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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Overview

Today, the City of Racine Public Health Department released its economic reopening plan called "Forward Racine," which can be found here:

<https://www.racinecoronavirus.org/reopening/>

In summary, the Forward Racine plan goes into effect at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, May 26. This is an enforceable public health order, not recommendations. The plan outlines certain criteria that all businesses must adhere to, related to cleaning, social distancing, and other items aimed at protecting the health of the business owners, the employees, and the general community.

Forward Racine places capacity restrictions on some business operations as well as gathering of people in order to slow the spread of coronavirus. The plan also outlines and links to required guidelines which businesses must follow, using standards developed by the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Additionally, the plan outlines metrics the Public Health Department will use to monitor the spread of COVID-19 in the community. Those metrics, to be next reviewed by June 30, 2020, will inform Public Health Department decisions to keep restrictions or loosen them after that date.

Finally, the plan lists resources for residents, employees, and business owners to utilize if they feel certain entities are out of compliance with the order and they wish to report that.

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 1,590,349

Wisconsin: 14,396

Central Racine County Health Department: 441 confirmed, 113 probable, 3,894 negative, 14 deaths

City of Racine Health Department: 862 confirmed, 98 probable, 3,038 negative, 8 deaths

Racine County total: 1,303 confirmed, 211 probable, 6,932 negative, 22 deaths

Positive test percentage: 15.8%

Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Department

The community testing site at Festival Hall (5 Fifth Street) in Racine will continue next week due to demand. The City has asked the National Guard to provide more evening hours as well as a weekend option for testing. Testing will take place as follows:

- Monday, May 25: No testing due to Memorial Day
- Tuesday, May 26 - Friday, May 29: 11:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 30: 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The state Department of Health Services issued a pair of health alerts:

- [Health Alert #11: Access to Remdesivir under Emergency Use Authorization for Wisconsin Hospitals](#)
- [Health Alert #10: Multi-System Inflammatory Syndrome in Children \(MIS-C\) Potentially Associated with COVID-19: Call for Cases](#)

And the Wisconsin Department of Public of Instruction released [interim infection control and mitigation measures](#).

Resources

For Racine County updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus. The City of Racine coronavirus webpage can be found at www.racinecoronavirus.org. The Central Racine County Health Department's COVID-19 page is 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.

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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