



Manitowoc County Health Department

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Manitowoc County Aligns COVID-19 Reporting Period with the State, Resulting in a Lower County Case Total on October 7th

Since the start of the pandemic, the Manitowoc County Health Department has been providing daily reports of COVID-19 cases in the County. The County intends to continue providing these reports. However, starting today the County has aligned its reporting period with the State's in an effort to be more efficient and eliminate confusion that results from different reporting periods being used.

Cases have always been reported for the previous 24 hours, but the State and County used different cutoff times to define when that 24 hour period started and ended. The County traditionally used a reporting period that went much later into the current day while the State uses a reporting period that is cutoff much earlier in the day. **This one-time adjustment to the reporting period will result in much lower case numbers on the report dated October 7th because many of the cases reported by the County yesterday are first being included in the State's reporting period today.**

The alignment of the reporting periods will allow the County to automatically pull data from the Wisconsin Electronic Disease Surveillance System (WEDSS), freeing up staff to provide more essential public health functions, such as notifications to positive cases and conducting outbreak investigations.