

What to Know About the New Covid-19 Trends



Covid-19 has been the base of many conversations since 2020, leaving people wondering if this illness will ever go away. With the seasons changing, there are most cases of Covid, but data shows that it has not impacted people as it did at the ride of the epidemic. Percentages are still much lower than in 202, but the illness still drives concern to many individuals.

Covid-19 Trends Nationwide

These trends are based on last week's reported data from tests, emergency departments and wastewater information.

6.3% of tests resulted in test positivity, which is lower than the previous week, that was at 7.6%. Emergency department visits have relatively stayed the same at 0.7% of individuals diagnosed with Covid-19 in the emergency department. The hospitalization rate per 100,000 admissions is 3.2, which is much lower than seen at the beginning of the epidemic. Lastly, 1.5% of deaths in the US have been due to Covid-19 in the last week.

Test positivity peaked in January 2022 with 30.5% of individuals testing positive for Covid-19. Although more people were being diagnosed with Covid during this time, the death rate of Covid-19 decreased from its rate in 2021. In the beginning of 2021, there were 25,692 weekly deaths due to Covid-19. This death rate has drastically decreased since 2022 with less than one percent of people who test positive for Covid passing away. 2022 was also the highest for emergency department visits with 13.8% of individuals testing positive for Covid in the ER.

Covid-19 Trends in Ohio

Ohio is considered to be of minimal concern on a nationwide basis of Covid-19. This means that less than 2 percent of Ohio citizens are testing positive for Covid. These trends are based on the past 3 weeks of reported data from tests, emergency departments and wastewater information.

Over the past 3 weeks there have been 3,338 reported cases of Covid, 143 hospitalizations, 5 ICU admissions and 35 reported deaths due to Covid. It has also been reported that 5.26% of Ohio citizens have the updated Covid-19 vaccine.

The more populated counties are seeing more positive test results, but each county is at less than 1% of test positivity. Cuyahoga County has the most test positivity, with 503 individuals testing positive last week. The highest case rate is in Lawrence County with 134.5 cases per 100,000. Lastly, 511 of residents of long-term care in Ohio have recently tested positive for Covid.

Symptoms of Covid-19

People with Covid-19 can have a wide range of symptoms, ranging from mild to severe. Symptoms may appear within 2-14 days after exposure of the disease.

The following list does not list all possible symptoms. Symptoms may change with the new Covid-19 variants and vaccination status. Possible symptoms may include:

- Fever or chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Sore throat

- Congestion or runny nose
- New loss of taste or smell
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

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