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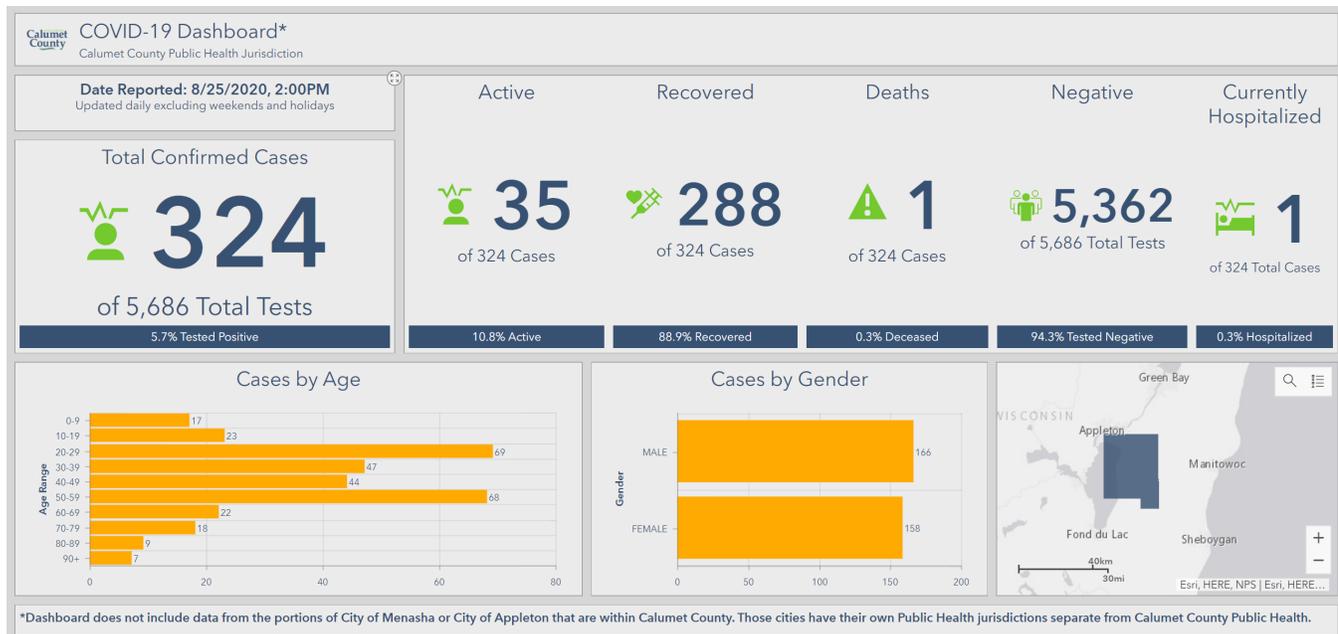
Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update

August 25, 2020

CALUMET COUNTY COVID-19 CASES AND DATA DASHBOARD

NOTE: Dashboard does not include data from the portions of City of Menasha or City of Appleton that are within Calumet County. Those cities have their own Public Health jurisdictions separate from Calumet County Public Health.

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WHAT'S NEW

- North Central, Fox Valley Regions See Most COVID-19 Hospitalizations Since Pandemic Began
 - www.wpr.org/north-central-fox-valley-regions-see-most-covid-19-hospitalizations-pandemic-began
- [With little known about long-term effects](#) of COVID-19, some patients face a long haul
- [It's crucial to get a flu shot this year](#) amid the coronavirus pandemic, doctors say
- CDC Updates [Strategies for Protecting K-12 School Staff from COVID-19](#)
 - [Deciding How to Go Back to School](#) and [Checklists for Families](#)
 - [Preparing for a Safe Return to School](#)
 - [Cloth Face Coverings](#)
 - [Screening K-12 Students for Symptoms of COVID-19: Limitations and Considerations](#)



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Is it acceptable for a school, business, individual, or local jurisdiction to set a policy or practice that is "above and beyond" the statewide face covering order?

Yes, a school, business, individual or local jurisdiction may set a policy that is more restrictive than the statewide order. When it comes to these face covering requirements, begin by asking, "what is being enforced"? The [statewide order](#) sets a floor, and schools, businesses, individuals, and local jurisdictions can set policies or practices that are above that floor. In situations of those policies and practices being contested, the consequence is based on whether the school, business, individual, or local jurisdiction is relying on the statewide order or enforcing their own policy (going above and beyond the statewide order).

If they would like to enforce their own policy, the State can't weigh in on how those policies might implicate or necessitate an exemption, religious or otherwise. In other words, it's an issue for the entity and their attorney. If they are relying on the statewide order, then the local health official and the district attorney may use their discretion to determine whether to initiate a civil forfeiture action for the violation, if it is not deemed an exemption in the statewide order.

With schools opening soon, will teachers and other school staff would be considered critical infrastructure? If so, what will this mean in terms of quarantine and isolation protocols?

This spring, the Department of Health Services issued updated guidance that reinforced the importance of quarantine as a public health measure but acknowledged that there may be circumstances wherein certain workers would need to be exempted from quarantine protocols. DHS limited these exemptions to healthcare workers and in situations where quarantine could impact "public health and safety."

On August 18, the federal Department of Homeland Services updated its [list of essential critical infrastructure workers](#) and now includes all educational workers (teachers, custodians, etc). In fact, most employed persons, with the exception of those in the entertainment industry, are included in this guidance. As stated in the federal DHS memorandum, the list is advisory in nature is not a federal directive or standard.

Our understanding is that identifying a company or sector as part of our critical infrastructure may make it eligible for certain funding or may make it eligible for exemptions from state and local orders. A critical infrastructure designation conveys no particular legal status in and of itself. State, local, tribal and territorial officials identify critical infrastructure.

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services is still reviewing the updates from the Department of Homeland Security, but at this moment has not made any changes to our current quarantine and isolation protocols.

This means that school administrators, teachers, and other staff should continue to follow the [school outbreaks guidance](#) released by DHS last week.

Where can I get a test?

- Call your primary care physician and request a COVID-19 test.
- Visit a community testing site. Click [here](#) to see additional community testing sites throughout Wisconsin.

COVID-19 CASES IN WISCONSIN

Key Data Summary Updates for August 25, 2020 (unless otherwise noted)

1. [Total negative counts](#): 1,128,971 (+9,349)
2. [Total positive counts](#): 71,492 (+638)
3. [Total ever hospitalized](#): 5,510 (+37) (8%)
4. [Total deaths](#): 1,094 (+13)
5. [Active cases](#): 7,385 (10%)
6. [Recovered cases](#): 62,995 (88%)
7. [Percent of confirmed cases by race](#)*: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (3%), Black (13%), White (64%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (10%)
8. [Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity](#)*: Hispanic or Latino (22%), Not Hispanic or Latino (65%), Unknown (13%)
9. [Emergency Department visits](#):
 1. Influenza like illness: 42 visits on 8/23, compared to previous 3-day average of 43
 2. COVID-19 like illness: 120 visits on 8/23, compared to previous 3-day average of 128
10. [Total hospital bed utilization](#): 75%

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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- [Reopening Calumet County - Public Health Recommendations Guide](#)
- 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](#)
- **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 (M-F 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM) at 920-849-1432.
- 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.