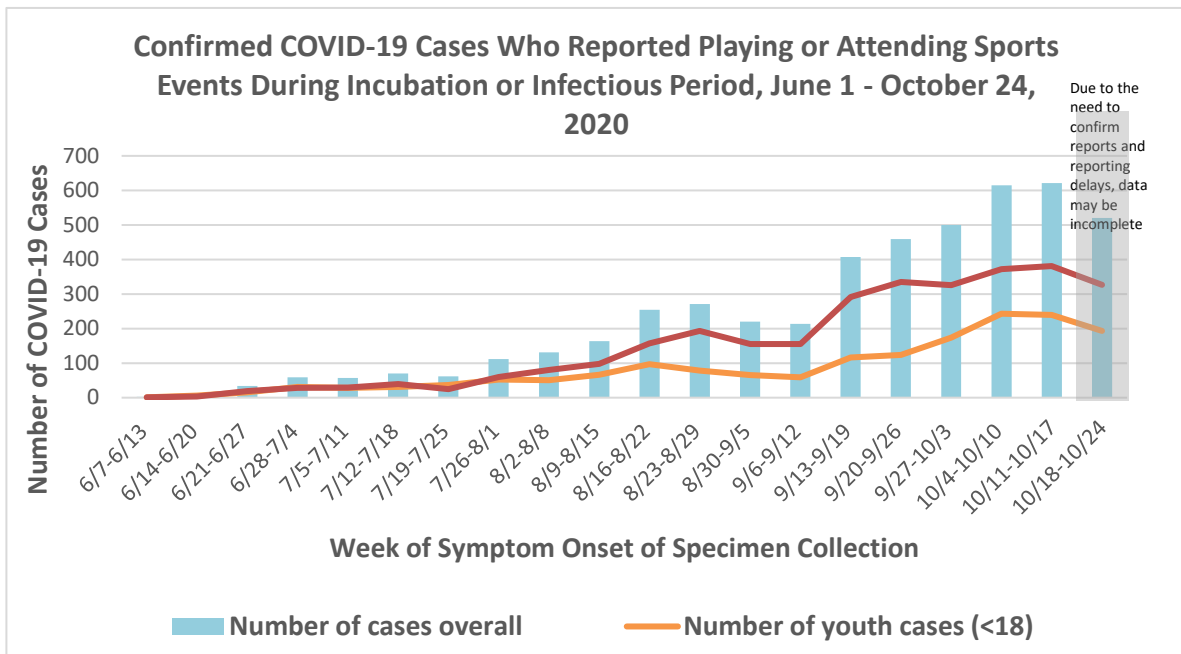


COVID-19 Sports-Related Cases

Case and Outbreak Summary, Cumulative since June 1, 2020

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Confirmed COVID-19 Cases with Sports Activities Listed 	Total cases, specimen collection dates from June 1 – Oct 24	4781 (+728)^a
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Residence at time of reporting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Metro: 2487 ■ Greater MN: 2294 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Gender 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Female: 2016 ■ Male: 2746 ■ Unknown: 19 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Age 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Median: 22 years ■ Range: 1 – 95 years <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 0-4 years: 34 ■ 5-10 years (approx. grds K-5): 282 ■ 11-13 years (approx. grds 6-8): 361 ■ 14-18 years (approx. grds 9-12)^b: 1217 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 1064 cases since August 1st ■ 19-24 years: 630 ■ 25-34 years: 455 ■ 35-44 years: 676 ■ 45-54 years: 571 ■ 55-64 years: 312 ■ 65+ years: 243 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Specimen Col./Onset Date Range 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 6/7 – 10/24 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Symptoms present or not for these cases: 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Symptomatic: 4085 ■ Asymptomatic: 639 ■ Unknown: 57 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Household contacts recommended quarantine 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 9842 household contacts^d identified 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hospitalizations/ICU/Deaths 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ <18 years (range 14 – 17): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 5 cases hospitalized (pending confirmation) ■ 0 cases in ICU ■ 0 deaths 	

- a. Case data was pulled on 10/29/20 for cases with specimen collection date from 6/1/20 to 10/24/20. These are individuals who reported sports activities during their case interview. It doesn't necessarily mean they were exposed to COVID-19 during sports activities. This week (ending 10/24) there was an increase in 728 cases from the previous week ending 10/17.
- b. These are the ages of cases at the time of illness onset or specimen collection date. Some 18 year-olds might be in college; likewise, some 19 year-olds might still be in high school. These groupings are for estimating grade levels by age.
- c. Preliminary data, subject to change. Outbreak tallies may increase based on new suspected outbreaks or decrease if a suspected outbreak classification is changed to 'not an outbreak' based on epi data. Declassifying a suspected outbreak to 'not an outbreak' is typically done when other exposures (e.g., household contacts who are confirmed cases, social contacts, connection to known outbreak in other setting) are determined to be more likely in that situation
- d. This is a very large undercount as it does not include social, workplace or sports-related contacts who also may have been recommended quarantine depending on exposure



- Outbreaks:** Cumulative suspect and confirmed outbreaks identified: 124 since June 1st (30 new this week), with 79 outbreaks in high school age youth, and 58 in this age group since August 1st.

