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## **RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE May 14, 2020**

### **Overview**

In light of the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling overturning the state Safer at Home order, local health departments in Racine County continue to work to protect public health and limit the spread of COVID-19 in our communities. The following steps have been taken by the Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Departments:

### **Central Racine County:**

In response to the Wisconsin Supreme Court's ruling overturning the Safer at Home order, the Central Racine County Health Department today issued new, strong recommendations in the department's jurisdiction. These include recommendations on limiting the number of customers and staff in one location, limiting mass gatherings, and cancelling or postponing fairs and festivals. A full list of recommendations and other information can be found at [www.crchd.com/covid-19](http://www.crchd.com/covid-19).

### **City of Racine:**

A local "Safer at Home - Racine" order was issued the evening of May 13, 2020, by the City of Racine's Public Health Administrator, following the Wisconsin Supreme Court ruling. This adopts Wisconsin's Safer at Home order for the City of Racine and Villages of Wind Point and Elmwood Park until 8:00am on Tuesday, May 26, 2020. In addition, the City of Racine is in the process of finalizing guidance which is aligned with the Badger Bounce Back plan and will allow for a safe, gradual reopening of the community. The Public Health Department continues to work with local businesses and other entities on a one-to-one basis to address their questions and concerns.

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Regardless of where a resident lives or whether a business is allowed to open, it's important that everyone continue to do their part to protect themselves and their fellow community members.

- **Every Business Should Continue to Take Strong Precautions**
  - Utilize Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
  - Implement employee, customer and client screening
  - Implement protocols for tracking and reporting COVID-19 tests
  - Implement strong cleaning and disinfection practices
  - Make physical workspace modifications to maintain social distancing and limit in-person interactions and physical contact
- **Everyone Should Continue to Implement Protective Measures**
  - Wear face masks or cloth face covers
  - Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds as frequently as possible

or use hand sanitizer

- Cover your coughs or sneezes (into the sleeve or elbow, not hands)
- Regularly clean high-touch surfaces
- Do not shake hands
- Stay home when sick and call your health care provider for testing

### **City of Racine to hold community testing clinic**

The City of Racine, in partnership with Racine County, the State of Wisconsin, and Wisconsin National Guard, finalized plans to open a drive-thru COVID-19 community testing site to open in the City of Racine at Festival Hall. The site will be open Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00am to 6:00pm daily.

The testing is free and open to the community. The City will have bilingual staff on hand to help with translation. National Guard members will be conducting tests. Test results are expected within 48 hours. Members of the National Guard will call those who test negative, while members of the Public Health Department will call those who test positive and conduct the necessary contact tracing.

[Read more in the City's news release.](#)

### **Confirmed coronavirus cases**

United States: 1,401,948

Wisconsin: 11,275

Central Racine County Health Department: 300 confirmed (92 probable); 12 deaths

City of Racine Public Health Department: 592 confirmed (77 probable); 6 deaths

Racine County total: 892 confirmed (169 probable); 18 deaths

### **Resources**

For Racine County updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit

[www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus](http://www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus). The City of Racine coronavirus webpage can be found at [www.racinecoronavirus.org](http://www.racinecoronavirus.org). The Central Racine County Health Department's COVID-19 page is [www.crchd.com/covid-19](http://www.crchd.com/covid-19).

For national information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control's website:

[www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://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>.

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