

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

May 4, 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

- [Gov. Evers Announces Plan to Make Wisconsin One of the Top States in Testing Per Capita](#)
- [DHS COVID-19 Community page](#) includes [Spanish translation of community garden guidelines](#)

Daily Frequently Asked Question(s)

How does the state plan to increase testing capacity?

Community Outbreaks

- Working with the Wisconsin National Guard and local health partners to conduct testing of all workers and families associated with employer outbreaks happening throughout WI.
- Deploying rapid response teams to address employer and congregate care outbreaks.

Long Term Care Facilities

- Providing free testing and diagnostics to all of Wisconsin's 373 nursing homes to test all nursing home residents and staff, with the goal of testing more than 10,000 residents and staff per week during the month of May.
- Using a combination of public and private partners to call nursing home facilities to coordinate supplies, logistics and test results.

Drive Thru Community Testing

- Increasing the number of free drive thru community tests sites throughout the state.
- Mobilizing 15 additional National Guard units to assist local public health in setting up testing sites and responding to outbreaks, bringing the total number of units to 25.
- Establishing a website for the public to find the closest community testing site.
- Providing free tests for state sponsored test sites to those experiencing COVID-19 symptoms, with results going to patients and local public health. No physician visit is required at the National Guard sponsored sites.



Healthcare Systems

- Providing test supplies available to all WI healthcare systems through <https://covid19supplies.wi.gov/Testing>
- Supplies and laboratory services are available for testing symptomatic and asymptomatic individuals based on clinical guidelines established by the organization requesting the materials.
- To date, the state has provided 41,255 tests to healthcare system partners.

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.
- 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.