Suspected and Confirmed Sports Outbreaks Identified through week ending October 24, 2020						
Sport	Elementary School Age	Middle School Age	High School Age	Adult	Mixed ages & settings	Total
Baseball	0	1	1	3	0	5
Basketball	0	0	12 (+1) (total 13)	2 (+3) (total 5)	0	18
Cheer	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cross Country	0	0	2	1	0	3
Dance	1	0	3	1	1	6
Football	0	2	8 (+6) (total 14)	7	0	23
Golf	0	0	0	+3	0	3
Gymnastics	0	1	0	0	0	1
Hockey	0	0	8 (+4) (total 12)	5	1 (+4) (total 5)	22
Lacrosse	0	0	1	0	0	1
Multiple	0	0	1	0	0	1
Soccer	0	0	9	2 (+1) (total 3)	0	12
Swimming	0	0	0	1	0	1
Tennis	0	0	1	0	0	1
Track & Field	0	0	0	1	0	1
Volleyball	0	+1	11 (+7) (total 18)	1	0	20
Weight Training	0	0	3	0	0	3
Wrestling	0	0	0	2	0	2

- e. Suspected outbreak defined as 2 cases on same team; transmission may or may not have occurred during play (more epi info. needed).
- f. Confirmed outbreak defined as 3 or more cases on same team; epi info. collected during the case interview and during follow-up with the coach and team representatives indicate that transmission likely occurred as a result of these sports activities

Sports Team: Week in Review

■ Sports Team, 10/4/20 – 10/24/20

No. of sports email inquiries responded to this week: | 180

■ Sports and K-12 Related situations: Stories from the field

- In the last two weeks alone we have had at **least 7 shifts** of moving away from in-person classes due to a sports exposure and subsequent cases or quarantined contacts both inside and outside of the sports contacts.
- Situation where a basketball association (similar situations have occurred with hockey associations) did not report players to us, then the school the player attends emails us asking about the situation and who should quarantine. The contact for the association tells us that they are “following all precautions” but “have chosen to defer all contact tracing for the team to MDH.” Then failed to give us any information about the player, or minimal information about the exposure.
- Coaches on hockey associations went out for a beer after practice; got COVID, brought it back to the team. Several teams in quarantine due to this
- Worrying reports of team members making pacts to either a) not get tested when symptomatic, b) not be forthcoming with symptoms, or c) refuse to disclose potential close contacts, fearing peer retaliation. There was a case on a HS football team where the case was symptomatic for days, still attending practices and a game, and waited to get tested until the following Monday or Tuesday in the hopes that “the game wouldn’t represent an exposure.”
- ROCORI school district not following guidance both in class and with the football team. There were issues with people not quarantining when supposed to – there was a player who had direct exposure, didn’t quarantine, attended a football game and was on a 3 hour bus ride, and then tested positive later on. Apparently this has been a recurring issue within that school district.

In the News

- Growing number of outbreaks linked to ice hockey prompts New England officials to close rinks <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2020/10/23/coronavirus-covid-live-updates-us/#link-5TTF33SWWJHSHGAZ5BJ2PBPSQ4>
- Hockey referee with COVID may have exposed 400 people in Maine, New Hampshire https://www.pressherald.com/2020/10/08/maine-reports-another-49-cases-of-covid-19-no-additional-deaths/?rel=related&rel=related#goog_rewarded
- Vermont coronavirus cluster traced to hockey teams and a broomball league <https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/20/us/vermont-ice-rink-covid-trnd/index.html>
- 18 members of Yale's men's ice hockey team test positive for Covid-19 <https://www.cnn.com/2020/10/16/us/yale-ice-hockey-covid-spt-trnd/index.html>
- NH ‘Pausing’ All Hockey Activities For 2 Weeks Following Coronavirus Outbreaks <https://boston.cbslocal.com/2020/10/15/new-hampshire-youth-hockey-coronavirus-outbreaks/>
- Coronavirus infection cluster linked to Anchorage youth hockey tournament that drew hundreds <https://www.adn.com/alaska-news/anchorage/2020/10/09/coronavirus-infection-cluster-linked-to-anchorage-youth-hockey-tournament/>
- Raleigh-area junior hockey teams’ road trip turns into superspreader COVID event <https://www.newsobserver.com/sports/article246202850.html>
- COVID-19 cases traced to adult volleyball games at Gages Lake restaurant <https://www.chicagotribune.com/suburbs/lake-county-news-sun/ct-Ins-covid-volleyball-spread-st-0930-20200929-yocold67xjanrkwpggreveanna-story.html>
- 25 UB athletes test positive for Covid-19; activities paused in 3 sports https://buffalonews.com/sports/college/25-ub-athletes-test-positive-for-covid-19-activities-paused-in-3-sports/article_3af7891e-026e-11eb-ad4f-e3d0b4ecf86f.html
- Scott Stricklin Provides Florida Gators COVID-19 Update <https://www.si.com/college/florida/football/florida-gators-scott-stricklin-coronavirus-covid19-update>

- Baylor AD Mack Rhoades says outbreak likely linked to false negative COVID-19 test https://www.espn.com/college-football/story/_/id/30102635/baylor-ad-mack-rhoades-says-outbreak-likely-linked-false-negative-covid-19-test
- Notre Dame football team announces 18 positive cases in latest round of COVID-19 testing https://www.espn.com/college-football/story/_/id/29996887/notre-dame-football-team-announces-18-positive-cases-latest-round-covid-19-testing
- Klein Oak High cancels football games after reporting 23 active COVID cases <https://www.houstonchronicle.com/news/education/article/Klein-Oak-High-cancels-football-games-after-15629282.php>
- Toledo pauses men's basketball activities after coach, players test positive for COVID-19 <https://www.cbssports.com/college-basketball/news/toledo-pauses-mens-basketball-activities-after-coach-players-test-positive-for-covid-19/>
- Massachusetts shut down Hockey: https://www.mahockey.org/news_article/show/1129248
- Ottawa an Youth Sports: <https://ottawa.ctvnews.ca/ottawa-s-top-doctor-sounds-alarm-over-covid-19-in-organized-sports-1.5154222>
- An Outbreak of COVID-19 associated with Recreational Hockey: <https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/69/wr/mm6941a4.htm>