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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

November 2, 2020

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 9,247,036 confirmed, 231,227 deaths

Wisconsin: 232,296 confirmed, 1,846,618 negative, 2,050 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: 3,953 confirmed (+473 from last week), 464 probable (+76), 46,040 negative (+1,096), 75 deaths (+5)

City of Racine Health Department: 3,879 confirmed (+521 from last week), 450 probable (+51), 32,574 negative (+280), 39 deaths (+1)

Racine County total: 7,832 confirmed (+994 from last week), 914 probable (+127), 78,614 negative (+1,376), 114 deaths (+6)

Positive test percentage: 9%

Updates for the week of Nov. 2:

- Racine County coronavirus numbers continue to get worse:
 - Between the first week of October (319) and the last week of October (1,164), the number of reported cases increased 265%.
 - Between the first week of September (96) and the last week of October (1,164), the number of reported cases increased 1,113%.
 - This is the highest case rate since the start of the pandemic.
 - 36% of all reported cases since the pandemic began were in the month of October.
- Health Departments from across Southeastern Wisconsin issued an urgent call to action amid the surge in COVID-19 cases in our region and state. Taking extra precautions now will allow our schools to stay open, businesses to remain operational, and our most vulnerable relatives and neighbors to be protected from the effects of COVID-19. [Read more here.](#)
- Local healthcare systems [are also urging residents](#) to take precautions as many hospitals approach capacity levels.
- General recommendations:
 - Stay home if you do not need to go out.
 - If you leave your home, expect that you may be exposed to COVID-19.
 - Wear a mask and maintain at least a 6-foot distance between yourself and others.
 - Avoid all unnecessary travel.
 - Avoid all public and personal social gatherings of any size.
 - If you have to go out, avoid any businesses that are not following the masking order and not limiting capacity.
 - If you feel sick, stay home.
 - Wash your hands frequently and avoid touching your face.

- [Click here for CDC Holiday Guidance](#)
- Dr. Ryan Westergaard, Chief Medical Officer and State Epidemiologist for the Wisconsin Department of Health Services, said on October 30: “We know this is an extraordinarily contagious virus, and left to its own devices, it will infect 70 to 80 percent of people in a community... The worst-case scenario is that it’s really just getting started. It’s probably fewer than 10% of Wisconsin residents (who) have been infected, which means 90% are still unexposed and susceptible. So the expectation, if we don’t do very aggressive things to slow the spread, is that this could continue and get worse.”
- Drive-thru COVID-19 testing clinics are offered every weekday in Racine and Kenosha counties. [Click here](#) for a list of times and locations and be sure to [pre-register](#) to reduce wait time and keep lines moving.

Special note on Tuesday’s election:

- Those who are unable to enter polling places due to disability -- which includes being immunocompromised or having symptoms of COVID-19 -- are eligible for curbside voting. Your polling place should have a procedure to allow you to indicate that you need to curbside vote. Your polling place may have signs outside with a phone number, specific parking spots to park in for curbside, a doorbell to ring for curbside, or a greeter outside to initiate this process. Please note that any voter who is immunocompromised, was exposed to or has symptoms of COVID-19, or has a disability must be allowed to curbside vote.
- Contact your municipal clerk [by searching here](#) prior to Election Day. Your clerk can explain their curbside voting procedures, or possibly set up a time to meet you outside with your ballot.
 1. You will be asked to confirm that you are unable to enter the polling place due to disability. The Wisconsin Elections Commission affirmed that being immunocompromised or having symptoms of COVID-19 are included in this status.
 2. After affirming, you will be asked to provide a photo ID. You can show the ID through your car window and the poll worker can read it through the glass. You will not sign the poll book.
 3. The poll worker will get your ballot and allow you to vote from your vehicle. It is recommended that you open your window just enough that a ballot can be slid through to promote social distancing. You will be provided with a privacy sleeve to place your ballot in after voting.
 4. The poll worker will bring your ballot inside and insert it into the ballot box or tabulator.

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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