

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

May 8, 2020

COVID-19 Cases in Wisconsin

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

Calumet County Information, as of 5/8/2020. Numbers include cases that reside within City of Appleton and City of Menasha Public Health jurisdictions.

- Positive Cases: 34
- Negative Cases: 505
- Deaths: 1

What's New

- Any Calumet County resident that has a symptom of COVID-19, even if minor, are encouraged to participate in an upcoming FREE testing event. It will be held May 13-15 at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton. No appointments are necessary, but a patient information form needs to be completed. Additional details, FAQs & form: [Free COVID-19 Testing for Calumet County Residents](#)
- Public Health has announced the first Calumet County death associated with COVID-19, a male, in his mid-50's from the zip code 54952. We extend our heartfelt sympathies to the family and friends, and are saddened by the loss of a member of our community. [Calumet County Public Health Confirms First COVID-19 Death](#)
- [Gov. Evers Announces Best Practices and Safety Guidelines for WI Businesses](#) - guidelines are available on [WEDC's website](#)

Official Websites to Access State, Regional, and County Data

- [Wisconsin COVID-19 cases mapped by County](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS COVID-19 State and County summary data](#)
- [Wisconsin DHS Facility Investigations by region and county](#)
- [Wisconsin Hospital Association \(WHA\) COVID-19 hospitalization data by region](#)



Daily Frequently Asked Question(s)

Q: How does the virus spread?

A: The virus that causes COVID-19 is thought to spread mainly from person to person, mainly through respiratory droplets produced when an infected person coughs or sneezes. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people who are nearby or possibly be inhaled into the lungs. Spread is more likely when people are in close contact with one another (within about 6 feet).

COVID-19 seems to be spreading easily and sustainably in the community (“community spread”) in many affected geographic areas. Community spread means people have been infected with the virus in an area, including some who are not sure how or where they became infected. According to the [CDC’s Cases in the U.S. page](#), the whole state of Wisconsin has community spread.

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

A: 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.