

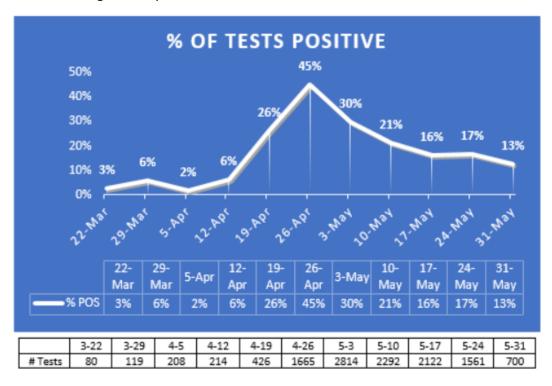
# **Press Conference Talking Points 6/5/2020**

# **Kevin Grieme, Director - Siouxland District Health Department**

## **Percentage of Tests Positive:**

We did see a reduction for the week in the number of tests completed. This was due to the holiday weekend and the community testing center was not open. The number of tests completed may change in next week's report, because we are identifying the results according to the date the test was taken, not the day that we received the results. This may result in a higher number of tests overall than reported.

The trend is moving in the preferred direction.



#### **Newly Confirmed Cases:**

Our number of new cases is also going in the preferred direction. This may be due to less demand for testing, but in combination with the improvement in the percentage of tests being positive, we are making progress. Even though we are seeing less of a

demand for testing, the capacity for testing in the county has not changes significantly, and will be able to meet the demand if it begins to go up again.

We have been asked about the impact on the numbers as a result of the "opening up" of businesses. At this time, we cannot draw any firm conclusions. For example: If individuals were exposed on or around May 23, 2020, symptoms may not appear until 2 to 14 days later. Testing would be done only if the individual seeks care from a physician, who would then order the test. With a 3 to 5-day test result time frame, we would expect to see any new cases related to this beginning to show up in our results within the next few days at the soonest.



# **Testing Rate in Woodbury County:**

The following table shows the COVID-19 testing rates as of June 3, 2020 in the 20 most populous counties in Iowa, along with the state as a whole. Woodbury County continues to rank number one in the rate of testing out of these 20 counties, with 1 out of every 9 Woodbury County residents tested, compared to 1 out of every 18 residents in Iowa as a whole.

# Iowa County COVID-19 Testing Rate Comparisons of the 20 Most Populous Iowa Counties

		Total	Percent
County	Population	Tested	Tested
Woodbury	103,107	11,917	11.56
Marshall	39,369	3,874	9.84
Wapello	34,969	2,858	8.17
Black Hawk	131,228	10,236	7.80
Muscatine	42,664	3,185	7.47
Cerro Gordo	42,450	2,744	6.46
Dubuque	97,311	5,836	6.00
Polk	490,161	27,229	5.56
Dallas	93,453	5,184	5.55
Johnson	151,140	7,654	5.06
Webster	35,904	1,812	5.05
Linn	226,706	10,591	4.67
Warren	51,466	2,319	4.51
Scott	172,943	7,668	4.43
Sioux	34,855	1,545	4.43
Clinton	46,429	1,901	4.09
Pottawattamie	93,203	3,760	4.03
Des Moines	38,967	1,256	3.22
Story	97,117	2,782	2.86
Lee	33,657	767	2.28
State of Iowa	3,155,070	171,568	5.44
Data as of 6/3/2020 Sources: https://coronavirus.iowa.gov/ https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/iowacountyiowa		SIOUXL. DISTRICT F DEPARTM	EALTH //