



## Racine County Resource Network (RCRN)

*- working together to strengthen families and individuals*



### Racine County Resilient!

County Executive Delagrave shared some thoughts on the past week and his own experience with COVID-19. [You can find his full statement here.](#)

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Many of us are looking for ways to help and give back during this time of need. That's why Racine County has created "Resilient Racine County" T-Shirts, with 100% of the profits going directly to organizations and businesses that address or are impacted by COVID-19.

The T-shirts can be purchased on the new State of the County website at [racinecounty.com/StateOfTheCounty](http://racinecounty.com/StateOfTheCounty). Scroll down to the bottom of the page for the link to order your T-shirt today!

## Other News –

### Central Racine County and City of Racine Health Departments

- The state Department of Health Services is now accepting applications from several types of health care service providers for funding through the federal Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The funds will be used to make payments to offset the losses and expenditures these providers have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Eligible providers include home and community-based providers, assisted living facilities, nursing homes, emergency medical service providers and others. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### Racine County

- Certain private nonprofit organizations are eligible to apply for funding through the Federal Emergency Management Agency's Public Assistance program to help cover the costs of COVID-19 response efforts. David Maack, Racine County Emergency Management Coordinator, encourages local organizations to determine whether they are eligible and to seek this aid. Click [HERE](#) to read more.

### Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program (WHEAP)

- Given the COVID-19 pandemic and the increasing financial strain on so many families, Energy Assistance has been extended through September 30th requiring only the previous month's income verification rather than 3 months for eligibility. Click [HERE](#) for the guidelines in English and Spanish.

### Centers for Disease Control

- Dr. Robert Redfield, Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, recommends that individuals who have participated in mass gatherings such as protests or demonstrations get tested for COVID-19. This is especially true in areas that still have significant community spread. These gatherings have high potential to spread the virus because of large crowds gathering together, shouting, and marching shoulder-to-shoulder. He advised that participants should get tested 5-7 days after participation to make sure they are not infected. Anyone showing symptoms is encouraged to seek testing immediately and is requested to stay home from work and other activities until they are well.

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### [A Letter from Gateway Technical College](#)

– Madeline Carrera, Impact Program Coordinator



*To our esteemed community partners,  
Before I even begin on what our plans are, I need to start with gratitude to each and every one of you for the hard work, endless hours, and immense care you have shown to each other and our community. I am a firm believer that we will come through this crisis stronger in many ways because of how well we came together. Thank you for all you do and for your immense care and dedication to our community.*

*I wanted to wait to get Gateway Technical College's Impact Program COVID-19 plan to you, our partners, for a few reasons. Firstly, I needed to know what Gateway planned to do over the summer. But mostly, I didn't want to get in the way of the hard work it took to move digital or socially distanced -- on top of the increased demand of our community's needs.*

*That being said, we will continue offering engagement and volunteer opportunities for our students, staff, and faculty through online or digital options. This may limit what we can do, but many of the features are still available . . . .*

Please don't miss the rest of Madeline's heartfelt letter and offerings! [Please click here for the full letter.](#)

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### OPERATION FACE SHIELD - You Can Help!!

**Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc. (RNW) and Sound Decisions** are partnering on a project, "Operation Face Shield," to get protective face shields where they are most needed in our community. We're counting on your assistance to make this a success!

A number of Sound Decision's suppliers in the car stereo and audio equipment industry have come together, retooled, and manufactured the shields. You are invited to help RNW and Sound Decisions acquire them.



A donation of \$7 to RNW covers the cost of one protective face shield; 100 percent of your donation goes to the purchase of the shields. Donations can be made online at: <http://www.racinenw.com/donation.html>

Make checks payable to / mail to:

Racine Neighborhood Watch, Inc.  
800 Center Street, Room 316  
Racine, WI 53403

\* Include "Operation Face Shield" on the memo line.

Sound Decisions has spearheaded this project with a donation of 100 face shields. Please be generous. The City of Racine/Racine County Joint Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will distribute the face shields. The EOC, with its current and immediate outreach in the community, will place the shields with groups and organizations with the greatest safety needs.

Source: <https://www.facebook.com/RacineNeighborhoodWatch/>

## **BBB Scam Alert: COVID contact tracing work inspires copycat scams**

Public health officials are rolling out [COVID-19 contact tracing](#) programs to help slow the spread of the disease by informing people who have had contact with someone who has tested positive. Of course, scammers are finding nefarious ways to use these efforts for their personal gain.

### **How the Scam Works**

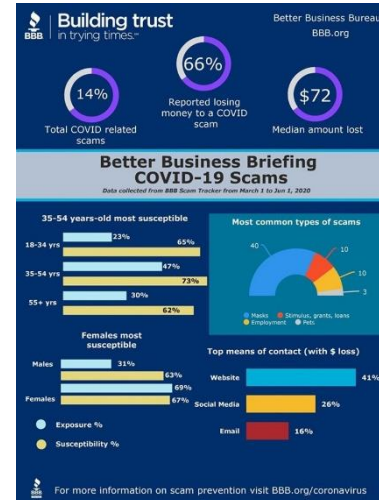
You receive an unsolicited message via text, email, or a social media messenger. The message explains that you've come into contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19. The message instructs you to self-isolate and provides a link for more information. Alarmed, you are tempted to click and get more details. **But don't fall for it!** These links can contain malware that downloads to your device.

Another version of this scam involves a robocall claiming to be part of "contact and tracing efforts." Again, the call informs you that you've been exposed to someone who tested positive for COVID-19. After electing to speak to a representative, the "contact tracer" asks you to verify personal information. This starts with questions about your full name and date of birth, but can quickly move to Personally Identifying Information (PII) and/or financial accounts. While contact tracers do normally reach out by phone, be sure to hang up if the caller doesn't meet the guidelines described below.

To find out "**How to Tell a Real Contact Tracer from a Scam**" please follow this link: <https://www.bbb.org/article/news-releases/22560-scam-alert-covid-contact-tracing-work-inspires-copycat-scams>

For more information on recent scams related to the coronavirus, visit <https://www.bbb.org/council/coronavirus/>.

Source: [Better Business Bureau](#), June 5, 2020



## NEW! COVID-19 Community Testing Site

Operated by the Wisconsin National Guard, this testing site will be held at:

**Horlick High School, 2119 Rapids Drive, Racine**  
**Monday, June 15 – Friday, June 19**  
**9 a.m. to 6 p.m. each day**

\*\*\* For a full listing of current area COVID testing sites, [Click Here](#).

### COVID-19 Updates:

City of Racine - COVID-19 Website

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

Central Racine County Health Dept

- <https://crchd.com/covid-19>

Wisconsin DHS -

<https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/covid-19/index.htm> - The [DHS COVID-19 Outbreaks page](#) now includes percent of COVID-19 cases by recovery status by county.

Racine County COVID-19 Updates -

<https://coronavirus-response-racinecounty.hub.arcgis.com/>



### Remember – Links:

**Thursday Zoom Session: [Communicating with Customers and Business Partners During a Pandemic](#), GTC - **June 18 at 10:00 am** - Recognizing that there is no 'business as usual', how should we stay in touch?**



[Life is Better with Clean Hands!](#) Campaign, CDC

[Wisconsin Home Energy Assistance Program Flyer](#)

**Support Our Local Businesses! - [RCEDC Tool - "We're Open"](#)**

[Mobile Market – June 2020 – NEW!](#)

[2020 Census - Be Counted!](#) – Be Counted - It's not too late!

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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/](http://www.racinecounty.com/outreach/).

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[Click here to join the Racine County Resource Network](#) to stay abreast of resources throughout our area.

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