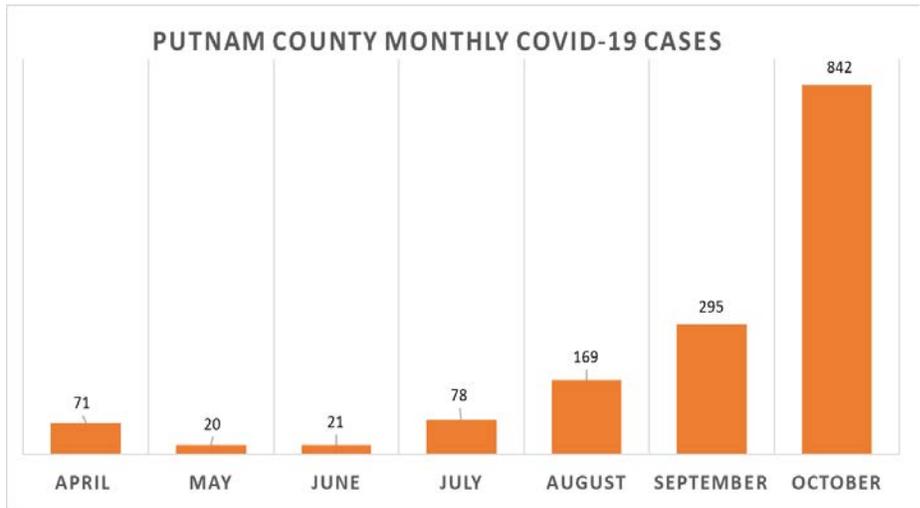


Putnam County COVID-19



Putnam County is experiencing one of the worst moments of the COVID-19 pandemic. As leaders, we are asking you to PLEASE help us in slowing the spread of COVID-19. Over the last month, Putnam County's positive cases of COVID-19 have sky rocketed. October cases are nearly triple what we reported in September.

Unfortunately, with increased cases we are also seeing increased hospitalizations and fatalities. Our local healthcare providers, Putnam County EMS, and area hospitals are becoming greatly taxed.



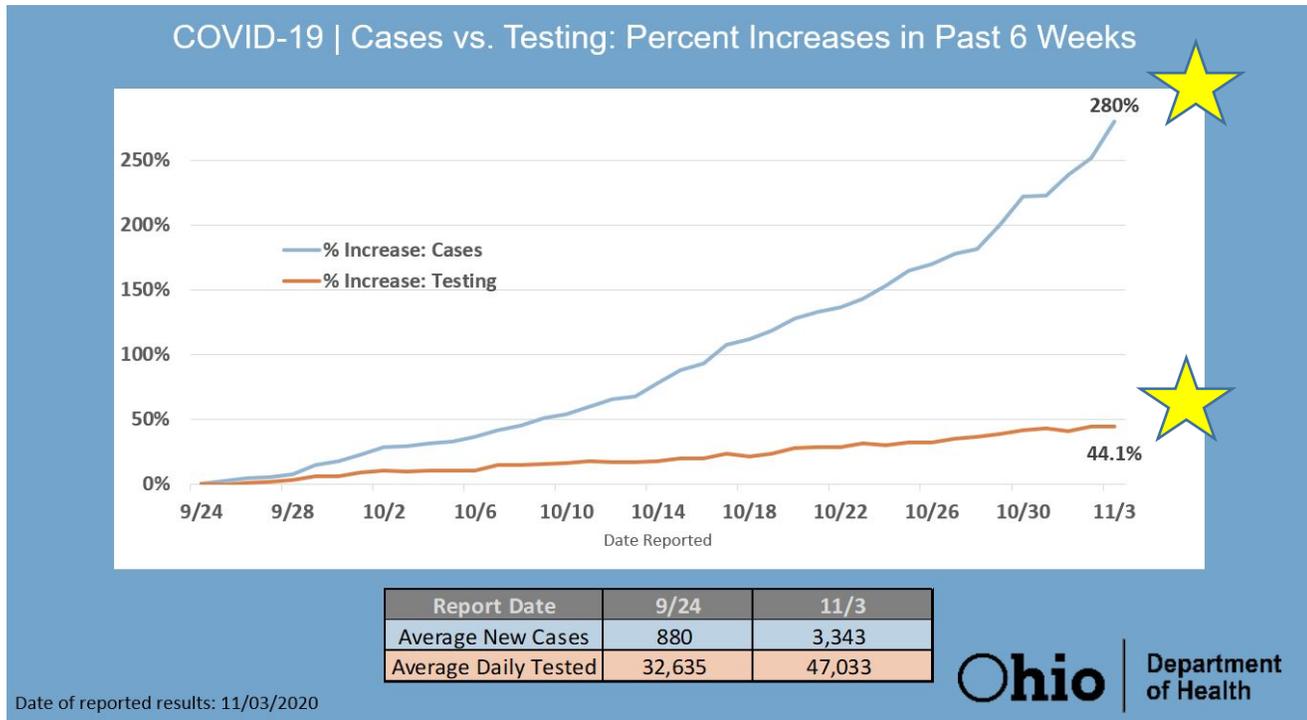
- ✓ Putnam County remains at a **Red Alert Level 3: very high exposure and spread; residents should limit activities as much as possible to reduce their risk of exposure; and residents must follow all current health orders.**

