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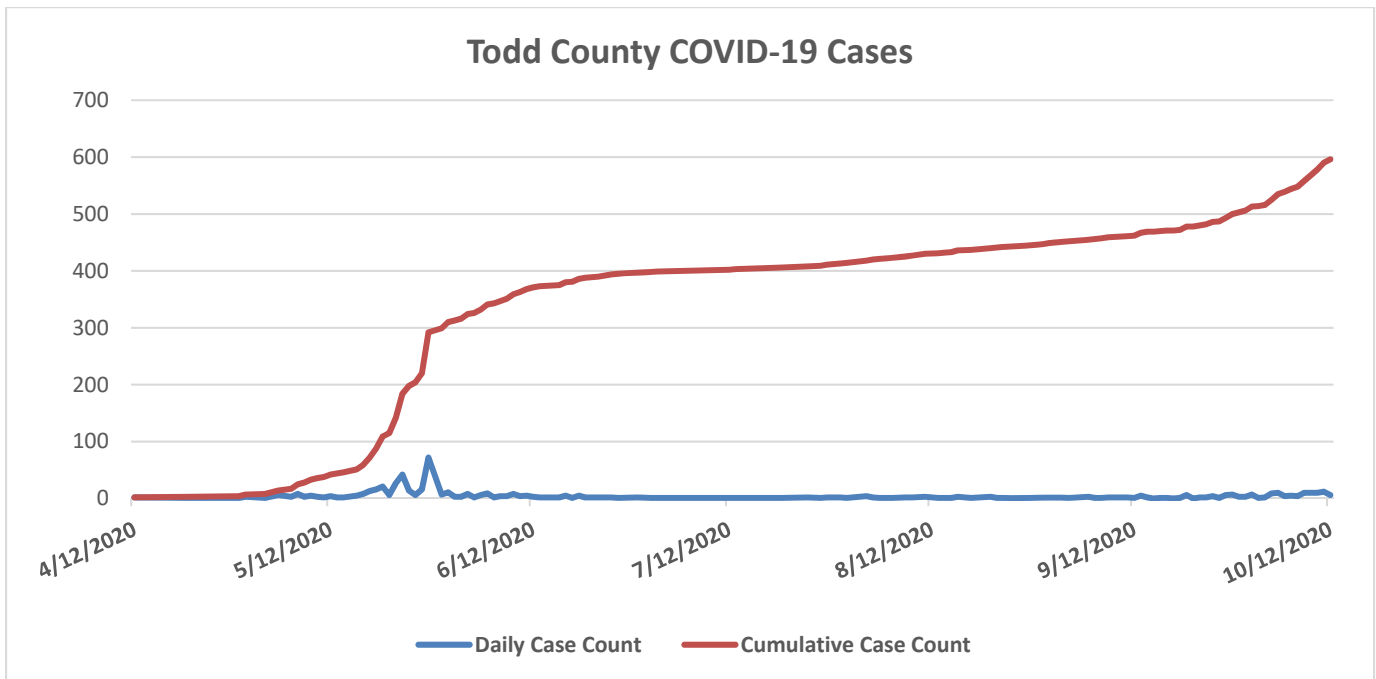
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Todd County Increasing COVID Cases

Todd County has experienced a significant increase in COVID-19 cases in the past three weeks, with 124 cases being reported between September 20-October 12, 2020. These cases are spread out across the county and include residents of all ages. The majority of cases have been linked to community transmission often from family and social gatherings. As our COVID-19 cases increase this can impact the ability for our schools to stay in person and our businesses to stay open.



Please continue to practice the following prevention measures to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in our community:

- Stay home as much as possible.
- Wear a face covering in public places.
- Stay at least 6 feet from other people if you are in public places.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- If you are 65 and older or have certain underlying medical conditions, stay at home and avoid situations where you could be exposed, including travel.



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Family & Social Gatherings:

Keep in mind that anytime you gather with people you do not live with, the risk of infection increases for everyone. Consider whether having an event encourages people in high-risk groups (particularly older adults and people with underlying health conditions) or ill people to increase their risk of infection.

In order to protect your family and friends practice the following measures to make your family and social gatherings safe:

- Stay home if you do not feel well or are at higher risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.
- Invited guests should stay home if they have been exposed to COVID-19 in the last 14 days or are showing COVID-19 symptoms.
- Keep gatherings small.
- Hold small gatherings outside, if possible. Wear masks and stay 6 feet away from other guests.
- Wear a mask indoors and outdoors if gathering with anyone that does not live with you.
- Always stay at least 6 feet away from people that do not live with you.
- Open windows and/or doors to allow air to flow if gathering indoors.
- Remember who came to the gathering. Keep a list of invited guests in case one of them gets COVID-19. This list will be helpful if you're contacted by a health department case interviewer.

Minnesota Helpline:

For questions related to the COVID-19 pandemic, call 651-297-1304 or 1-800-657-3504
Mon.-Fri.: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.