

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

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COVID-19 Cases in Wisconsin

Please visit the Wisconsin Department of Health Services [COVID-19 data page](#) for official state and county case information.

What's New

- [DHS posts graduation recommendations to Schools and Child Care](#)
 - At this time, the Department of Health Services recommends that schools cancel or postpone all in-person ceremonies for spring and summer graduations. Public gatherings such as traditional graduation ceremonies are not advised until the state has met benchmarks articulated in the state's [Badger Bounce Back plan](#) and the state determines that it is safe to do so.
- [Gov. Evers Continues to Expand Community Testing Programs](#)
 - A searchable map of testing sites now available on [DHS COVID-19 Testing page](#)
- [Public Comment for Two Preliminary Long-term Care Recommendations](#)
- [Community gardens information](#) translated to [Hmong](#), [Lao](#), and [Spanish](#)
- [DHS COVID-19 Facility-Wide Public Health Investigations page](#) now includes county-level data.
 - **A single case** in the following setting initiates a facility-wide public health investigation:
 - **Long-term care facilities** include skilled nursing facilities (nursing homes) and assisted living facilities (community-based residential facilities and residential care apartment complexes).
 - **Two or more cases** in the following settings initiate a facility-wide public health investigation:
 - **Group housing facilities** include correctional facilities, homeless shelters, dormitories, and group homes.
 - **Health care facilities** include hospitals, clinics, dialysis centers, hospice, and in-home care.
 - **Workplace (non-health care)** settings include manufacturing and production facilities, distribution facilities, offices, and other indoor workplaces.
 - **Other settings** include adult or child day care centers, restaurants, event spaces, and religious settings.
 - A case investigation and contact tracing is conducted with all people reported with COVID-19, regardless of setting.
- Office of Children's Mental Health Focuses on Helping Communities Prioritize Children's Mental Health with [New Fact Sheet](#)

Daily Frequently Asked Question(s)

Are dental practices able to provide care under the Safer at Home Order?

DHS is working on updated guidance as part of the Badger Bounce Back plan, but until then, any questions from dental practices wishing to re-open for all procedures, should check out the [current guidance on the DHS site](#). The guidance can be found under Dental Health Care Professionals Guidance.



DHS continues to follow CDC and ADA guidelines and **strongly recommends all elective dental procedures be postponed until the pandemic has subsided**. Emergency dental procedures can and should be undertaken as necessary, so long as the dental health professionals have donned appropriate personal protective equipment. Because dentistry, in particular, has the potential to generate aerosols, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) placed dental health professionals in the *very high exposure risk category*. The CDC updated their [infection control guidelines for dental practices](#) on April 27.

Additional Information

- **Cloth Face Covers**
 - [Wisconsin Face Mask Warriors Group](#)
 - Using local community efforts, this group of individuals are providing hand-made, non-medical grade facial coverings for the most vulnerable and least supported essential workers to protect them and our communities from the spread of COVID-19.
 - Starting Wednesday, 4/14/2020 at 5:00 p.m., this group will have bins available to drop off donated masks and materials outside of the Calumet County Courthouse, West Entrance, 206 Court Street, Chilton.
 - Please see their [Facebook page](#) for details, patterns, and instructions if you would like to participate in making masks.
 - If making a donation, please text (715) 851-0882 notifying them that there are masks to be picked up at the Chilton location.
 - Any essential workers, businesses, or high-risk individuals can fill out the group's [form to request masks](#).
 - Masks that are in the bin are donations for the group to distribute and should not be taken by individuals.
 - For directions on how to wear, washing instructions and how to make cloth face coverings please refer to the CDC website: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>
- List of all [CDC updates](#) in chronologically order
- List of Previous Press releases from [WI Department of Health Services](#)
- List of Previous Executive and emergency orders from [WI Department of Health Services](#)

Reminders

- **Call your healthcare provider before going into a clinic if you are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19.**
 - This will allow them to provide guidance, prepare ahead if you need to be seen, and minimize risk to others.
- **If you have any immediate questions, please call the United Way's Resource Line to speak with a trained specialist. It is available 24/7 for non-emergency questions about COVID-19 and referrals to local health and human services.**
 - Dial 211 on your phone
 - Text "COVID19" to 211-211 to receive links to CDC information.
 - Visit <http://211.org/>
 - Or contact Calumet County Public Health during business hours (Monday-Friday; 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) at 920-849-1432.

Tips for COVID-19

- Visit the [Calumet County COVID-19 webpage](#) and scroll down to the 'Resources and FAQs' tab for a variety of helpful resources regarding COVID-19.