

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.

Calumet County Jurisdiction Information, as of 5/12/2020.

Data does NOT include Appleton City or Menasha City Public Health jurisdictions.

- Positive Cases: 26
- Negative Cases: 471
- Deaths: 1

What's New

- Any Calumet County resident that has a symptom of COVID-19, even if minor, are encouraged to participate in an upcoming FREE testing event. It will be held May 13-15 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. No appointments are necessary, but a patient information form needs to be completed. Additional details, FAQs & form: [Free COVID-19 Testing for Calumet County Residents](#)
- [Emergency Order #36 Translated to Spanish.](#)
- DATCP released an updated version of [Guidance for Farmers Market Managers, Vendors and Consumers](#) which adds bedding plants and fresh cut flowers to the list of vendors recommended for participation.

Official Websites to Access State, Regional, and County Data

- [Wisconsin COVID-19 cases mapped by County](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS COVID-19 State and County summary data](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS Facility Investigations by region and county](#)
- [Wisconsin Hospital Association \(WHA\) COVID-19 hospitalization data by region](#)



Daily Frequently Asked Question(s)

Q: Can wearing a face mask cause hypercapnia?

A: Several studies and a number of statements by health officials show that people who wear cloth or surgical masks are in little to no danger of hypercapnia (i.e., excessive levels of carbon dioxide in the blood stream). According to statements made by the CDC, when following [recommendations for the use of cloth face coverings to help slow the spread of COVID-19](#), the level of CO2 that builds up inside the mask is mostly tolerable to people who do not wear the mask for an extended period of time. While a sensitivity to CO2 makes wearing the mask more uncomfortable, it is unlikely to cause hypercapnia when occasionally wearing it out in public.

It is important to note that the CDC recommended cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N95 respirators. People with pre-existing respiratory illnesses such as asthma or COPD may face breathing difficulties with tight-fitting respirators, however the risk with cloth face masks is very low as they are not tight around the face. That said, anyone with COPD, asthma, or some other chronic respiratory issue should consult with their provider before deciding to wear a face covering on a regular basis. Face masks are also not necessary in every setting. The CDC does not recommend wearing face coverings while driving, especially if you are alone in the car. Cloth face coverings should not be placed on young children under age 2, anyone who is currently having trouble breathing, or is unconscious, incapacitated or otherwise unable to remove the mask without assistance.

Unfortunately, wearing a face covering in public can increase risk of harm due to racial profiling. We ask that our community be aware of potential bias and work to overcome it so that everyone in our community can feel safe.

Q: What resources are available to people experiencing emotional distress?

A: The [Resilient Wisconsin website](#) has practical tools and sources of support that can help strengthen [resilience](#) during times of stress. **Free** resources are available for the general public and people responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The SAMHSA Disaster Distress Helpline provides 24/7 365 day-a-year crisis counseling and support to people experiencing emotional distress related to any natural or human caused-disaster. This toll-free, multilingual, and confidential crisis support service is available to all residents of the United States and its territories.

- Call DistressLine at [1-800-985-5990](tel:1-800-985-5990)
- Text TalkWithUs to 66746

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>

- 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.

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.