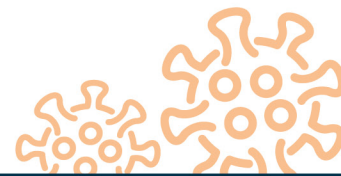


AT A GLANCE:



# Delaware County COVID-19 Updates

*Numbers as of Friday, September 4, 2020*

**413**

NEW CASES  
IN PAST WEEK\*

**1,409**

TOTAL CASES\*

**13.9%**

POSITIVE TESTING RATE  
IN PAST WEEK

**0**

DEATHS  
IN PAST WEEK

**54**

TOTAL DEATHS

**5**

CONFIRMED CASES  
CURRENTLY AT IU HEALTH  
BALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL\*\*

\* Additional cases of non-permanent Delaware County residents may be present.

\*\* Number indicates Delaware County residents only. Other patients from outside Delaware County may also be at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital.

*For more information on cases and testing, visit [dcema.com](https://dcema.com)*

Please continue to wash your hands frequently,  
wear a mask, and practice social distancing.



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## Delaware County Weekly COVID-19 Updates

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*The following COVID-19 update is brought to you through a collaboration of healthcare partners including Delaware County Health Department, Delaware County Emergency Management Agency, Delaware County Office of Information, and other major healthcare providers.*

According to the [Indiana State Department of Health](#), Delaware County is currently considered to have “moderate to high community spread” of COVID-19. ISDH is scoring each county on new cases, positivity rate and change in positivity rate. Counties are given a score of 0-3, with 0 indicating minimal community spread and 3 indicating high community spread. Delaware County’s score is 2; only seven other counties in the state have a score of 2 or worse.

As of Sept. 4, Delaware County has seen 413 new cases of COVID-19 since Aug. 28. The county’s positive testing rate was last reported to be 13.9%, according to the Indiana State Department of Health. The CDC suggests this number should be well under 5%. Ten confirmed cases are being treated at IU Health Ball Memorial Hospital, 5 of which are Delaware County residents. Three of the 10 cases are on ventilators. There have been no new deaths since Aug. 28.

“Additional cases may be present at Ball State University,” the Delaware County Health Department explained. “Positive case reports are assigned based on county of residence; therefore, Delaware County only receives Delaware County resident results directly. Ball State University is actively engaged in testing and internal contact tracing to ensure proper management of its student population.”

Ball State recently expanded its availability of COVID-19 tests, now offering walk-in tests at Scheumann Stadium and Worthen Arena.

Open Door Health Services, in partnership with the Delaware County Department of Health, is also offering expanded community testing. Beginning Sept. 10, anyone can get tested outside of Open Door’s 333 S. Madison St. location in Muncie. Community testing will be available five days a week:

- Monday, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Tuesday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.
- Thursday, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.
- Friday, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.
- Saturday, 9 a.m.-noon

The tests will be of no cost to the individual; insurance will be billed if applicable. To be tested, individuals will need to register and select a testing time online in advance. Registration information will be announced soon, Open Door said. On-site registration will also be available for those who are unable to register online.

“The Delaware County Health Department is honored to be partnering with Open Door Health Services to expand COVID-19 testing in our community,” said Jammie Bane, DCHD Administrator. “ODHS saw a huge need in our community and has taken on the task in order to serve our citizens.”

For more information on Delaware County's COVID-19 total cases and deaths, as well as testing location information, visit [dcema.com](https://dcema.com).

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### **Staying Safe from COVID-19**

To keep yourself safe from COVID-19 and to reduce the spread of the disease, wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, wear a mask when inside public spaces or when in crowded areas, and practice social distancing.

If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or have been in contact with someone who tested positive, schedule an appointment to get tested as soon as possible. Self-quarantine until you have received negative test results. A list of testing locations can be found on the [Delaware County Indiana Coronavirus hub](#).

Events with more than 250 attendees are required by the state government to be approved by the local health department. If you plan to host an event that may exceed 250 attendees, please contact the Delaware County Health Department at 765-747-7721.

### **Frequently Asked Questions**

*What are the symptoms of COVID-19?*

People who have COVID-19 may exhibit any range of these symptoms, and some may even show no symptoms at all. Symptoms may appear 2–14 days after being exposed to the virus. Some symptoms of COVID-19 include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestion or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

Anyone with these symptoms should stay home as much as possible and limit their exposure to others. Children who have any of the above symptoms should be kept home from school. For more information, read the Indiana State Department of Health's guidelines for returning to school [here](#).

*What should I do if I think I might have COVID-19?*

If you have any of the above symptoms or have been in contact with someone who tested positive for COVID-19, you should immediately begin to self-quarantine to prevent spreading the disease to others. You should also call a local health clinic to arrange to be tested. Follow your doctor's orders and continue to self-quarantine until you receive negative test results.

Children who exhibit any of the above symptoms should NOT be sent to school. If your child shows any of the listed symptoms, keep the child home in quarantine and contact your healthcare provider for further guidance.

*Where can I get tested?*

Several local health clinics offer COVID-19 tests, including Meridian Health Services, Open Door Health Services, and more. For a complete list of testing locations in Delaware County, visit the [Delaware County Indiana Coronavirus Hub](#).

Be advised that some locations may test only those who exhibit symptoms of COVID-19. In coordination with the Delaware County Health Department, Open Door is in the process of planning community testing at its Madison Street location in Muncie, which will be available to both symptomatic and asymptomatic community members.

Open Door is also offering on-site testing. If you would like to have on-site testing at your organization or event, email [info@opendoorhs.org](mailto:info@opendoorhs.org).