federal, state, and local partners, including the National Guard, Illinois Department of Public Health, Winnebago County Emergency Operations Center and the UIC Health Sciences Campus-Rockford. Bringing increased testing to the Northern Illinois Rockford Region will provide crucial information on the prevalence of the infection in our communities. At a time when the region is experiencing increasing numbers of infection, the testing provides our communities with an opportunity to conduct aggressive contact tracing.

The CBTTTS will assess patients who have symptoms of COVID-19, which include fever, cough and shortness of breath, and determine if they need testing, self-quarantine, medical follow-up or immediate transfer to a hospital. Medical tents on the campus will allow about 500 patients a day to be evaluated.

The CBTTTS will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

The testing involves a self-nasal swab which is most effective in patients with symptoms. It does not detect if someone has previously had COVID-19. Patients need to have symptoms to be tested.

Patients going to the CBTTTS site need to know:

- Individuals must drive through the CBTTTS site for testing.
- Testing is limited to those who have symptoms of COVID-19 (fever, cough, shortness of breath).
- There are no restrooms available on site for patients as individuals must remain in their vehicles.
- Enter the CBTS site in a vehicle at the Parkview Ave. entrance to the campus from the south as directed by signage. Vehicles must make a right turn on to the campus. Left turns will not be allowed.
- Follow signs and directions from the volunteers at the site.

Each patient will be screened and evaluated for COVID-19 testing. There is no cost to the patient.

For questions about COVID-19, call:

- The COVID-19 Hotline at 1-815-319-6705 (Available Monday through Friday 9am-5pm)
- The Illinois Department of Public Health hotline at 1-800-889-3931

For more information, visit the Winnebago County Health Department website at www.wchd.org. Like us on [Facebook](#), follow us on [Twitter](#).

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