

Health and Human Services

Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

May 15, 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 Jurisdiction Information, as of 3 pm on 5/15/2020. This does NOT include Appleton City or Menasha City jurisdiction.

- Positive Cases: 34
- Negative Cases: 528
- Deaths: 1

What's New

- **Calumet County Withdraws Local Order #1**

In response to community and business leader comments and the uncertain ability to enforce such general orders, as interpreted by the recent Wisconsin Supreme Court decision Wisconsin Legislature vs. Palm, Calumet County is immediately rescinding its local Order #1, dated May 14, 2020, and replacing it with [Order #2](#).

Officer Bonnie Kolbe is strongly urging people to continue observing the public health guidelines outlined in Order #1 as well as recommendations by the Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). "These are very detailed, industry specific recommendations that will be helpful to businesses looking to safely reopen," said Todd Romenesko, Calumet County Administrator.

Calumet County Corporation Counsel Kimberly Tenerelli said "It is very difficult to have a local public health order without the ability to enforce it through statutes, based on the recent Wisconsin Supreme Court decision – Wisconsin Legislature v. Palm. There is still a pandemic out there. This ruling does not change that. However with this ruling and lack of guidance from the legislature through its rulemaking process, public health officials are struggling to keep communities safe through local orders."

With more time to review best practices as well as comments from the community and businesses, Public Health, the Sheriff's Office, Administration, and Corporation Counsel of Calumet County determined that they will withdraw the order. "It is my hope that individuals and business take a responsible approach in addressing this pandemic that is still out there. All need to continue to keep physical distancing, wash hands, stay home if sick, and take the threat of the virus seriously as we reopen our community," Kolbe said.



- **Guidance for Reopening**
 - [Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation Reopening Guidelines](#)
 - [CDC recommendations, including maintaining physical distancing, appropriate hygiene practices, and considering using masks in certain settings.](#)
 - [State of Wisconsin Department of Health Services recommendations](#)
 - [CDC has released several decision trees for sectors](#)
 - [Outdoor recreation facilities COVID-19 resources](#)
 - [DHS Resources Available in ASL, Hindi, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish](#)

- **Testing Site at Fox Valley Technical College Continues Next Week thru May 22 and Extends to Non-Symptomatic Public**

Any Calumet County resident, *even those without symptoms*, are encouraged to participate in an upcoming FREE testing event. It will be held Monday-Friday, May 18-22, 9 am – 5 pm, at Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton.

So far, more than 1,000 members of the public have been tested by the units of the Wisconsin National Guard. Officials are focused on citizens from Calumet, Outagamie and Winnebago Counties, but will not turn away citizens from other counties. Extended testing will help improve the public response to the spread of COVID-19. The more that are tested, the more Public Health officials know about the threat to our region.

Individuals will be required to remain in the cars as they drive through the facility. Testing is available to anyone over the age of five years, but minors must be accompanied by an adult. 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.](#)

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](#)
- The Department of Health Services' [COVID-19 testing map](#) tracks community testing sites across the state.

Daily Frequently Asked Question(s)

Q. Are employers required to provide their employees with paid sick leave and expanded family medical leave?

A. Yes, under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) certain employers are required to provide employees with paid sick leave and expanded family and medical leave for specified reasons related to COVID-19. These provisions apply from April 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Fact sheets, information for employers, and posters in a variety of languages are available for employers at: <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/whd/pandemic>

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.