

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

April 24, 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

- The [Safer at Home](#) extension is in effect as of 8:00 a.m. today.
- Data added to [DHS COVID-19 Cases](#) page showing percent of COVID-19 cases living in group housing
- New Resilient Wisconsin resources:
 - [Partner resources for social media](#)
 - [YouTube videos](#)
- [CDC COVID-19 Video Resources](#)
- The National League of Cities has launched an [Action Tracker](#) to provide a collection of municipal responses to COVID-19
- **Are dental clinics allowed to reopen after April 24?**
 - *From Dr. Russell Dunkel, State Dental Officer, DHS:* The short answer is it is definitely not recommended. This particularly is directed to not opening offices with the premise of "Business as Usual". It is not recommended that offices begin to perform general procedures such as hygiene visits and routine operative procedures, etc.
 - If the facility has appropriate and sufficient PPE supplies, they may consider advancing to providing urgent dental procedures, especially knowing these issues could potentially turn into emergency procedures. The procedures should be spaced apart to allow ample time to disinfect the treatment rooms and reduce aerosol contaminants as much as possible. It must also be understood that using a recommendation of 2 hours minimal time between procedures is only a bench mark and is not scientifically proven regarding COVID-19. In addition, an open concept treatment room is not recommended, and a treatment room with a door that can be closed is considered more ideal. Patients should remain in their vehicles and not in the reception area until called in for their appointment.
 - If front desk staff are needed in the office at the same time, they should also be provided with PPE in order to protect themselves and the patients. At bare minimum front desk staff should have masks and gloves for use.
 - An additional noteworthy issue going forward is we really do not know what the status of available PPE will be. This another reason to be cautious with exhausting what an office's current inventory may be.
 - See also: [DHS COVID-19 Health Care Providers page](#)

Additional Information

- **Cloth Face Covers**
 - [Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors Group](#)
 - Using local community efforts, this group of individuals are providing hand-made, non-medical grade facial coverings for the most vulnerable and least supported essential workers to protect them and our communities from the spread of COVID-19.



- Starting Wednesday, 4/14/2020 at 5:00 p.m., this group will have bins available to drop off donated masks and materials outside of the Calumet County Courthouse, West Entrance, 206 Court Street, Chilton.
 - Please see their [Facebook page](#) for details, patterns, and instructions if you would like to participate in making masks.
 - If making a donation, please text (715) 851-0882 notifying them that there are masks to be picked up at the Chilton location.
 - Any essential workers, businesses, or high-risk individuals can fill out the group's [form to request masks](#).
 - Masks that are in the bin are donations for the group to distribute and should not be taken by individuals.
- 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>
- **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.
- [Evers Extends Safer at Home to May 26 – Executive Order #28](#) and [FAQ](#)
- 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.
- **MyConnectionNEW.org**
 - Your one-stop shop for mental health and substance abuse information, resources, and service navigation in Brown, Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties.
 - Find Agencies, programs, or facilities near you by visiting this website, which is available in 100+ different languages: <https://foxcities.wi.networkofcare.org/mh/>
 - Local providers are offering phone and video counseling to support individuals during this time of crisis, and those who are in need of professional help. (Not sure? Take the Check Up from the Neck Up Screening provided online)

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.