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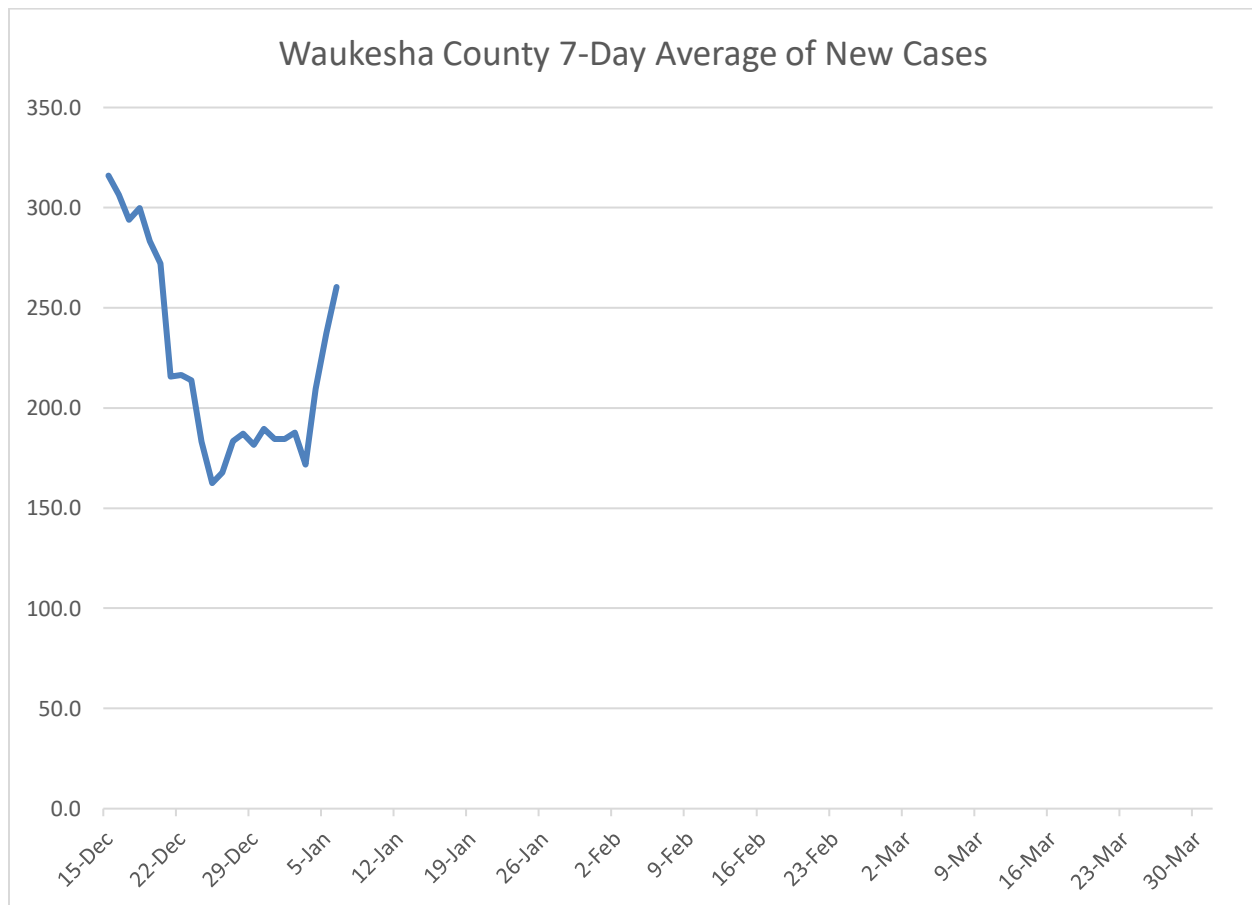
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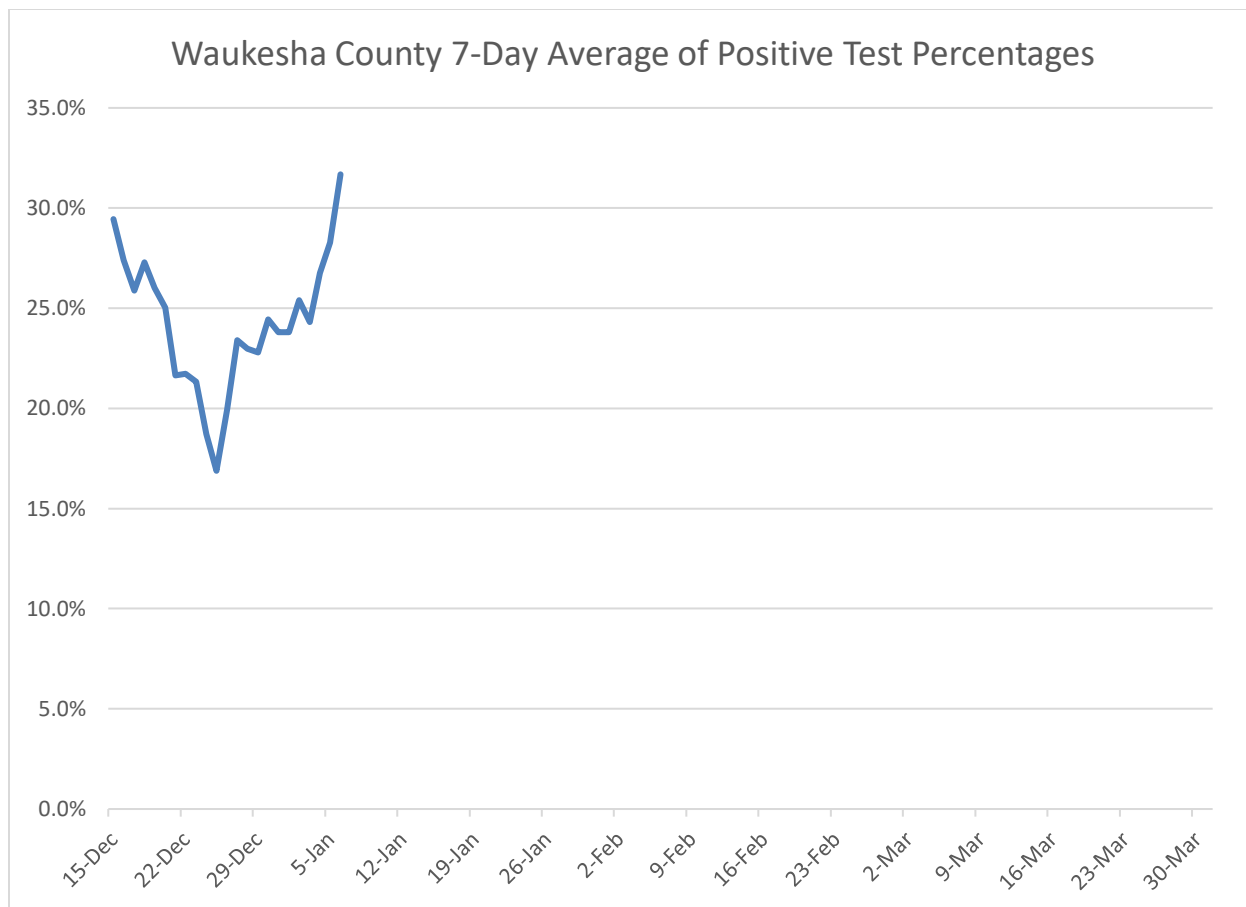
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January 7, 2021

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

Despite the long-term positive outlook based on the availability of the vaccine, I anticipate several more months under the current status quo: shortened hours, no computer availability, and no browsing in the general collection or children's room. The 7-day average of new cases in Waukesha County, which had dropped to 162 on December 25, has risen again to 260 on January 6. It looks like another surge may come before the vaccines fully arrive.





The percentage of positive tests continues to be regularly above 25%.

My hope would be to lower the number of positive tests to below 50 a day for several weeks before adding services. I think the next stage should be adding back computer service and browsing, but not regular in-library meetings or programming.

We continue to be fortunate as far as staff infections and have had no cases in the last month. I attribute that to continued good practices of wearing a mask and social distancing.

