

Fond du Lac County COVID-19 Community Impact Dashboard

Definitions



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Confirmed cases is the total count to date of all lab-confirmed COVID-19 cases, including people who have recovered, have died, and are active cases.

The dashboard does not include duplicate counts for individuals who are retested or have multiple positive test results. The confirmed case count is for unique individuals to date.

Active cases are defined as confirmed cases of COVID-19 who are currently in their infectious period and are in public health ordered isolation (at home or in the hospital).

Released cases are defined as persons with COVID-19 who have met the criteria to discontinue isolation under the following conditions:

- At least 10 days have passed since symptom onset **and**
- At least 24 hours have passed since resolution of fever without the use of fever-reducing medications **and**
- Other symptoms have improved.
- Persons who tested positive for COVID-19 but never developed symptoms may discontinue isolation and other precautions 10 days after the date of their first positive test for COVID-19.

Persons who have met the criteria to be released from public health ordered isolation are considered to no longer be actively infectious where they can spread the virus to others.

Hospitalizations are defined as a confirmed case that has been reported to the health department as an inpatient. Cases that are currently hospitalized will also be counted in either active or released case counts depending on their status. Once the patient is discharged from the hospital they are removed the hospitalization count.

Deaths are defined as as death due directly to infection with COVID-19 in deaths that have either laboratory confirmation, or when it is strongly suspected due to the circumstances around death (ex. recent exposure). Deaths that result either from an exaggerated immune or physiologic response to the virus, or where an underlying medical condition becomes exacerbated (ex. additional strain on the heart leading to a heart attack) count in this category. This category does not include cases where COVID-19 was found incidentally, but played no role in the actual cause of death (ex. a motor vehicle accident).

Negative Tests are defined as a COVID-19 test with negative results that was reported in the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS). All negative test results are included in the count, even individuals who are retested for COVID-19 and yield multiple negative tests. Negative test data is owned and collected by WI DHS.

Source: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

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