



## Current COVID Case Rate is Highest of 2021

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The La Crosse County Health Department is reporting a case rate of 419 cases/100,000 residents of La Crosse County, this is a 7-day average of 71 cases of COVID-19 per day. This rate is higher than any point during 2021. Hospitalizations in La Crosse County have increased and are now at 49 for the region with 43 COVID related hospitalizations in La Crosse County.

As the cases have increased, the La Crosse County Disease Investigation Team is busy reaching out to those with positive tests. The Department is asking people who have received a positive COVID-19 test result to complete a JotForm found on the Department's COVID-19 website. This helps the disease investigation team inform those with positive tests of the steps to take to reduce additional disease spread.

Visit the website at [www.lacrossecounty.org/covid19](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/covid19) and click on the "If You Have Been Exposed" page.

The Case Data page provides an indepth overview of local case data, where exposure has occurred, type of symptoms those testing positive are experiencing, and cases among those vaccinated and unvaccinated.

Community guidance to reduce disease transmission continues to include layering protection.

1. Seek COVID-19 vaccination and a booster COVID-19 vaccination.
2. Wear a mask when you are outside your home in public.
3. Wash your hands routinely and avoid touching your face.
4. Stay home if you have symptoms and seek testing to confirm infection.
5. Limit gathering indoors with people outside your household.

More information on COVID-19 can be found at the La Crosse County Health Department's COVID-19 website: [www.lacrossecounty.org/covid19](http://www.lacrossecounty.org/covid19)