



## WAUKESHA PUBLIC LIBRARY

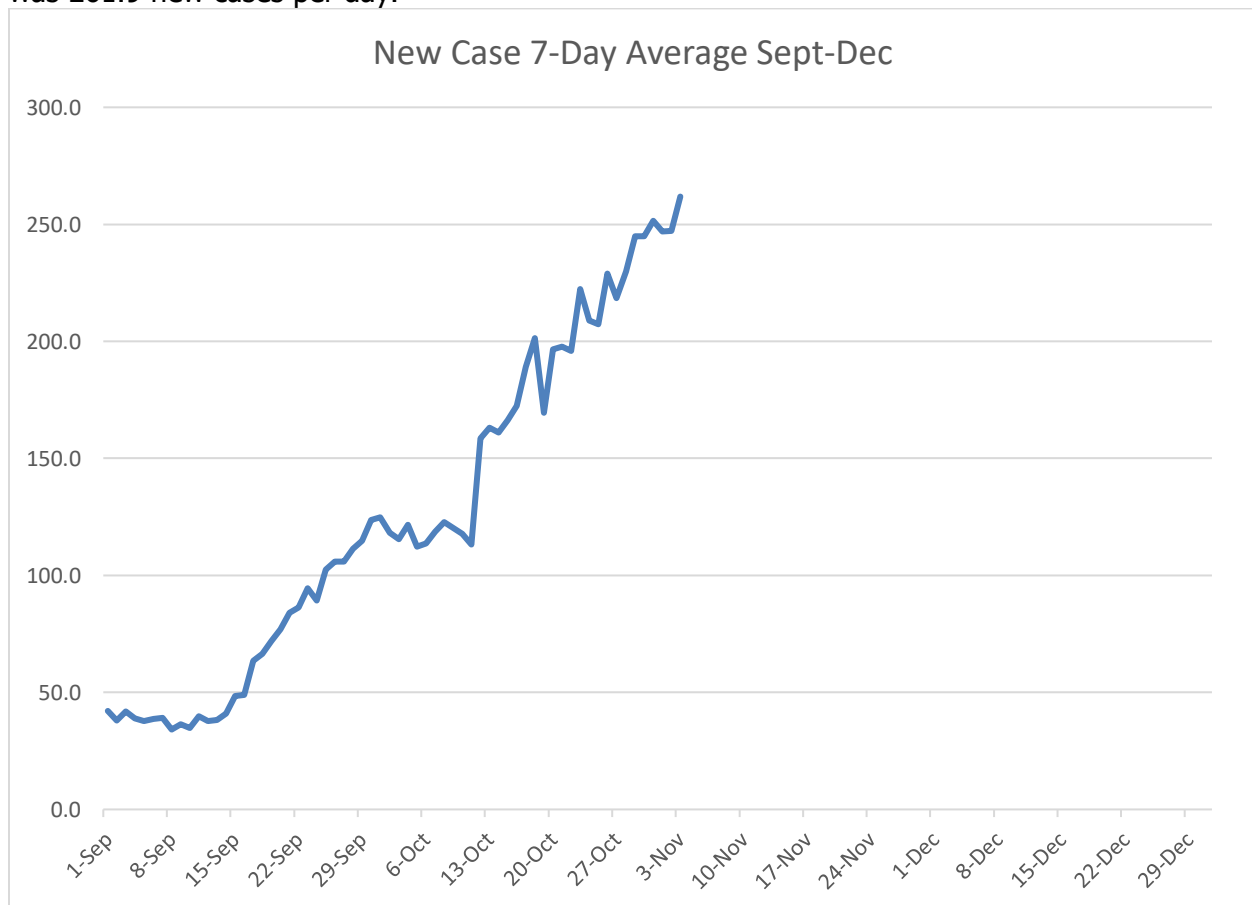
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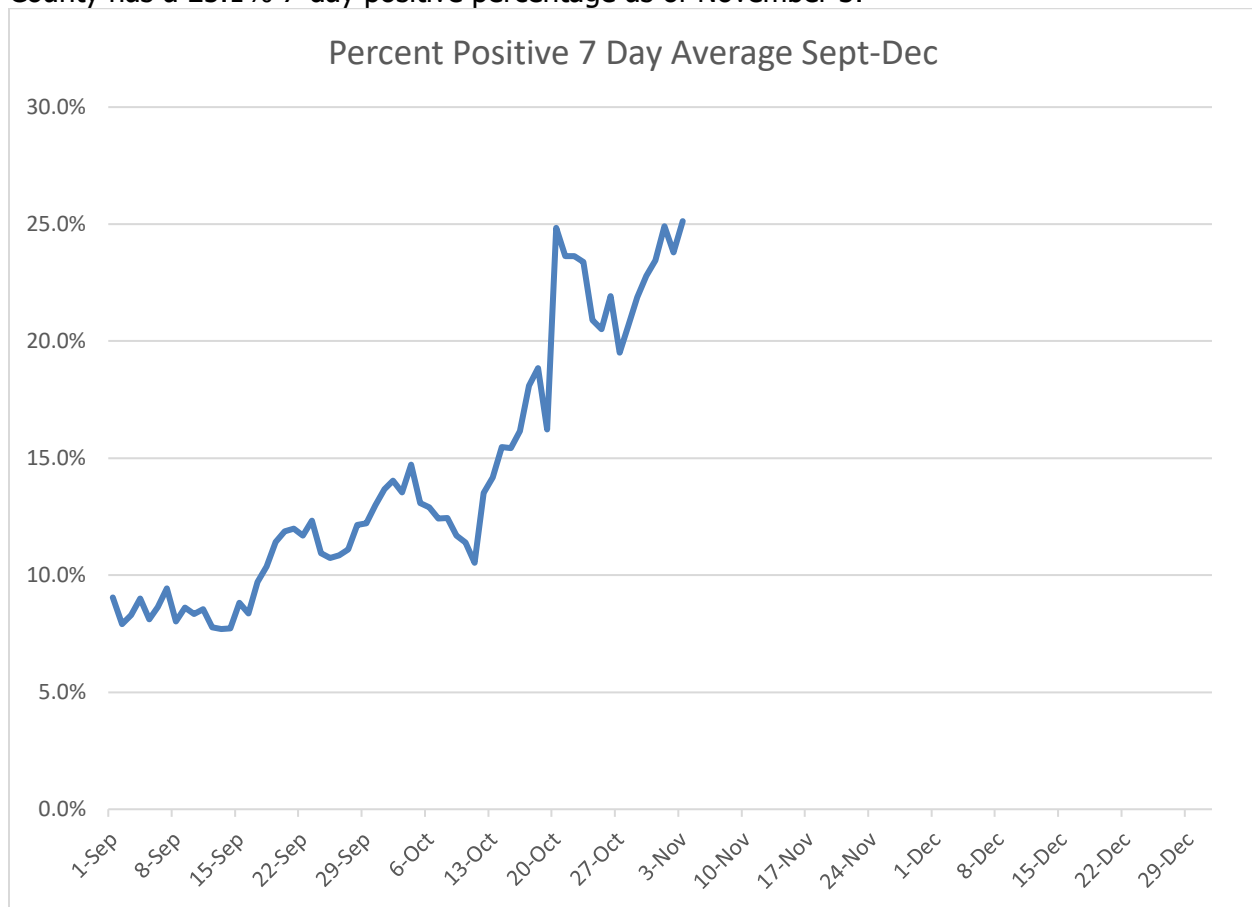
### Pandemic Update—November 5, 2020

