

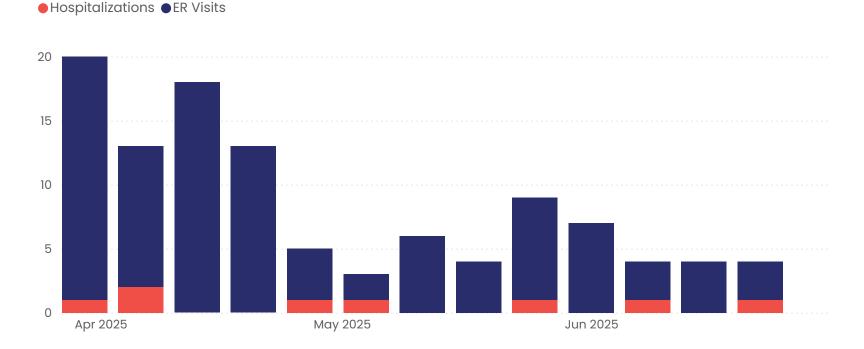
The purpose of this brief is to provide an update on recent coronavirus activity in the City of Cleveland, Ohio. This brief uses data from March 30, 2025 through June 28, 2025, representing the 2nd quarter of 2025.

#### **What Matters Most**

- COVID-19 activity is holding steady after a significant decrease in hospitalizations, ER visits, and cases during the month of April.
- Wastewater test results in mid-June showed a high and increasing level of COVID in Cleveland's wastewater, signaling a potential jump in the amount of COVID circulating in the community. However, this jump isn't reflected in hospitalizations, ER visits, or reported cases, which could mean the severity of acute illness remained low during this time period.
- Getting your yearly COVID vaccine is the best way to protect yourself and the people around you. Vaccine protection decreases over time, so it is important to get your 2024–2025 COVID vaccine even if you got vaccinated in past years.
- Taking steps like choosing to wear a mask and practicing good hand hygiene can further lower your risk of COVID-19 infection. Even a mild case of COVID can lead to Post-Acute COVID-19 Syndrome (also called long COVID), so it's best to avoid infection altogether.



# COVID-associated Emergency Room Visits and Hospitalizations by Week



## **Wastewater Testing**

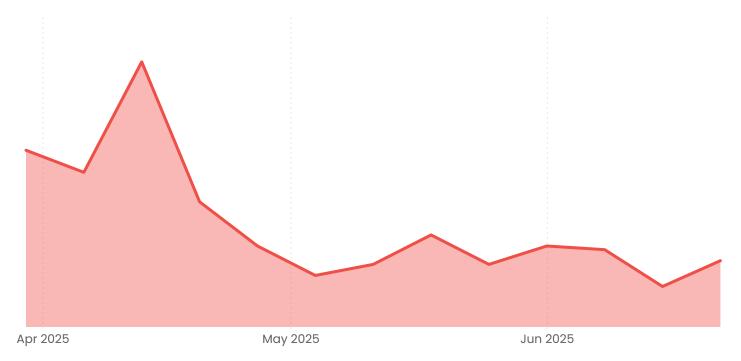
As of June 24th

Wastewater Treatment Facility	Levels of COVID in Wastewater
NEORSD Easterly WWTP	Steady
NEORSD Southerly WWTC	Increasing
NEORSD Westerly WWTC	Steady

Our best metrics for assessing the current level of COVID activity are emergency room (ER) visits, hospital admissions, and wastewater test results. COVID case counts are no longer a good metric for several reasons, like the widespread use of unreported at-home tests and a reduction in testing overall. However, watching the general patterns of the rise and fall of reported cases can add to our understanding of local COVID activity.

### **Reported COVID Cases by Week**

March 30th - June 28th



#### Metadata

Data is preliminary and subject to change. Data was extracted on July 1, 2025 via dataohio.gov and EpiCenter Version 3.5.18.

NEORSD: Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District

WWTP: Wastewater Treatment Plant WWTC: Wastewater Treatment Center

Wastewater data represents results from the most recent testing period available. More information about wastewater testing and analysis can be found at https://odh.ohio.gov/know-our-programs/ohio-wastewater-monitoring-network