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The Illinois Department of Public Health will announce today that Crawford County will be at COVID-19 WARNING LEVEL. A county enters a warning level when it experiences an increase in two or more indicators from the State's COVID-19 Resurgence Mitigation plan. These indicators include:

- New cases per 100,000
- Number of deaths
- Weekly positivity rate
- Hospital admissions
- Tests performed
- Clusters
- Emergency Department visits

The Crawford County Health Department attributes the increased positive cases to a congregate setting outbreak as well as an increase in the community. The positivity rate increased from 6.7% to 23.4% in recent weeks.

Residents are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering, watch your distance (6 feet), and wash your hands as these interventions have been proven to reduce the spread of COVID-19. We urge the public to limit contacts and gatherings at this time.

Business owners are asked to follow IDPH guidelines which require face coverings for employees and all customers entering your place of business. If you need additional guidance, please contact Crawford County Health Department. To learn more about COVID-19 Risk Metrics, please visit www.dph.illinois.gov.

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