

## Health and Human Services

### Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

April 1, 2020

#### COVID-19 Cases in Wisconsin

Please visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 data page](#) for official state and county case information.

#### What's New

- **Calumet County Travel Advisory:**
  - Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) recommends Wisconsin residents cancel or postpone all nonessential travel, **including travel within the state**. Travel between private homes within the state, including seasonal homes or rental cabins, is strongly discouraged. All travel that does not qualify as an essential activity should be canceled or postponed in compliance with the "Safer at Home" order.
  - Calumet County Public Health strongly agrees with DHS recommendations and discourages any travel to seasonal homes or cabins on Lake Winnebago or elsewhere in Calumet County, unless you are already living in the community **and** have a current, local medical provider.
  - In addition, several counties in Wisconsin have issued travel advisories for seasonal and second homeowners. If you live in Calumet County and travel to one of those counties you should be prepared to immediately self-quarantine for 14 days. You should bring your own groceries and essentials, as self-quarantine does not permit shopping at local stores for supplies.
- [List of local healthcare facilities](#) that can assist with COVID-19 symptoms, if you do NOT have a primary care physician.
- **Circuit Court Cases:**
  - Wisconsin Supreme Court issued an order on 3/22/2020 concerning Covid-19 suspending all-in person Circuit Court proceedings.
  - All parties for court appearances are to appear via phone, teleconferencing or video conferencing.
  - All court hearings remain open to the public or others to attend. However, any member of the public or media who wishes to attend via phone or video means must contact the Circuit Court 15 minutes prior to the hearing to receive a call-in number and directions. Please contact the Circuit Court at 920-849-1465.
- [Governor Evers Requests Presidential Disaster Declaration in Response to COVID-19 Pandemic](#)
- [Poll Worker Request](#)
- [Understanding "Safer at Home" fact sheet](#)

#### Additional Information

- **Child Care for Essential Workers:** The Department of Children and Families (DCF) is helping connect [essential workforce](#) families to local, safe child care. Healthcare workers and essential employees are able to submit a [request for care](#) or view up-to-date availability using a new [child care map](#). DCF is working with health care providers, child care centers, community organizations and schools to open emergency child care centers for essential workforce families and has provided [guidance and resources](#) for organizations interested in opening child care centers.
- Governor Evers Issues [Executive Order](#) that Supports Increasing the Supply of Nurses in Response to COVID-19



- Allows for Graduate Nurse temporary licensure. The temporary license is valid until the end of the emergency or six months after the availability of NCLEX.
- Allows for renewal of license for nurses that have been out of the workforce beyond five years without having to complete the five year refresher course. Applicants must be free of any disciplinary sanctions. Payment of licensure application fees is not required.
- Allows for nurses from other states who are in good standing with their Board of Nursing to practice in Wisconsin without applying for a temporary license.
- **Homemade Face Masks and Other Personal Protective Equipment**
  - At this time, the CDC (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) and the Wisconsin Department of Health Services are not recommending the use of homemade face masks or other types of homemade personal protective equipment (PPE).
  - If you have already made face masks or other PPE, please keep them at your home. If you want to be added a list of potential donors for future supply needs, please email your name and contact information to [healthdivision@calumetcounty.org](mailto:healthdivision@calumetcounty.org).
  - **Your willingness to help is greatly appreciated.** At this time, however, the best way to help is to stay at home, except for essential travel, such as to get food or medicine.
- [COVID-19 Information for Employers](#)
- COVID-19 [Response Plan](#) for Essential Businesses was added to the [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation website](#)
- Governor Evers issues [Temporary Ban on Evictions and Foreclosures](#)
- [CDC updates](#) in chronologically order
- [WI Department of Health Services previous COVID-19 press releases](#)
- [WI Department of Health Services previous executive and emergency orders](#)
- Guidance on signs and symptoms, travel, mass gatherings, specific groups of people, and other items from the [WI Department of Health Services](#)

## Reminders

- **What does “Flatten the Curve” mean; and how is the state defining “success” for Wisconsinites?**
  - Success is simply this: We must stop the continual rise of disease transmission to keep the number COVID-19 cases requiring hospitalization BELOW the number of available hospital beds. We must do this by slowing the spread of disease thru our proactive measures such as “social distancing.” We cannot let this virus overrun our hospitals and available medical staffing like what has happened in countries like Italy, or certain areas of the United States. We must slow the spread of this disease because, as you know, there is no current vaccine or treatment for COVID-19.
- **Supervision of Children at Place of Employment**
  - Allowable care and supervision while the child’s parent is employed on the premises is for no more than three hours a day. While the Department of Children and Families is allowing emergency care in some instances, the business should contact the [regional licensing office](#) to discuss their options for on-site care. If the caller is concerned about the care being provided, we would recommend they contact the [regional licensing office](#) to file a complaint.”
- **Call your healthcare provider before going into a clinic if you are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19.**
  - This will allow them to provide guidance, prepare ahead if you need to be seen, and minimize risk to others.
- **If you have any immediate questions, please call the United Way’s Resource Line to speak with a trained specialist. It is available 24/7 for non-emergency questions about COVID-19 and referrals to local health and human services.**
  - Dial 211 on your phone
  - Text “COVID19” to 211-211 to receive links to CDC information.

- Visit <http://211.org/>
- Or contact Calumet County Public Health during business hours (Monday-Friday; 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) at 920-849-1432.

### **Tips for COVID-19**

- Visit the [Calumet County COVID-19](#) and scroll down to the 'Resources and FAQs' tab for a variety of helpful resources regarding COVID-19.