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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE

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Overview

Gov. Tony Evers today directed Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) Secretary-designee Andrea Palm to extend the Safer at Home order from April 24, 2020 to 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 26, 2020, or until a superseding order is issued. The order implements some new measures to ensure safety and support the progress made in containing COVID-19, but also allows certain activities to start up again. K-12 schools in the state will remain closed through the end of the 2019-20 school year. The order is available at [HERE](#). An updated Frequently Asked Questions document is available [HERE](#).

Number of confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 632,548
Wisconsin: 3,875
Central Racine County Health Department: 82 (4 deaths)
City of Racine Health Department: 74 (3 deaths)
Racine County total: 156 (7 deaths)

Racine County

Racine County announced a new Senior Nutrition initiative that will provide another meal option for homebound seniors while giving restaurants an opportunity for additional business during the COVID-19 outbreak. The Racine County Senior Nutrition program is seeking to contract with approximately 12 local restaurants to provide delivered and curbside meals to seniors who are homebound due to COVID-19 social distancing requirements. This is a great win-win for both seniors and our local restaurants. [Read the full release here.](#)

Central Racine County Health Department

In response to the COVID-19 public health emergency, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services is temporarily changing program rules, including suspending BadgerCare Plus children and Medicaid Purchase Plan (MAPP) premiums as of April 1, 2020. Although an end date has not yet been determined, it is expected that BadgerCare Plus children and MAPP premiums will be suspended for the duration of the COVID-19 public health emergency. [Read the full release here.](#)

Wisconsin DHS added to its Outbreaks Page: [Safer at Home Is Working video](#)

City of Racine Public Health Department

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention has issued updated Interim Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Correctional and Detention Facilities. [CLICK HERE](#) for the information.

Resources

For Racine County updates on the COVID-19 outbreak, please visit www.racinecounty.com/coronavirus. The City of Racine coronavirus webpage can be found at www.racinecoronavirus.org. The Central Racine County Health Department's COVID-19 page is www.crchd.com/covid-19.

For national information on COVID-19, please go to the Centers for Disease Control's website: www.cdc.gov/coronavirus.

You can also find current information on the Wisconsin Department of Health Services website, which has guidance that is updated regularly for travel, self-quarantine, and school districts, among other important information: <https://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/disease/covid-19.htm>.

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