On Thursday, October 22 a manager alerted me that a circulation staff person had a family member who had tested positive for the Coronavirus. The staff person was also tested. On Friday the 23<sup>rd</sup>, the staff person reported the positive test results. Management staff quickly identified six staff who had been in close contact with the infected person. These six were sent home to quarantine. With seven staff out, the library reduced hours in order to be able to staff the service desk. The library closed on Saturday, October 24 and was opened from 9 to 5 starting Monday, October 26. These hours continued through Friday, November 6 (Monday-Friday 9-5). Beginning last Monday, hours increased to Monday-Friday 9-6, Saturday 9-1. We hope can maintain these reduced hours even if staff again become ill.

The 7-day average of new cases in Waukesha County continues to rise. On the day of the October Board meeting the average was 122.9 new cases per day. On November 3 the average was 261.9 new cases per day.



Similarly, the 7-day average of positive tests in Waukesha County has risen. Experts report that a positive test percentage below 5% indicate the pandemic is in some way under control. The County has a 25.1% 7-day positive percentage as of November 3.



The library is working with a vendor to install photohydroionization units in the HVAC system. These units are designed to eliminate the virus and promise "over 99% reductions of airborne bacteria, mold, odors and virus." The vendor has installed these units in hospitals in the area.

Library services have generally remained the same, despite the reduced hours. We will continue to review our offerings and make changes if necessary through at least the rest of the year.

