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RACINE COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE **July 6, 2020**

Confirmed coronavirus cases

United States: 2,932,047 confirmed, 132,007 deaths

Wisconsin: 32,061 confirmed, 588,913 negative, 796 deaths

Central Racine County Health Department: 756 confirmed, 151 probable, 13,647 negative, 38 deaths

City of Racine Health Department: 1,490 confirmed, 190 probable, 11,883 negative, 26 deaths

Racine County total: 2,246 confirmed, 341 probable, 25,530 negative, 64 deaths

Positive test percentage: 8.1%

Week of July 6 updates:

- The State Emergency Operations Center reported that there has been a 49% increase in cases over the last 2 weeks. It's crucial that residents adhere to strict social distancing guidelines, wear facemasks, and practice good hygiene so we can protect our fellow residents and prevent another rise in cases locally.
- The City of Racine's "Safer Racine" ordinance is in effect. City of Racine residents and business owners should review the requirements and guidance from the ordinance [HERE](#).
- Recommendations for reopening for all areas outside of the City of Racine are located on the Central Racine County Health Department website. [HERE](#)
- 1138 individuals were tested over two days at last week's testing clinic in Burlington.
- The Racine Health Department and Racine County Emergency Operations Center is partnering with the Wisconsin National Guard to open a free community COVID-19 testing site July 13-16 from 11 am to 7 pm each day at Festival Hall. The testing is open to anyone who lives or works in Wisconsin. No appointment is necessary.
- The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently released, FEDERAL FUNDING PRIORITY ORDER FOR NON-CONGREGATE SHELTER DURING COVID-19. The purpose of this document is to provide funding information to agencies and organizations providing assistance to individuals experiencing homelessness, specifically NCS during the COVID-19 declared disaster. <https://www.hudexchange.info/resource/6064/federal-funding-priority-order-for-noncongregate-shelter-during-covid19/>
- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers Tips for parents and coaches to keep youth athletes safe. For more information, visit https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/daily-life-coping/youth-sports.html?deliveryName=USCDC_2067-DM32480
- Serious adverse health events have been associated with methanol-based hand sanitizers. Most commercially available alcohol-based hand sanitizers or rubs (ABHSR)

contain either ethanol or isopropanol as active ingredients. On June 19, 2020, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) advised consumers not to use any hand sanitizer manufactured by "Eskbiochem SA de CV" in Mexico, due to the potential presence of methanol, a "toxic alcohol", as an active ingredient, which can cause blindness and/or death when absorbed through the skin or when swallowed. For more information, go to: (<https://www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-hand-sanitizers-methanol>).

- Hot and humid weather will persist through much of this week, with heat index values pushing 100 at times. Heat is one of the leading weather-related killers in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year and even more heat-related illnesses. For information, visit <https://www.cdc.gov/disasters/extremeheat/index.html>
- Racine County businesses in need of PPE are encouraged to submit a request through the Racine County Private Partner PPE program [here](#).

Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) has put out new information:

- [List of CVS Locations Conducting COVID-19 Tests](#)
 - [Community Testing Sites](#) listed on DHS Website
- The [DHS COVID-19 Travel page](#) has been enhanced to include risk reduction messaging, extra planning considerations to account for quarantine/isolation requirements, and limiting group sizes.
- [Guidance Updates for Travel and Public Restrooms](#)
- [Underfunded and Under Threat](#), a series from Kaiser Health News and the Associated Press regarding public health
- For Your Awareness: National Papers and Recommendations around Schools
 - [American Academy of Pediatrics](#), COVID-19 Planning Considerations: Guidance for School Re-entry
 - [Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health](#), Schools for Health: Risk Reduction Strategies for Reopening Schools
 - [Kaiser Permanente](#), Thriving Schools: Playbook for School Reopening
- CDC Releases Interim Considerations for [Institutions of Higher Education Administrators](#) and [K-12 School Administrators](#) for SARS-CoV-2 Testing
- [School Bus COVID-19 Safety Guidance](#) released by the Wisconsin State Patrol is available on the [Wisconsin School Bus Association](#) website
- [DHS Releases Recommendations](#) for Safer Visits in Assisted Living Facilities
- [Sport Specific Summer Guide](#) released by WIAA

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>.