

Health and Human Services

**Calumet County Public Health Covid-19 Status Update**

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**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**

- As COVID-19 cases spike in the region over the past week, Calumet County and neighboring local health departments urge residents to avoid gatherings over the holiday weekend. Press release link included here:
  - <https://files.constantcontact.com/4dd633cd501/10a3135e-168a-441c-b49a-aa7b2ae1617b.pdf>
- [DHS Reports 981 New Cases of COVID-19 Tuesday](#). Highest number of new positives since August 6<sup>th</sup>
- [DHS Decision Tool for Individuals and Families](#) to use and learn how to stay safe while participating in activities in the community during the upcoming Labor Day weekend and beyond
- [CDC issues sweeping temporary halt on evictions](#) nationwide amid pandemic
- [As UW campuses go back to school](#), more than 350 students and staff have tested positive for COVID-19



## 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.

### **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.

### **Regional COVID-19 Testing Site Opening in Oshkosh, Sept. 1, 2020**

A new regional COVID-19 testing site is opening on Tuesday, Sept. 1 at Sunnyview Expo Center located at 500 E County Road Y, Oshkosh, Wis. Testing is free and will be conducted by the Wisconsin Army National Guard.

The testing site will be open during the following times this week:

- Tuesday, Sept 1: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Wednesday, Sept 2: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Thursday, Sept. 3: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.
- Friday, Sept. 4 - Monday, Sept. 7: Closed due to the holiday

Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 8, the testing site will be open from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays and 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays. There is currently no projected end date for this testing site.

"Data reports for our region consistently indicate a high COVID-19 activity level and positive case rate, however testing has been inadequate," said Doug Gieryn, health director/officer for the Winnebago County Health Department. "By partnering with the Wisconsin Army National Guard, our local healthcare partners and health departments across the region, we are now able to offer additional testing to help all those that need a test to get one."

Anyone who is experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive is encouraged to get tested. The community testing site is available to any Wisconsin resident, five years of age and older. Contact a pediatrician or healthcare provider for children under five years of age. Symptoms of COVID-19 can include fever, cough, difficulty breathing, sore throat, runny nose, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, headache, chills, muscle aches or loss of taste or smell.

It is highly recommended that you register ahead of time at [register.covidconnect.wi.gov](https://register.covidconnect.wi.gov). To register, click on the blue button that directs you to a screening questionnaire. If there are multiple people in your family being tested, you can use the same email address but a questionnaire must be completed for each individual.

While you are waiting for your test results, it is important that you limit contact with others and self-isolate to prevent spread of the virus should you test positive. Test results should be received via email and/or phone call within three to seven business days.

Additional information:

- Pre-registration is highly encouraged
- Antibody testing is not available
- No appointment is needed
- Walk-up testing is available
- A doctor's referral is not required
- Members of the Wisconsin National Guard will conduct the testing
- Language translation will be available
- Minors must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who can consent to the testing

This regional COVID-19 testing site was made possible through a collaboration between the Wisconsin Army National Guard and the health departments and emergency management teams from the City of Menasha, City of Appleton, Calumet County, Outagamie County and Winnebago County.

For more information, visit [winnebagopublichealth.org](http://winnebagopublichealth.org).

## COVID-19 CASES IN WISCONSIN

**Key Data Summary Updates for September 3, 2020** (unless otherwise noted)

- [Total negative counts](#): 1,199,999 (+8,451)
- [Total positive counts](#): 77,856 (+727)
- [Total ever hospitalized](#): 5,946 (+30) (7.6%)
- [Total deaths](#): 1,146 (+4)
- [Active cases](#): 7,393 (10%)
- [Recovered cases](#): 69,299 (89%)
- [Percent of confirmed cases by race](#)\*: American Indian (1%), Asian or Pacific Islander (3%), Black (13%), White (65%), Multiple or other races (9%), Unknown (9%)
- [Percent of confirmed cases by ethnicity](#)\*: Hispanic or Latino (21%), Not Hispanic or Latino (66%), Unknown (13%)
- [Emergency Department visits](#):
  - Influenza like illness: 50 visits on 9/1, compared to previous 3-day average of 43
  - COVID-19 like illness: 197 visits on 9/1, compared to previous 3-day average of 170
- [Total hospital bed utilization](#): 78%

## 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.