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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE **March 26, 2020**

Overview

Racine County Clerk Wendy Christensen, on behalf of municipal clerks, is seeking Racine County residents who are willing to serve as poll workers for the April 7 election. Many of our poll workers, who are older and among those most at risk for COVID-19 (coronavirus), will not be able to work during this election. Yet having enough poll workers is critical to ensuring the democratic process continues and that the election is completed as safely as possible.

Anyone interested in becoming a poll worker should apply directly to your town, village or city clerk. A link to the public officials directory with contact information [is available here](#). Poll workers must be a qualified voter of Racine County, be able to read and write fluently in the English language, and not be a candidate for any office that's being voted on at that polling place. Heavy precautions are being taken to ensure that poll workers are safe and protected during the election.

Racine County convened a conference call this afternoon with municipal clerks and other local election officials to discuss challenges related to the election and to help ensure municipalities' needs are met. We continue to encourage people to request a mailed absentee ballot by visiting www.myvote.wi.gov. This is the safest way to participate in the election while protecting yourself and others.

Number of coronavirus cases

United States: 68,440

Wisconsin: 707

Racine County: 10

Racine County

Racine County Sheriff Christopher Schmaling and County Executive Jonathan Delagrave released video messages to the community with some thoughts on the COVID-19 outbreak. As both Schmaling and Delagrave note, it's imperative for residents to stay home to the fullest extent possible to protect not only their health, but the health of their fellow community members. See Sheriff Schmaling's message [here](#), and County Executive Delagrave's message [here](#).

County Executive Delagrave issued an administrative order today which formalizes procedures for the Racine County Board to conduct meetings virtually in light of the public health emergency. A copy of the order [can be found here](#).

Public Health

Central Racine County Health Department and City of Racine Public Health Department each reported one additional confirmed case of COVID-19, bringing the total for Racine County to 10 confirmed cases.

Your local public health departments remind you to heed Governor Evers “Safer at Home” order by staying at home and maintaining social distancing. According to the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, social distancing means minimizing contact with people and keeping a distance of at least six feet between you and others. These important measures are put in place to help slow down or stop the spread of COVID-19. Other measures you should remember to take include practicing good hygiene habits and limiting in-person contact with others. By following the recommendations from the Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, we can slow transmission and prevent more COVID-19 cases.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services healthcare provider web page has been updated: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/providers.htm>

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have updated “What To Do If You Are Sick” guidance today: https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM23796

As a reminder, the Racine County WIC is still helping to ensure that mothers and young children have access to healthy foods, breastfeeding support, and are accurately informed on maternal and child recommendations during this public health emergency. WIC clients or potential WIC clients should call 262-637-7750 for all services. Please call your WIC office before going to any appointments. Many WIC services are being provided by phone and we want to keep all families safe.

Some misinformation was accidentally released through a hospital system which suggested both the Central Racine County and City Public Health Departments are doing COVID-19 testing. This information is not correct. Orders for testing must still come from your doctor, and instruction on how to be tested will be given by them.

State of Wisconsin

Governor Evers’ “Safer at Home” order went into effect at 8 a.m. Wednesday. The overarching goal of the order, which is aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19, is for people to stay at home unless absolutely necessary. The State of Wisconsin has compiled a Frequently Asked Questions document pertaining to the “Safer at Home” order. [You can find the FAQ here](#), and [read the entire order here](#).

Resources

For local updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus.

For national information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control’s website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

You can also find current information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information:

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

Health System Hotlines:

Ascension: (833) 981-0711

Advocate Aurora: (866) 443-2584

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