Current Status: This week’s report shows that we are seeing a slight increase in the number of tests coming back positive from the past two weeks; however, the percentage of positive tests in Woodbury County has held steady for four consecutive weeks. As we have monitored the trends, we have discovered that the most recent week’s data is not always a good indicator of our local conditions because there are many results of tests from that week that have not yet been reported. So far for the week ending July 12th, our current data shows that we have 67 newly confirmed cases out of 823 tests for a positivity rate of 8 percent. This shows a slight increase, but there are likely results of tests from that week that were not available at the time of this report. In these graphs, the cases and tests are shown during the week the samples were collected, and not the week that the results were reported, which better illustrates the timeframe during which people were sick and seeking care. In addition, the numbers may be adjusted as more results are reported and are added in to the total from the week that the test was collected. In these reports, duplicate tests for an individual have been removed.

Percentage of Tests Positive

We continue to see new cases daily which indicates continued spread, and continued efforts on reducing this spread is necessary. Wearing masks when in public, staying home if you or a household member are not feeling well, social distancing, and washing/disinfecting hands regularly can help to reduce the spread.