



Looking Ahead with Infection Prevention

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Respiratory Season Reminders

Start preparing now



Preventing and Controlling Respiratory Illness Outbreaks in Long-Term Care Facilities

This webpage includes guidance for preventing and controlling acute respiratory illness outbreaks in Wisconsin long-term care facilities (LTCFs). For the purposes of this guidance, LTCFs include skilled nursing facilities (SNFs), community-based residential facilities (CBRFs), and residential care apartment complexes (RCACs).

The information on this webpage was previously located in BCD Memo 2021-13. Please check this webpage frequently, as the content will be updated as guidance for LTCFs changes.

Responding to respiratory disease outbreaks

When an outbreak of acute respiratory illness (ARI), such as COVID-19 or another viral respiratory disease is suspected, **timely testing, reporting, and infection**

Questions? Contact us.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Influenza Surveillance Coordinator at 608-266-5326, or call the Bureau of Communicable Diseases at 608-267-9003.

**Don't fall victim to tunnel vision.
Look at all the possibilities.**

RSV

COVID-19

Influenza

Parainfluenza

Seasonal
Coronavirus

Rhino-Enterovirus

Respiratory Protection

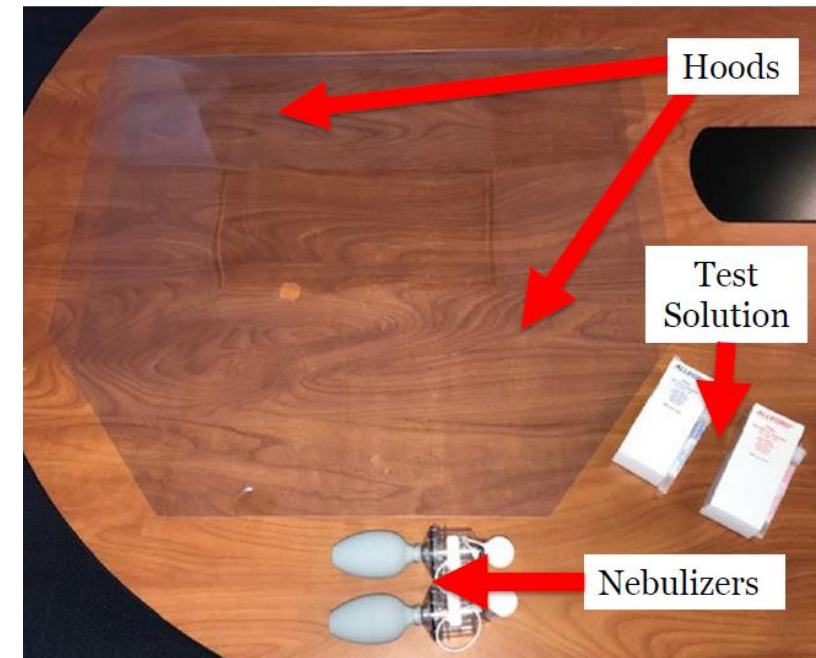
- Review and update facility policies
- Manage supplies
- Perform fit testing



Need a free fit testing kit?

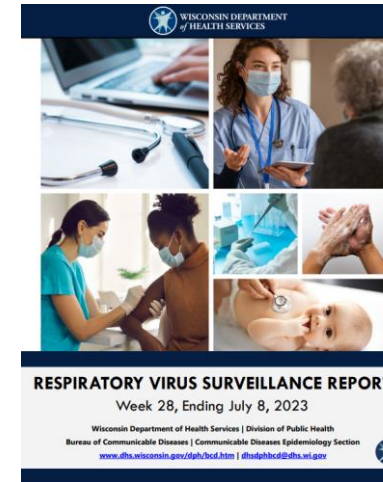
Contact your [Regional IP](#) to request kits that include:

- 25 disposable fit testing hoods
- 2 nebulizers
- 3 boxes of fit test solution
- 3 boxes of sensitivity solution

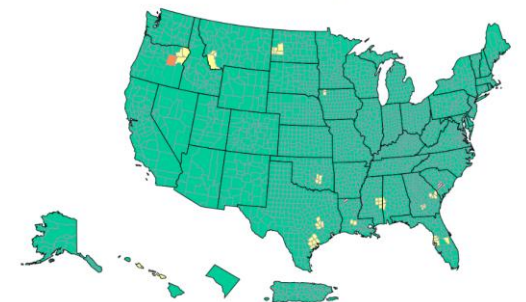


External Data Resources to Consider

- Weekly Respiratory Reports
- COVID hospitalizations
- Wastewater surveillance
- Local public health data or community activity



Reported COVID-19 New Hospital Admissions Rate per 100,000 Population in the Past Week, by County - United States



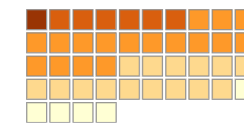
COVID-19 Wastewater Surveillance in Wisconsin

Date Updated: 8/17/2023

Total population served: 2,840,988

Slide to pick dates
8/23/2020 8/15/2023

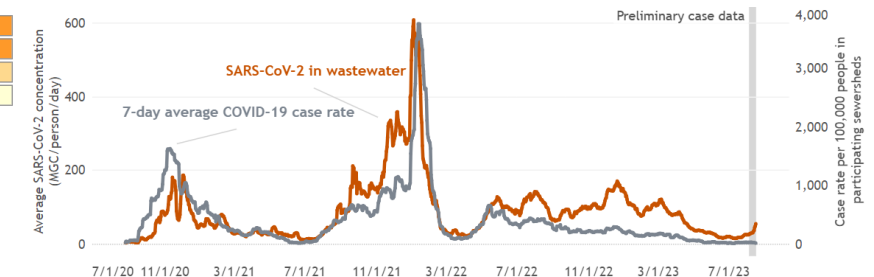
Statewide presence of SARS-CoV-2 in wastewater




SARS-CoV-2 concentration categories

- Very high
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very low

Comparing average SARS-CoV-2 levels in wastewater to COVID-19 case rates





**Communicable
Diseases Webinar
for Health Care
Providers**

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[DHS Provider Webinar
Series archive](#)

Recent review of fall vaccines:

- RSV
- COVID-19
- Influenza

Multidrug-Resistant Organism (MDRO) Guide for ALFs



Coming soon!

ALF-specific version



Recommendations for Prevention and Control of Targeted Multidrug-Resistant Organisms in Wisconsin Nursing Homes

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