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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Overview

Staying at home is hugely important right now -- but there's no doubt that spending so much time away from others is creating mental health challenges for many of us. For those experiencing isolation, loneliness and depression, know that you are not alone. We are all in this together as we move through this unprecedented time. [Click here](#) for our PSA on some additional tips on staying healthy and positive from home.

With the deadline for mailed absentee ballots passing at 5 p.m. Thursday, it's important that once you receive your ballot you return it as quickly as possible. In addition to mailing it back, you can also drop it off directly at your municipal clerk's office.

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 213,144

Wisconsin: 1,730

Central Racine County Health Department: 25

City of Racine Health Department: 15

Racine County total: 40

Racine County

Racine County convened a conference call this afternoon with municipal heads of government and clerks to discuss the April 7 election. County Clerk Wendy Christensen and municipal clerks across the County are working tirelessly and overcoming tremendous challenges to ensure the election is conducted as safely and smoothly as possible. We could still use more poll workers - if interested, please contact your town, village or city clerk.

Central Racine County Health Department

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) encourages patients and providers to use telehealth options for health care visits during the COVID-19 public health emergency.

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/news/releases/040220.htm>

Healthcare facilities have added COVID-19 symptom checkers/self-assessment tools to their websites:

- Ascension: <https://healthcare.ascension.org/covid-19>
- Advocate Aurora: <https://www.advocateaurorahealth.org/coronavirus-disease-2019>
- Froedtert: <https://www.froedtert.com/coronavirus>

More information has been added to the [DHS COVID-19 Protect page](#) regarding safe handling of groceries, take-out and delivery food, and cleaning guidelines.

State of Wisconsin

Wisconsin has received its second phase of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) from the Strategic National Stockpile (SNS) and is in the process of distribution. The second phase of supplies from the SNS are being delivered to healthcare workers, emergency medical services, and medical facilities including hospitals, nursing homes, assisted living facilities and clinics across Wisconsin.

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 or go to www.ascension.org/OnlineCare; use code HOME for a \$20 virtual visit
- Advocate Aurora: (866) 443-2584 or www.advocateaurorahealth.org/virtual-visits
- Froedtert: (414) 805-2000 or <https://www.froedtert.com/telehealth>

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