

Weekly COVID-19 Report

When the DPH published the updated town by town information this week, our community risk designation remained at the YELLOW (moderate risk) level, based on new cases in the 14 day period ending November 7. According to their weekly reports, our numbers went from 18.2 Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 on November 6 down to 16.7 Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 on November 12.

Average Daily Incident Rate per 100,000 (last* 14 days)

8/12/2020	8/19/2020		8/26/2020					
3.1	0		2.6					
9/2/2020	9/9/2020	9/16/2020		9	9/23/2020		9/30/2020	
5.7	3.1		1.1		8.3		9.3	
10/7/2020	10/14/2020		10/22/2020		10/29/2020			
5.7	8.8		9.3			13.0)	
11/6/2020	11/12/2020					•		-
18.2	16.7							

Metrics (as of November 6) for communities with 10,000-50,000 population

Gray: less than or equal to 10 total cases

Green: less than 10 cases per 100,000 population AND greater than 10 total cases
Yellow: greater than or equal to 10 cases per 100,000 population OR greater than or equal to 5% positivity rate
Red: greater than or equal to 10 cases per 100,000 population AND greater than or equal to 5% positivity rate

Looking at our list of active cases, there are 4 clusters co-located at single family homes, 17 individual cases at other single family homes, and 1 individual case at an elderly housing complex. That means our 31 cases are spread out over 22 distinct addresses.

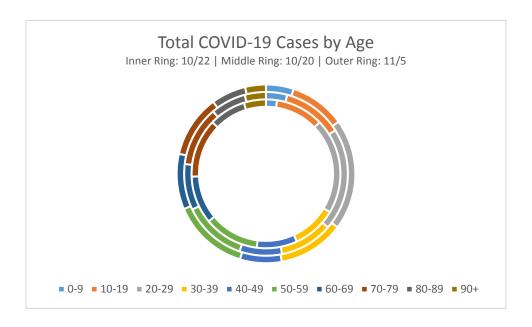
New statewide Executive Orders went into effect on Friday, November 6. There is a lag before local data will demonstrate the efficacy of those additional restrictions (face coverings required at all times in public and not just when physical distancing cannot be maintained, *Stay at Home Advisory* in effect from 10 PM to 5 AM). It is still essential that everyone comply with the mitigation strategies that have been promoted by public health since the beginning of the pandemic: including frequent hand washing, use of face coverings, and physical distancing. The state cannot identify where half of those with positive test results got infected; it's important to limit contact with individuals outside your household.

^{*}last 14 days refers to the two-week reporting period ending the Saturday prior to the DPH's weekly report



Looking at our local data, there was a 25% increase in cases in the 0-9 age range, a 19% increase in cases in the 10-19 age range, a 42% increase in cases in the 40-49 age range, an 18% increase in the 50-59 age range, and a 25% increase in the 60-69 age range between November 5 and November 12.

For the third week in a row, those in the 80-89 and 90+ age ranges saw *no change* from November 5 to November 12; while for the second week in a row, those in the 70-79 age range saw only a 6% increase during that same time period.



Because we had been a RED community within the last three weeks, we are still not permitted to move into Step 2 of Phase III of the Commonwealth's reopening plan. We will not be permitted to move from Step 1 until we have not been designated as RED in any of the last three weekly DPH reports. This continues to restrict both indoor and outdoor gathering sizes, along with sector specific restrictions for other segments of our economy.

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