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# Situation Update for COVID-19

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## Updated October 18, 2020

Updated daily at 11 a.m., with data current as of 4 p.m. the previous day.

Data is for cases that were tested and returned positive. All data is preliminary and may change as cases are investigated. Many data points are collected during case interviews. Data presented below is for all cases, regardless of interview status. Data for cases pending interview may be listed as "unknown/missing."

The COVID-19 case definition was recently updated to include antigen testing. Previously, cases were only reported through polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. Positive PCR test results are considered confirmed cases. Positive antigen test results are considered probable cases. Confirmed and probable cases are reported separately in the following areas:

- Newly reported cases
- Total approximate completed tests
- Total positive cases
- Total cases by county of residence

Death, hospitalization, demographic (age, gender, race), likely exposure, and residence type data combine PCR (confirmed) and antigen (probable) cases for an overall total.

All probable cases get the same public health follow up and recommendations as cases confirmed by PCR tests.

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## Daily Update:

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Because all data is preliminary, the change in number of cumulative positive cases and deaths from one day to the next may not equal the newly reported cases or deaths.

**Total positive cases (cumulative)** **122,812**

**Total confirmed cases (PCR positive) (cumulative)** 122,524

**Total probable cases (Antigen positive) (cumulative)** 288

**Newly reported cases** **1,732**

**Newly reported deaths** **1,715**

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