



**WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY**

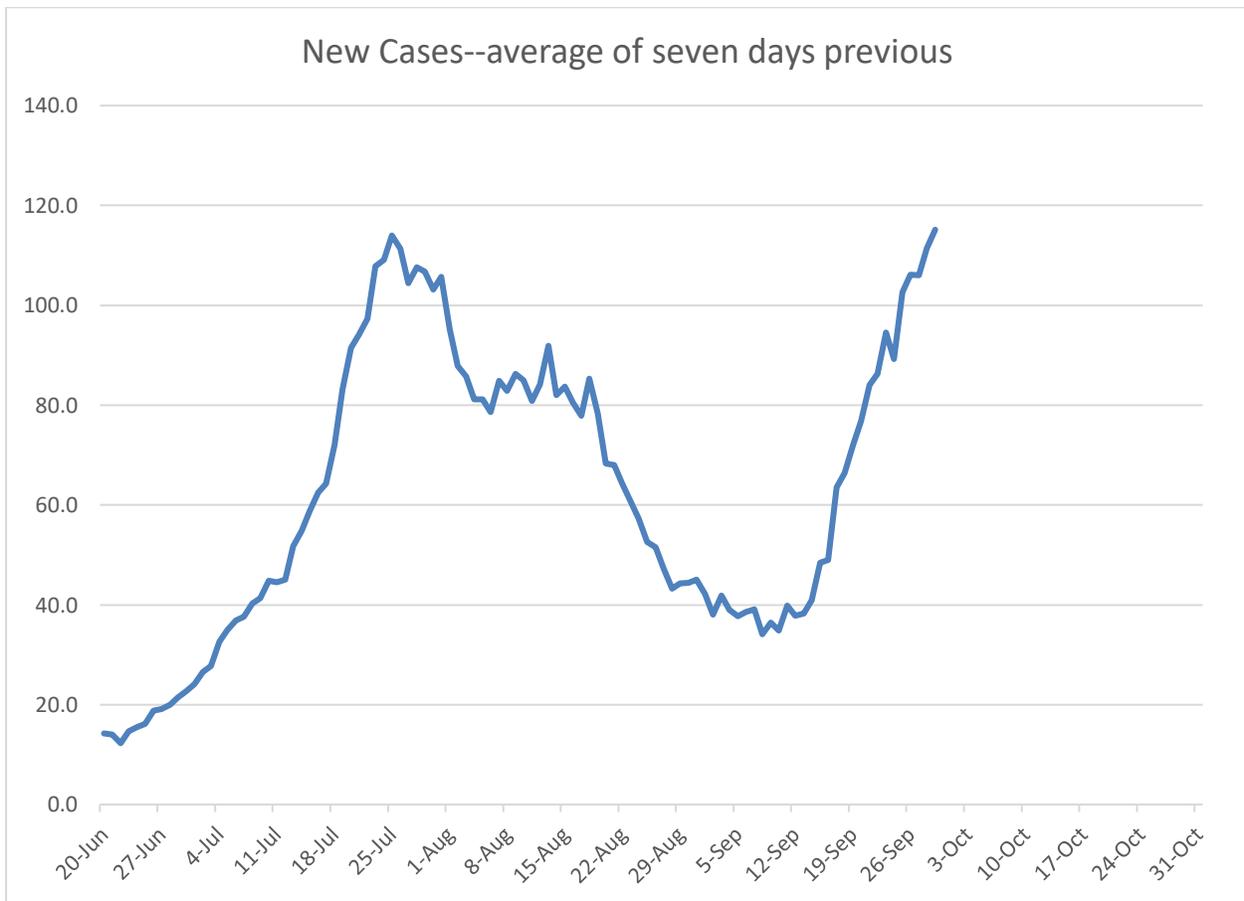
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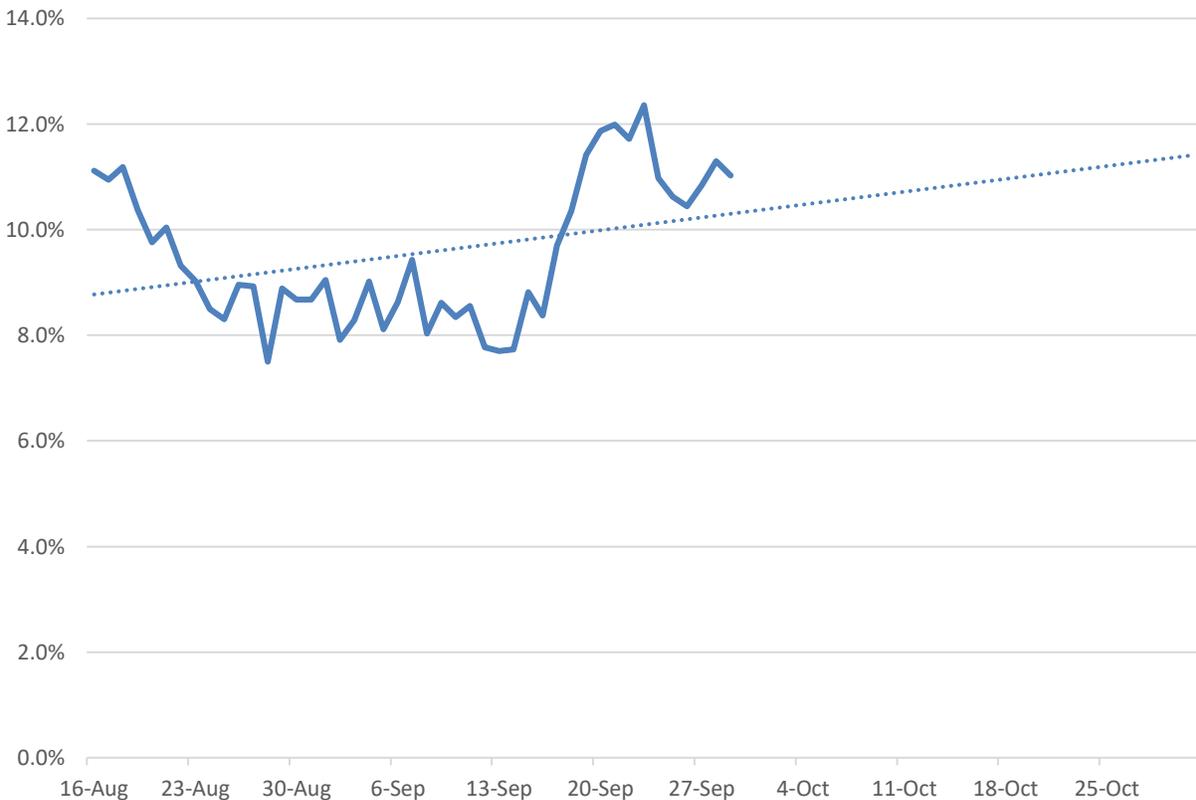
To: Library Board of Trustees  
From: Bruce Gay, Library Director  
Re: Ongoing Library Pandemic Response

In the last three weeks Waukesha County has seen a sharp rise in the number of COVID-19 new cases and a rise in the percentage of tests that are positive. On September 10 the seven-day average of new cases was 35 per day. On September 29 that had risen to 115 per day.



At the same time the percentage of positive tests has risen. The dotted line on the next graph shows the trend from the percent positive numbers. Earlier in September that trend had been going down.

## 7 Day Average of positive test percentage



The Library Board of Trustees has shown a great deal of flexibility responding to this pandemic. Moving forward that flexibility will help the library respond appropriately and safely to further developments. The library may need to institute additional measures to ensure staff and public safety.

Those measures include:

1. Implementing a library mask requirement, if the state mandate is lifted.
2. Returning to curbside pickup (no public building access) if deemed appropriate by the number of cases.
3. Reducing hours if staffing becomes difficult.
4. Limiting the amount of time the public can be in the library.

Each of these steps would be temporary ones, meant to respond to conditions as they are at the time.