- ✓ **Case investigation has shown that social gatherings related to wedding celebrations, funerals, family events, and viewing parties for sporting events have greatly propelled the number of positive cases in Putnam County.** Cases attributed to these gatherings have shown to spread throughout families (husband to wife, parents to children, grandparents, and other elderly relatives). Social activities that surround funerals (meals after service) and weddings (socializing at bars/wineries, party buses, and banquet halls) should be clearly examined as to how essential they are.
- ✓ **We ask that you consider your activities and limit them to essential tasks that can be completed safely (masks worn and ability to distance 6ft from others).**
- ✓ **PLEASE** if you are feeling sick, or run-down, please stay home. Even if you think it is “just a cold or allergies.” Some individuals are reporting that when their symptoms first started, they presented as allergies.
- ✓ If you are a close contact of a COVID positive individual, please self-quarantine and stay home for 14 days.
- ✓ Support our local businesses by utilizing take-out/carry-out options and online shopping.
- ✓ **With our high spread in Putnam County we are extremely concerned at the trajectory of the illness and what it means for the health of our community, our elderly, our children, our schools, our workforce, the local economy, and our ability to have a safe holiday season.**

Putnam County COVID Defense Team

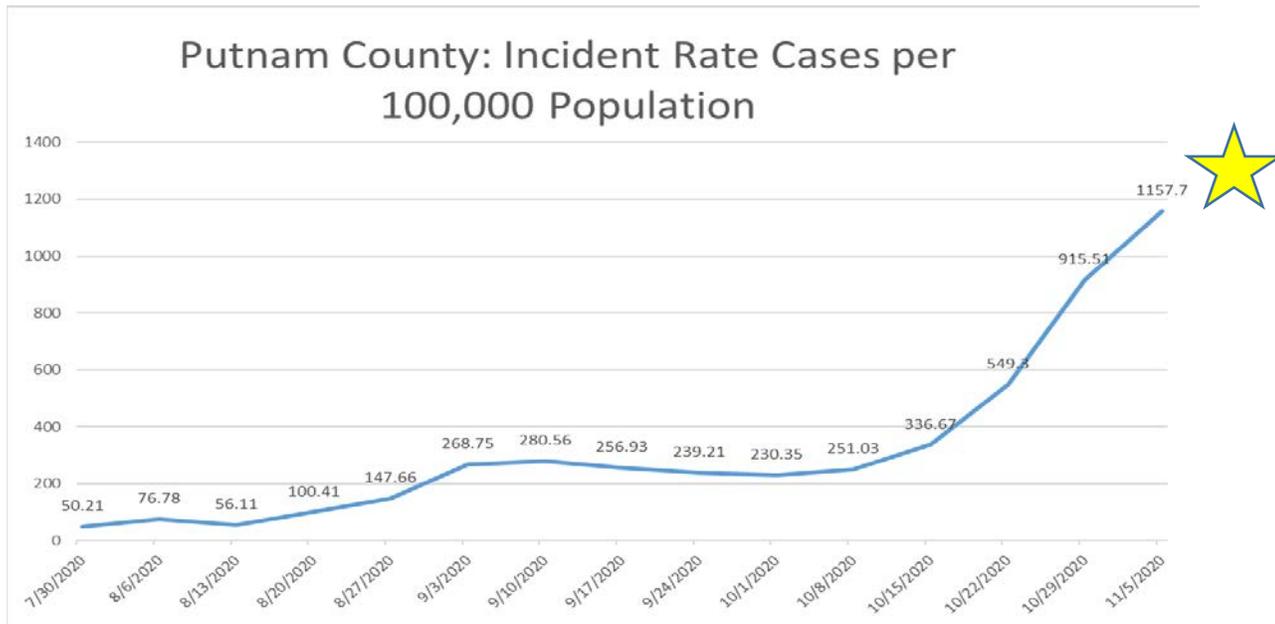
- ✓ Governor DeWine has called upon leaders of each county to create a COVID Defense Team. Putnam County has answered the call and comprised a team of county elected officials, hospital leaders, business leaders, religious leaders and county health commissioner. The objectives of the Putnam County COVID defense team is to slow the spread of COVID-19 through unified messaging and cohesive actions to preserve our healthcare system, local businesses, schools, and the health of our workforce and community.

Cases vs. Testing



This chart shows that Ohio's case data has increased at a much higher rate than our testing. Since September 24th total number of tests has increased about 44%. Compare that with Ohio case data, which increased 280% during the same period.

Cases per 100,000 population: This allows counties with different population sizes to be compared appropriately



Source: <https://coronavirus.ohio.gov/wps/portal/gov/covid-19/public-health-advisory-system>

Please #DoYourPart to stop the spread of COVID-19 in our community!