



Racine County Resource Network (RCRN)
- working together to strengthen families and individuals



FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION:
[IRS asks for help in the “Plus \\$500 Push”](#)

The IRS has announced ‘qualifying child’ **deadline of 11:00 am CT on April 22** for Social Security Retirement, Social Security Disability, or Railroad Retirement Benefit recipients to receive the \$500 economic incentive payment. Please read the attached document for further details – and pass on to anyone that would qualify immediately.

Please [click here](#) for further information.

Racine County & RAMAC Announce Task Force on Reopening Businesses

“The task force will study best practices and existing guidelines on how businesses can reopen as soon as possible, but in the safest possible way to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in Racine County.”

See the [full article here](#).

[Gov. Evers Announces Badger Bounce Back Plan to Re-Open Wisconsin](#)

Gov. Tony Evers today announced a "Badger Bounce Back" plan which outlines criteria for Wisconsin to be able to reopen its economy in phases and includes steps to make sure workers and businesses are prepared to reopen as soon as it is safe to do so. In coordination with this announcement, at the direction of the governor, Wisconsin Department of Health Services



Secretary-designee Andrea Palm issued Emergency Order #31 establishing the process and outlining the phases of the plan.

Within the Badger Bounce Back Plan Press Release are several links to the following:

- [Badger Bounce Back Plan Fact Sheet](#) (Synopsis of the full Plan)
- [Emergency Order #31](#)
- [Big Steps to Increase COVID Testing Capacity](#)
- [The Full Badger Bounce Back Plan](#)
- [WEDC's Assistance to Businesses within Badger Bounce Back Plan](#)

To see all Press Releases, visit the Official Website for Wisconsin Governor Tony Evers - Press Releases: <https://evers.wi.gov/Pages/Newsroom/Press-Releases.aspx>

Resources for those who may be struggling during this time:

- [Racine County COVID-19 Food Resource List](#) and [Financial Resources to Help Get Through COVID-19 – Managing Your Personal Finances in Tough Times](#), developed and updated daily by UW-Madison, Division of Extension are additional resources to share with anyone in need.
- For individuals needing FoodShare, or currently receiving FoodShare that need employment assistance please visit <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/fset/index.htm> for information on how the FSET program can help. Your local provider can be found here: <https://gamechangewi.org/>
- **Energy Assistance Update:** The 2020 Energy Assistance season will be extended through September 30, 2020 due to the increase in the unemployed. If you should know of a client, colleague or someone else that may qualify and benefit please refer them to the Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP). Racine County Residents should call **262-633-6000** to schedule an appointment. Anyone in other counties can find their contact number at <http://homeenergyplus.wi.gov/section.asp?linkid=119&locid=25>. Also, the eligibility criteria no longer requires the previous three months of income, but will currently establish eligibility based on the income of the previous month only. You will find a chart showing [the Energy Assistance Income Guidelines here](#).

COVID-19 Updates:

April 21st – Racine County COVID-19 Update - <https://coronavirus-response-racinecounty.hub.arcgis.com/>

Wisconsin DHS post 04 14 2020 - <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm>

Click on the graphic to the right to view.



Remember - Links:

[Mobile Market – April Calendar](#)

[Anywhere Career Fair – April 15-29](#)

[2020 Census - Be Counted!](#)

[Leadership Racine](#) – A RAMAC Program

[Navigate Current Business Challenges & the New Normal](#) - Gateway Zoom Discussions for Leaders

U.S. Census Continues - Be Counted!
Our community's response to the 2020 Census is more important than ever! Undercounted Census Tracts will directly impact the funding we will receive over the next decade as it relates to some of the most vulnerable populations served in Racine County.

As of April 28 the overall response rate for Racine County was 81.0%, with one Racine County census tract falling 7.0% response rate, while the lowest census tracts in the City of Racine are still under 40%.

Take your Census survey today: 2020census.gov

Racine County	North Bay	Union Center
Racine County: 81.0%	North Bay: 75.0%	Union Center: 65.0%
Burlington: 66.3%	Racine City: 52.5%	Waterford: 68.5%
Calumet: 68.2%	Edgewood: 65.0%	Wood Forest: 70.0%
Elmwood Park: 74.0%	Rochester: 67.0%	Yorkville: 68.0%
Mount Pleasant: 68.0%	Sturtevant: 68.4%	Wisconsin: 57.4%

Snap Shot:
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As of April 28th:	Census	2019
Racine County	81.0%	73.9%

Highest Response Rates:

Elmwood Park	74.0%	85.4%
North Bay	70.4%	80.4%
Wood Forest	70.0%	81.4%

Lowest Response Rates:

Census Tract 5	30.2%	51.3%
Census Tract 4	37.4%	53.5%
Census Tract 29	38.4%	54.9%

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Check real time Census response rates here: <https://2020census.gov/en/interactive-data.html>

Visit: www.RacineCounty.gov/census

Source: <https://2020census.gov/en/interactive-data.html>

City of Racine - Census Tracts:

- Tract 4
- Tract 5
- Tract 29
- Tract 12.02
- Tract 6
- Tract 7
- Tract 2
- Tract 8

Surrounding Tract Response Rates: Census 2019

Census Tract 12.02	50.0%	54.3%
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Census Tract 6	50.0%	54.0%
Census Tract 7	54.0%	54.0%
Census Tract 2	48.0%	54.0%
Census Tract 8	55.7%	75.3%

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Please note: The May 26th Quarterly RCRN Meeting has been cancelled.

We promise we will try to keep these emails to a minimum knowing the overload coming at everyone at all times during the coronavirus outbreak.

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Racine County Resource Network (RCRN) promotes collaboration between service providers working to strengthen families and individuals. Join us for quarterly meetings that provide resource information, networking opportunities, and discussions.

For more information visit www.racinecounty.com/outreach/.

Not a subscriber?
[Click here to join the Racine County Resource Network](#) to stay abreast of resources throughout our area.

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