

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

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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

- **Cloth Face Covers:**
 - Wisconsin DHS wants you to remember our best defense against COVID-19 is washing our hands frequently, avoiding touching our eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands, avoiding being around sick people and physical distancing, especially by staying at home.
 - With that being said, over the weekend, the CDC updated its guidance to promote the use of cloth face covers by the general public. These face coverings are recommended for use in public settings where it is difficult to maintain a physical distance of at least six feet from others. Cloth face coverings are intended to help keep people who may have the virus, but don't know that they are infected, from spreading it to others. Cloth face coverings are not personal protective equipment.
 - Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who has trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.
 - The cloth face coverings recommended are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators. Those are critical supplies that must continue to be reserved for healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.
 - For directions on how to wear, washing instructions and how to make cloth face coverings please refer to the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
 - We want to remind everyone to follow the Safer at Home order and, if you must leave your home for essential business, to practice physical distancing. Interact with others as if everyone may be infected. Whenever possible, keep a physical distance from others of at least six feet and limit the time of face-to-face interaction.
- **Low-Risk Contact:** What should you do if you think you came in contact with someone that tested positive for COVID-19?
 - Calumet County Public Health investigates all confirmed COVID-19 cases and conducts contact tracing to find all contacts of a confirmed case. CDC has defined levels of risk as being high risk, medium risk and low risk. High and medium risk contacts of the case will be notified by Public Health to provide them with the appropriate follow-up instructions. Public Health will contact you if you are considered a high and medium close contact of the case.
 - **Brief encounters with positive cases are considered low risk.** Low risk individuals should continue to do what the general public is advised to do under the "[Safer at Home](#)" order. If you have been in contact with a contact of a positive case, you are not considered at risk any more than the general public.
 - At this time, all people should only go out for essential travel, such as work, grocery stores, or medical appointments. If you are out for essential travel, please remember to practice physical distancing by staying at least six feet away from others.



- If you have questions, please contact Calumet County Public Health at 920-849-1432. Please remember: to protect patient privacy, as required by law, personal information about a positive case patient, including name, address (even municipality), place of employment, etc. will not be shared.

Additional Information

- Local [Child Care Network](#) for All Essential Workers
- Get screened online for COVID-19 at [Wisconsin Health Connect](#)
- [Gov. Evers Calls for Special Session on Spring Election](#)
- [Resilient Wisconsin website](#) launched
- New [Resources](#) page on DHS COVID-19 website.
- [Avoid Illness](#) page: added FAQs about groceries, surfaces, etc.
- [Visor cards](#) about COVID-19 for deaf and hard of hearing community
- [Wisconsin Encourages Patients and Providers to Use Telehealth Options](#)
- 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.
- COVID-19 [Response Plan](#) for Essential Businesses was added to the [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation website](#)
- List of all [CDC updates](#) in chronologically order
- List of Previous Press releases from [WI Department of Health Services](#)
- List of Previous Executive and emergency orders from [WI Department of Health Services](#)

Reminders

- **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.
- **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.

- State of Wisconsin Partners: [Poll Worker Request](#)

Tips for COVID-19

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