



Elkhart County Health Department  
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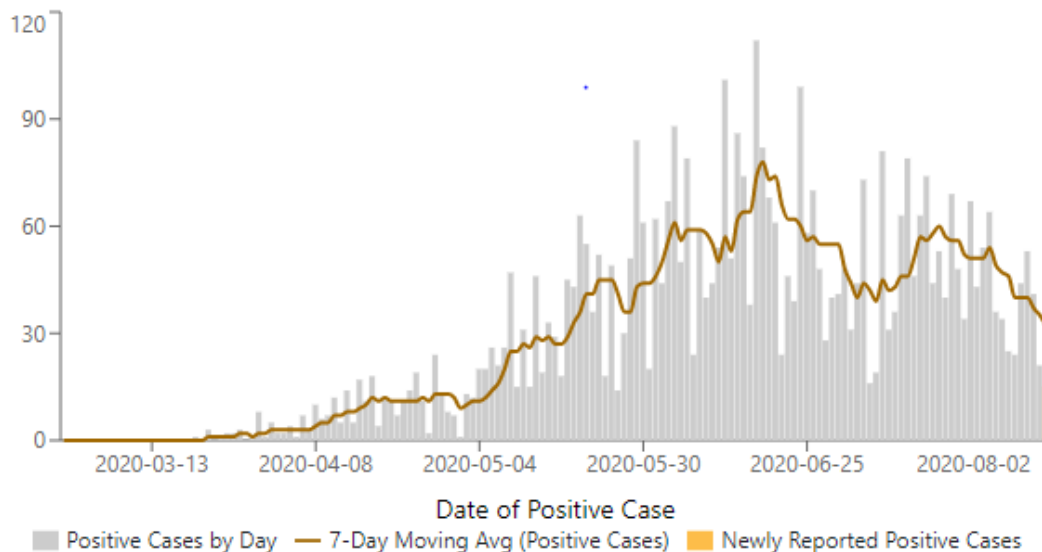
We at the Elkhart County Health Department are getting numerous inquiries as to why we are not recommending on-line only education for our school districts. I cannot speak for the St. Joseph County Health Officer, but I'm sure we are both looking at the same data for our counties, considering where we as a county seem to be going, and how the county is doing over several metrics. While Elkhart County had the dubious distinction of being a "hot spot" for coronavirus, the community took preventative measures to heart and we no longer have that designation. As you can see from the graphs below, Elkhart County and St Joe County have different demographics and different trends at this time. We each need to do what is best for our county considering what is happening at the present time. If metrics change over time, I will revisit my recommendation, and I am sure the St. Joseph County Health Officer would also adjust sanctions according to any fluctuation occurring.

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### Elkhart County Positive Cases by Day <sup>i</sup>



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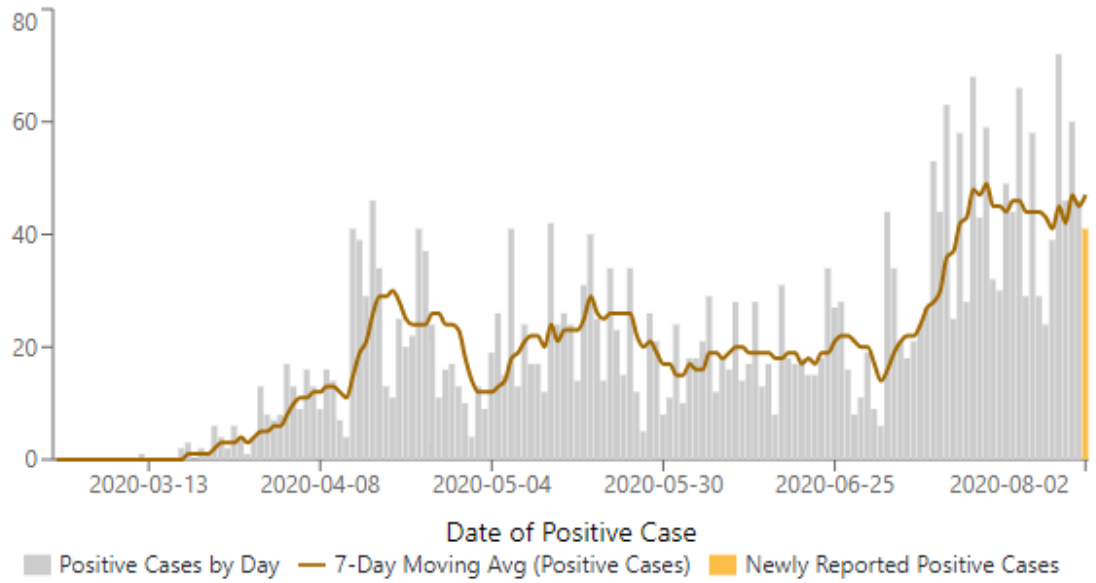


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